St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Roundup

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2026

Dear Families,

What a fantastic the week the children have had this week. We started the week with a dance workshop based around Diwali. The children talked about how they enjoyed listening to the story of Diwali and having the opportunity to dance.

We sadly had to postpone our World Culture Day, due to advent beginning next week and Christmas events, we have reschedule this event for **Wednesday 26th January 2027.**

On Thursday our Reception children attended Gibside for their Christmas trail and they had a wonderful time. They talked about how much they enjoyed going to the big park there and going on the Christmas festive trail.

Year 1 to Year 6 had a fantastic time at the Customs House Pantomime and they even got to meet Dennis! They have all said they would love to go again next year. The staff within the Customs House commented on how well behaved all of the children were so a huge well done to everyone! Thank you to the parents who have helped with trips, it is greatly appreciated, we know how busy life can be.

Finally, we are incredibly proud of all our children, who spoke with confidence, enthusiasm and genuine pride about their school this week. They articulated our Catholic ethos beautifully, sharing how Gospel values guide their actions, relationships and daily life. Most importantly, our pupils were wonderful ambassadors for St Mary's, embodying the kindness, respect and sense of community that lie at the heart of our school. We could not be prouder of them. A huge thank you to everyone for supporting us throughout the week and we will share the report with you all, as soon as we are able too.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Colley and Mrs Graham

Coming up...

- **Monday 30th November -** More Than Dance workshop
- **Monday 30th November -** Year 4 Celebration of the Word
- **Tuesday 1st December** - Frosty Fest
- **Wednesday 2nd December -** Kindness Cafe
- **Wednesday 2nd December** - Reading Curriculum Cafe
- **Wednesday 2nd December** - Nursery Boldon Lodge
- **Wednesday 2nd December** - Sing of a child
- **Thursday 3rd December** - Year 6 at The Word
- **Friday 4th December** - Christmas Market



This Weeks Attendance

Class
Year 3 - 95% 11 sessions lost Year 4 – 95%
Year 6 – 94% 17 sessions lost
Year 5 – 93% 21 sessions lost
Year 1 – 92% 24 sessions lost
Year 2 – 91% 27 sessions lost
Reception – 90% 21 sessions lost



A week at St Mary's in pictures



All of the children had a fantastic time at the pantomime. They all said the characters were brilliant and were full of excitement and joy when talking about the show. We can't wait to go again next year.



A huge congratulations to Willow in year 6, who has been recognised as making exceptional progress on Reading Plus this Academic Year. This is amazing Willow, Well Done!











So much fun at Gibside with Reception.



Our Head Boy and Head Girl enjoyed the launch of the book No More Sleeping.







The Diwali dance workshop was enjoyed by all children from Reception to Year 6. They learnt about the story of Rama and Sita and told this through dance.





CHRISTMAS

JUMPER

Swap Shop



Have your Christmas jumpers been outgrown, or no longer fit your festive theme this year?

Please bring any outgrown jumpers to school no later than **Friday 5th December.**
Donations welcome for children only.

Our donation box will be at available every day before and after school.

DROP-OFF POINT
St Mary's Primary School, Ary Drive
8:45am - 3:30pm

