



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Roundup

2nd October 2026



Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone who joined us this week for Meet the Teacher, Curriculum night. We hope you found it useful and informative. We are delighted to announce that St Mary's has achieved the prestigious Gold OPAL Play Award. This fantastic achievement recognises our commitment to providing high-quality play opportunities and enriching experiences for all children during break and lunchtime. The award reflects the hard work and dedication of our staff, pupils and families in developing a play environment that encourages creativity, teamwork and wellbeing. We are incredibly proud of this accomplishment and look forward to continuing developing Opal Play across the school.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Colley and Mrs Graham



This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>
Year 3 – 98% (6 sessions lost)
Year 1 – 96% (11 sessions lost)
Year 2 – 95% (14 sessions lost)
Year 5 & Year 4– 94% (16 sessions lost)
Year 6 – 91% (25 sessions lost)

Homework

Children will receive homework each week. The children will receive their homework on a Friday and it should be completed by the Wednesday. Please see list below:

Reception – Reading book

Year 1 – My Maths, Spellings and Reading book

Year 2 – TTRS, My Maths, Spellings, Reading book

Year 3 – My Maths, Edshed and Reading book

Year 4 – TTRS, Edshed, My Maths, Reading Plus and Reading book

Year 5 – My Maths, Spag.com, Edshed, Reading Book (Comments on Boom Reader)

Year 6 – SPAG, Reading, Maths, Reading book (Comments on Boom Reader)

Where the homework is on an app, we suggest between 15 – 20 minutes for each one. We ask that you try to access these at least once a week but if you would like to use it more, that is also welcome. From next week the children will have a Homework book. In this, is the option to do the spellings in a workbook, instead of using Edshed. In Year 5 and 6, we ask the children and parents to put a comment on Boom Reader at least once a week to share that they have read at home. KS1 have reading books which we encourage to read at home twice a week. Year 3 and 4 will be receiving new reading records for their reading book, which we encourage to read once a week. Any queries, please don't hesitate to ask.



We can't wait to see your entries for our reading in strange places competition. Please see the information below:

Get creative, be imaginative and have fun!

St Mary's
Catholic Primary School, Jarrow

READING IN STRANGE PLACES!

A St Mary's Reading Competition

Where is the strangest place **YOU** can read?

Ask a grown-up to take a photo of you reading somewhere unusual!

In a cardboard box

Upside down on the sofa

In a blanket den

In a laundry basket

In the garden with wellies on

In a garden tent

With a giant teddy bear

DEADLINE:
2nd NOVEMBER

Email your pictures to:
tmj_office@stmarysjarrow.co.uk

Together we flourish

A week at St Mary's in pictures



The children in Year 1 enjoyed exploring a part whole model in maths.



A huge well done to our football team. They played their first 2 games this week, they never gave up and showed great resilience, winning one of the 2 games.



Year 6 had fun with science buddies, learning all about the human heart.



Thank you to Year 6 for leading our Welcome Mass this morning with Fr Saji. The children were very prayerful and sang beautifully.



Year 3 enjoyed tasting a variety of fruits as part of their DT lesson.



Year 4 had a brilliant trip to Acton farm, where they enjoyed learning all about different animals and exploring the land.

Coming Up Next Week:

- Reception Autumn stay and play
- First Holy Communion Initial Meeting
- Opal Play Family Event
- World Mental Health Day

