St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Roundup

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2026

Dear Families,

What another lovely week we have had at St Mary's! It has been wonderful to see our children continuing to flourish in everything they do, showing such enthusiasm for their learning and demonstrating our St Mary's Standard each and every day.

The children have been very respectful throughout the week, especially during Remembrance Day. Classes have been working hard in assessments as part of assessment week, we are so proud of them trying their best and showing a positive attitude towards these.

We have began preparing for the special season of Advent and Christmas during hymn practice and we will be sharing our Advent activities soon.

Children have talked confidently this week about how they stay safe in school and outside of school as part of safeguarding across the curriculum, they showed great awareness in their responses.

A huge thank you to everyone for their payment for the pantomime, I am pleased to say this can now go ahead and the children are very excited. It is a wonderful experience for the children and If you would like to volunteer please let the office know.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for working in partnership with us to make St Mary's such a special place for our children.

Wishing you all a lovely, restful weekend.

Mrs Colley and Mrs Graham

This Weeks Attendance

Class
Year 1 – 96% 13 sessions missed
Year 2 – 94% 17 sessions missed
Year 3 – 93% 16 sessions missed
Reception Class –
Year 5 – 91% 27 sessions missed
Year 4 – 90% 27 sessions missed



Attendance Matters

Since September, we have received holiday requests from 21 families for this half term alone. Whilst we fully appreciate the importance of family time together, we would like to remind parents and carers that every school day matters. Taking children out of school during term time means missing valuable learning opportunities, important routines and time with their friends. Even a few days of absence can have an impact on a child's progress and confidence. At St Mary's, we want every child to have the very best opportunities to learn, achieve and flourish. We kindly ask all families to support us by arranging holidays during the school breaks wherever possible. Together, we can ensure that every child has the opportunity to flourish through excellent attendance.

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Bailes for a little while, whilst she goes on maternity to have her baby boy. We wish her a happy, healthy, and enjoyable time with her new baby. Mrs Riley will be covering Mrs Bailes maternity cover from Monday.



A huge well done to Anya, who achieved the Chief Scout's Silver Award, a fantastic accomplishment that recognises her hard work, dedication, teamwork and commitment to developing new skills. We are so proud of you!

A week at St Mary's in pictures

This year, our school community marked Remembrance Day with great respect and reflection. Year 6 led a beautiful Celebration of the Word, while our Mini Police proudly represented the school by marching in the Remembrance Parade at Monkton Village. Our Nursery children created and decorated poppies for school. A stunning display at Bede's Helping Hands, and across the school, pupils participated in thoughtful prayers and poetry activities within their classes, helping us all to remember and honour those who have served and sacrificed.





























Coming Up Next Week:

- Bikeability - Year 5
- Year 5 Celebration of the Word
- SEND Coffee Morning
- RE Ambassadors at Newcastle Cathedral
- Year 2 Tennis at Temple Park