St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 13th November 2026

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'Loved and Inspired by Mary ….

We shine and learn as a family of God'

Thank you for your patience with this newsletter and apologies for the delay and not issuing Friday. Microsoft challenges meant we were unable to access files/ systems we needed.

Remembrance Service 11.11.26



This week in school, we reflected a lot about Remembrance and held a special service for all those we love who are in heaven. It was lovely to see so many people bring in precious photographs of loved ones and it felt very special to offer prayers for them in our Book of Remembrance. We also spent time reflecting on those who bravely gave their lives in the war the Soldiers and all those who helped in many ways such as doctors, nurses and pilots. We heard the poem Flanders field and focused on remembering them so their memories will always live on.





Fire Service- 11.11.26- Class 2

Class 2 where visited by the Fire Service on Wednesday. The talked about the importance of having a fire plan with your family and getting out safely and quickly and keeping safe. We had completed a Fire Drill in school that week and the pupils were able to articulate well how important it is to practice so we are always safe.

Christmas Movie Night – After School Club 12.11.26



On Thursday, After School Club helped us get all Christmassy with a Movie night! A large group of pupils gathered in their PJs with blankets and teddies to watch The Grinch! Pupils enjoyed hotdogs and hot chocolate and even finished the evening with some Christmas songs. Thank you to all the staff who stayed to help and made this evening so special. Watch out for the next themed after School club soon!

AFC Football Tournament- 13.11.26



On Friday, a group of pupils braved the bitter cold to head out for the AFC Football tournament. A Girls Team and Mixed Team represented St. Mary's and we are very proud of their efforts. Mrs Nayler and Miss Harrison were really proud of their determination and how they supported each other throughout the event.
A special thank you to Mrs Ellis for organising this including organising the transport. It is our goal that over the course of a school year every pupil gets the chance to take part in a competition or experience. I know Mrs Ellis has lots more planned.

Church Raffle

Your child will have brought home two Christmas Raffle booklets for the Church Raffle which is due to be drawn on **Sunday 6th December after Mass.**

There are some amazing raffle prizes to be won from £50 cash, Fresh turkey, Christmas cakes and much, much more!!

Very kindly St. Mary's share the profits with us and donate half of all monies raised to help school so we are so grateful of your support.

If you do not wish to purchase the raffle tickets please return them to school for someone else.

If you would like some additional booklets to help raise even more please let us know or pop into the school office.

Holy Communion

Traditionally pupils within Year 3 are invited to prepare to make their First Holy Communion therefore pupils will have brought home a letter this week. Please return this letter at your earliest convenience so we have numbers for Mrs. Fitzpatrick and Canon Adrian.

Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 18th April 2026 full details are included in the letter.

If your child is in an older Year group and would like to make their First Holy Communion please collect a form from the office.

If you have any questions/ queries please do come along and ask.

Parking, Safety and Hi visibility vests.

We expect that all pupils return wearing their Hi-Vis vests that have been provided by school. We will be relaunching our Autumn initiative " Be Safe Be Seen" and Mr C and his Junior Road Safety Ambassadors will deliver our safety assemblies soon.

If you have lost your child's Hi-vis a replacement is available from the school office and is charged at £2.00.

For safety we do ask that all pupils wear these.

Please can I ask for your continued support.

- Do not parking by/ blocking residents drives
- Do not park in private drives (such as Old Smithy Close)
- Do not park at Church
- Do not drive down the school drive
- Report any concerns to the PCSO/ local police
- Ensure pupils wear Hi-Vis Vests as provided by school



Thank you again for helping to keep everyone safe.

Fundraising Events..

Save the dates for the following exciting events coming very soon……..

30.11.26- Christmas Light Switch on and Christmas Fayre

An exciting event ahead….Grotto, Tombolas, crafts stalls, raflle such as reindeer food and the infamous Hook – a –bag game!!

*** Booking forms for Santa's Grotto coming soon!!! ***

10.12.26 – Breakfast with Santa from 8.00 am – Flyer to follow soon
The chance to meet Santa, share breakfast and each child gets a mini treat and a keepsake photograph!!

14.12.26- Santa Dash in school – Every entry receives a Santa Hat and Medal – dodge the snowballs and master the obstacles as you race around school!

As always we will update you and share any changes or updates via our See Saw App and Newsletter.

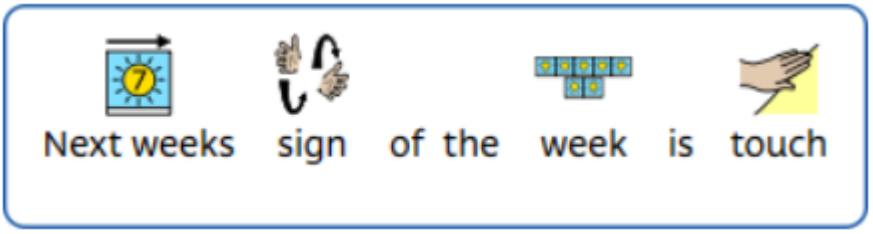
Big School Adventures

Sessions take place every Thursday from 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

Places fill quickly and are limited so please contact the school office to book or catch one of us at school – Thank you

Sign of the Week.

Next week's sign of the week is *Touch.*



Dates for your diary

20.11.26 – Own clothes Day –Bring a Bottle for the Christmas Fayre
27.11.26 – Own clothes Day – Bring a Bottle for the Chocolate for the Christmas Fayre
30.11.26 – Christmas light switch on and Christmas Fayre
7.12.26 – Panto trip
8.12.26 – KS1 Nativity – 10am and 4pm
14.12.26 – Santa Dash
18.12.26 – School Closes for Christmas.

School Times

School Start 08.45 am
School Finish time 3.15 pm

PE Days

Class 1: Tue pm and Wed pm
Class 2: Tue pm and Wed pm
Class 3: Monday pm and PE Thursday pm
Class 4: Wednesday Swimming and Thurs pm

Staffing for 2026/2027

Please see below staffing structure starting September 2026.

Office	
Miss Calvert	Bursar@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
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Miss Strahand	AStrahand@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
Breakfast / After School Club Manager	
Miss Harrison	MHarrison@stmaryslea.mecmat.org

Celebration Awards

	Faith in Action Award Winner	**'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively**	**Welfare Award Winner**
Class 1	Jessie Larcombe	Chimdi Nwankwo	Sofia Anderton
Class 2	Ivory Phoenix	Jude Troup	
Class 3	Phoebe Simpson	Matthew Williams	Elena Cunliffe
Class 4	Dougie Pye	Keon Bruney	