



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Roundup

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2026



Dear Families,

As we come to the end of our first half term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful start to the school year we have enjoyed at St Mary's. It has been a busy and joyful few weeks, filled with exciting opportunities, special celebrations, rich learning and plenty of smiles along the way.

We have loved welcoming our new Nursery and Reception children into the St Mary's family. Together, we have celebrated our faith through our Welcome Mass, Harvest celebrations and times of prayer, while also coming together as a school community for a range of special events.

Our Autumn Family Night was a fantastic opportunity for families to spend time together, enjoying crafts, pumpkin decorating, spooky stories and lots of fun! We have also enjoyed our Macmillan Coffee Morning, Kindness Café, lunchtime and after-school clubs, as well as opportunities for children to take on responsibilities, develop their talents and make a positive contribution to our school community.

Across the curriculum, our children have been engaged in exciting learning, and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, creativity and determination shining through. We have continued to celebrate our Catholic identity by encouraging our children to put their faith into action through kindness, generosity and care for others.

Above all, we are incredibly proud of every single child and of the wonderful way they have embraced the St Mary's Standard this half term. Their kindness, good manners, respect, positive attitudes and enthusiasm for learning have been a joy to see. Our FLOURISH values are truly coming to life throughout the school, and it is a privilege to watch the children grow in confidence, develop friendships and achieve so much.

I would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to our families and PTFA, thank you for your continued support, generosity and encouragement. Whether you have attended an event, supported a school initiative or simply encouraged your child each day, your contribution makes a real difference. We are very fortunate to have such a caring and supportive school community.

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful and restful half-term break, with precious time to spend together as families. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term, with many more opportunities to learn, celebrate and make memories together.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Colley and Mrs Graham

This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>
Year 1 – 99% 3 sessions lost
Year 3 – 98% 5 sessions lost
Year 5 – 96% 11 sessions lost
Year 2 – 95% 14 sessions lost
Year 6 – 92% 19 sessions lost Reception – 92%
Year 4 – 91% 24 sessions lost

Parent Voice

We would love to hear feedback from events so far this term at ST Mary's. It is greatly appreciated and helps future planning. Please scan the QR code below:

Parent Survey October 2026



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Exciting News



Thursday 26th November 2026

We are excited to share that this November, all classes from Year 1 to Year 6 will be going to the Customs House to watch Sleeping Beauty. We do need to ask for a donation to support us with this but the remaining balance will be paid by school. Reception have a very exciting day at Gibside this day to meet Santa and complete Christmas activities. Nursery will be going on the 2nd November to Boldon Lodge to meet Santa and complete Christmas activities too. More information will follow after half term.



A week at St Mary's in pictures



Thank you to everyone who came to our Autumn Family Night, we hope you all had a brilliant night. It was lovely to hear the wonderful feedback and we will definitely do it again next year. We made a grand total of £384.78, thank you so much for all of your help and support.





A huge thank you to Emma who helped us with donations of pumpkins at Tesco. You're a star!



Filip had a brilliant time representing our school in Parliament this week. He collected his award for his poem on the Jarrow March. We are so proud of you Filip!



Year 6 explored artists interpretations on the concept of faith and science. They made a fantastic piece of art inspired by this.



Year 4 loved making delicious pasta as part of their DT lessons. A huge thank you to Donna for all of her help, it was delicious!



Year 1 had great fun making bird feeders and hanging them up for the birds in forest school. Well Done, year 1!



Thank you to everyone who attended our Kindness cafe this morning. Our Kindness cafe is on the last Friday of every month, everyone is welcome.

Thank you to everyone who donated to Macmillan for our coffee morning. We made £26.80



Meet our Mini Police!

We are delighted to introduce our Mini Police in Year 5. They will be working alongside PCSOs, Jayne and Jamie to learn more about their roles in the community. Their first job will be taking part in the Remembrance Parade in November.



St Mary's

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Together we flourish. ♥

♥ FAITH ♥ LOVE ♥ OPPORTUNITIES
UNITY ♥ RESILIENCE ♥ INSPIRE
STEWARDSHIP ♥ HOPE

An Autumn Prayer for Our Families ♥

Loving God,

As the autumn leaves change and the days grow shorter,
we thank You for the beauty of this season.

Thank You for our families and for the love,
care and support we share with one another.

Help us to see the good all around us,
in the colours of nature, in the changing seasons
and in the people who walk alongside us.

Guide our families to live out our FLOURISH values
every day:

Faith – to trust in You and to grow in our faith.

Love – to show kindness and care to one another.

Opportunities – to make the most of the gifts we have.

Unity – to be a strong and supportive community.

Resilience – to face challenges with courage.

Inspire – to be a light to others through our words and actions.

Stewardship – to care for Your world and all that You have created.

Hope – to always trust in Your love and look forward with joy.

Bless our homes with peace, happiness and good health.

May we always be grateful for the people in our lives
and the many blessings we receive.

Help us to be thankful, to be kind and to continue
to flourish together as a St Mary's family.

Amen.



✝ Faith

♥ Love

Opportunities

👥 Unity

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🌿 Stewardship

☀ Hope

