



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 16th October 2026

School details

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Our Parish Links

St. Mary's Lea Town, Darkinson Lane and St. Andrew and Blessed George Haydock,

Hoyles Lane Cottam. www.standrewscottam.org.uk

'Loved and Inspired by Mary

We shine and learn as a family of God'

Another fun week in school starting with A Million children pray the Rosary. In this special month of the Rosary we offered a decade to all who are unwell, lonely or in Heaven.



Parking – Important

I appreciate parking remains a challenge and the weather turns and the mornings and nights get darker once more it is essential we work in partnership to keep everyone safe.



I would ask that when we return from half term **Tuesday 3rd November** onwards pupils return to wearing the 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.

Reception pupils, or those new to St. Mary’s, we will ensure your hi-vis vest is provided before we close for half term.

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.**

As I have shared on text messages we continue to receive a number of complaints in regard to parking. 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.



Phones, Smart Watches and Air tags or trackers

Reminder as per policy that pupils are NOT permitted phones, smart watches, air tags or other tracking devices either in school and/ or on any educational visit.

This is for the safety of all our pupils.

If a pupil requires a phone for example because they are on the school bus/ walking home these must be handed into a staff member upon arrival and turned off. They are not to be used on school grounds and on the School bus.

Any such devices identified will be collected and stored safely until home time.

Fundraising Events..

We had the BEST time at the Disco and the pupils have loved every second!! A big thank you to Party Pete and a special thank you to Mrs Gibson from Red Curl Photography who took the brilliant Disco photographs and donated these to school very kindly without fee!

We raised an impressive £225!!! After the DJ fee and all expenses!!

"It was spectacular, we love party pete!!"
Maisie Wilson

"I loved the party games" Curtis
Beresford

"The balloons where brilliant, I loved the
disco" Elliot Smith

"The Disco was fantastic, we love to
party!!" Thea Koutsokostas

"I loved dancing to the songs, it was the
best disco ever!!" Noah Diamond-Bulger





What fundraising events are coming soon.....

12.11.26 – After School Club Bingo – Details to follow

30.11.26- Christmas Light Switch on and Christmas Fayre

14.12.26- Santa Dash in 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

Please note NO SESSION 22.10.26 due to a whole school trip

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

Forest School

We hope everyone has enjoyed Forest School week! We had some lovely feedback from pupils and families alike and Miss Shaw said the children engaged beautifully and she was very proud!

From toasting marshmallow, to making toast and digging and exploring- Memories were made and new experiences enjoyed!!

Full details of correct Forest School clothing can be found on our website at <https://stmaryslea.mecmat.org/uniform>

Please note clothing MUST BE navy and not have any logos/ branding other than school logos.

“I found a worm.” Luca Baptiste

“I got really muddy!!” Martha Diamond

“I got to dig in the mud!” Arthur Doherty

“I loved digging for worms and the mud kitchen is my favourite!” Elma Dickinson

“The marshmallows and hot chocolate where delicious!!” Merry Holmes

“The clay was soooooo fun to sculpt!!” Oliver Lawson





Blackpool Zoo – Whole School Trip 22.10.26

Things we need for the day....

- **Full Forest School uniform** – This must be navy and **must** have a school badge. This is a requirement so if pupils do not have a badge on their Hoody they **MUST** wear their school jumper
- **Children to wear trainers or wellies**- whatever is most comfortable for plenty of walking around the zoo!
- **Lunch must be fully disposable and in a labelled carrier bag**. Please ensure you child's name and class are clearly visible as you can imagine we will have lots of lunches!!



Our School Open day

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL
LOVED AND INSPIRED BY MARY...
WE SHINE AND LEARN AS A FAMILY OF GOD.



OPEN DAY

Tuesday 20th October 2026
2:30pm - 6:00pm

Choosing the right school for your child is a huge decision. Your child deserves an environment in which they can grow, flourish and be happy and we believe our beautiful school offers just that.

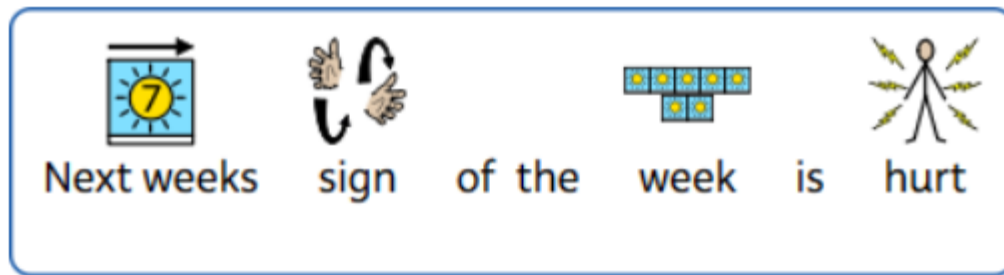


For any further information please
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Sign of the Week.

Next week's Sign of the Week is *Hurt*.



Dates for your diary

19.10.26 – Feast of St Luke, Wear Blue!
20.10.26 – Open Day 2:30 – 6:00pm
- Class 3 Workshop – Electricity in school
22.10.26 – Whole School Trip to Blackpool Zoo
23.10.26- School closes for half term at 3.15 pm

2.11.26- School closed. INSET day for staff
3.11.26 - School re opens for pupils at 8.45 am
12.11.26 – ASC Bingo
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
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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Mrs Brogden	Head@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
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Mrs Moss	KMoss@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
Miss Collins	HCollins@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
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Mrs Ellis - Class Teacher	JEllis@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
Miss Harrison	MHarrison@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
Class 2	
Mrs Sullivan- Class Teacher	GSullivan@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
Miss Haworth	LHowarth@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
Miss Hughes	CHughes@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
Class 3	
Mr Catterall - Class Teacher	JCatterall@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
Miss Shaw	HShaw@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
Miss Strahand	AStrahand@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
Class 4	
Mr Taylor - Class Teacher	MTaylor@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
Mrs Nayler	RNayler@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
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	Luca Baptiste	Nova Hellowell	Joey Picking
Class 2	Noah Diamond-Bugler	Molly Walmsley	
Class 3	Isabelle Baptiste	Diana Stec	Euan Smith
Class 4	Maxwell Houlding	Isabella Bolton-Rigby	