

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 18th September 2026

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Our Parish Links

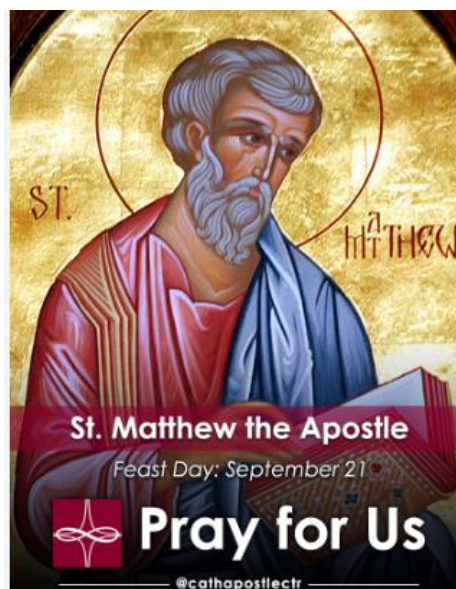
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Hoyles Lane Cottam. www.standrewscottam.org.uk

'Loved and Inspired by Mary
We shine and learn as a family of God'

Another busy week in school with lots of learning. We share our first welcome Mass together as a school family. Thank you to all who were able to join us. The pupils as always shone and their behaviour and respect was wonderful! We received many lovely comments.

Next week we start the week celebrating the Feast of St. Matthew. Pupils are invited to wear Yellow, there is no charge. During the day we will spend time learning about St. Matthew and reading from his Gospel.



Friday 25th September - Macmillan Coffee day!

We will soon be raising money for a charity close to many people's hearts McMillan.

On the day, we will start the morning with a Grab and go be selling 'brew and brioche' at drop off time!!

At the end of the day, we will be selling delicious treats on the yard made by our very own pupils!! Come along and grab at tasty treat either at the start of end of the day and help us raise lots!!

Charity of the term.....



Our Charity Ambassador Jaimie would like to share that inspired by the Coffee Morning our Charity for the Autumn Term will be



Macmillan Cancer Support

To find out more about this special charity please visit <https://www.macmillan.org.uk/>

Staffing and our Residential 23.9.26 - 25.9.26

Next week pupils in class 4 will Visit Hothersall Lodge and we look forward to sharing pictures and tales of our adventures with you very soon.

Just a reminder that if you have any changes to your child medication information/ needs you must inform the school office immediately.

As the staffing may be a little different in school due to the Residential ratios please direct any message/ queries via the school Office on 729881. Please do not send important messages via email/ see saw as these may be missed.

If you wish to speak to a staff member directly please catch staff at pick up/ drop off or ask Miss Calvert in our Office.

Save the Date – School Photographs -2.10.26

Red Curl Photography will be attending school on Friday 2nd October.

If you wish to bring along a preschool sibling these sessions take place from 8.30am. Please contact the Office to book a slot.

Save the Date – Parent Evening – 6.10.26

Our Autumn Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 6th of October. Signing up sheets to book your appointment will be in our entrance Foyer next week. Please do take this opportunity to meet with your child's Teacher and discuss progress and how they are settling into their new year groups.

As always, I shall be available in the evening for any general questions, queries or to support and offer advice as SENCO.

KS1 – Can You Help Us...

The Key Stage One team are currently improving our outdoor area, and we would greatly appreciate your help!

If you are having a sort out of your children's toys and have any of the following items that are no longer needed, we would be very grateful for your donations:

-  Cars
-  Trucks
-  Dinosaurs
-  Animals
-  Spades, buckets, Garden Trowels and watering cans
-  Sand, Water & Outdoor Kitchen



To enhance our sand, water and outdoor kitchen areas, we are also collecting:

- Measuring jugs
- Large metal or wooden spoons and whisks
- Metal /plastic colanders
- Metal tea sets
- Metal gravy jugs

Thank you for helping us to create an exciting and engaging outdoor learning environment for our children! 🌱💧



Book Fair – COMING SOON!



We have managed to arrange for our annual Book Fair to come back into school this year, arriving on Tuesday 29th September, with the final day being Monday 5th October 2026! Each class will have the opportunity to view the books when they arrive during school time and as usual, you can purchase them after school! More information will follow closer to the time!

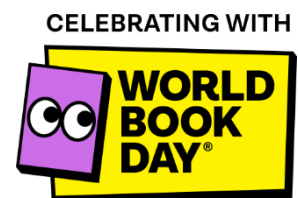
I have had a quick look at the titles that are available for us this year and the trolleys will be bursting with all kinds of books that would interest anyone!

And to add even more excitement, the World Book Day Company has just released this year's list of books that you can exchange your World Book Day Token for- for FREE!! Check out this link to view which titles will be available this year- <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

As usual, there will be LIVE author events, events in classes and all across school, competitions and much more, all happening throughout World Book Week @ St Mary's in March!

Look out for more information, coming soon!

Mr C
English Co-Ordinator



Coming Soon – Big School Adventures

Lots of people have been asking when our Big School Adventures sessions will re start.

The first session will be on **Thursday 1st October from 1.00 -3.00 pm**. To book your place please contact the school office.

Open Evening for Local High School's

Broughton Open Evening

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2026 - 6.00pm to 8.30pm

OPEN MORNING

MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2026 - Tours of School from 9.30am until 10.30am

Our Lady's Open Evening

Open Evening

Join us for our Open Evening on Thursday 1st October, 6pm- 8.30pm.

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
call 01772 729881 or email
bursar@stmaryslea.mecmat.org

**Darkinson Lane, Lea Town,
Preston PR4 0RJ**

Coming soon.....

We are Soooooooooo excited to share that coming soon we have our first fundraising event our Disco party!!

Back by popular demand we have our Professional DJ, DJ Party Pete who will be playing all the latest songs and has exciting games and prizes!!!!

Tickets will go on sale soon

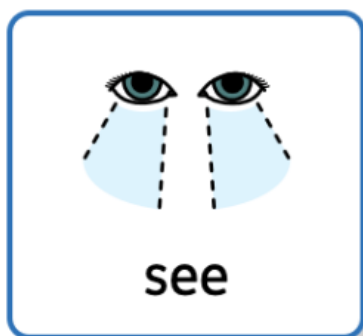
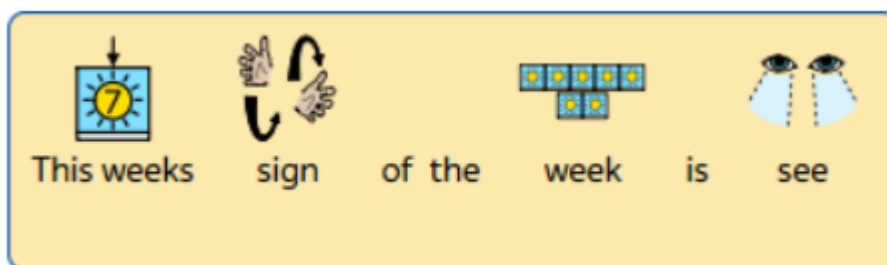
Tuesday 13th October - KS1 Disco 3.15 -4.15 and KS2 Disco 4.30 -5.30

EVERY tickets includes your very own Funky photo and juice. Snacks will be on sale too!



Sign of the Week.

This week our sign of the week is *See*



Dates for your diary

21.9.26 – Feast Day of St Matthew (Wear Yellow)
21.9.26 – Whole School Flu Immunisations
23.9.26 -25.9.26- Class 4 Residential – Hothersall Lodge
25.9.26 – McMillan Coffee Morning
29.9.26 – Book Fair Arrives
1.10.26 – Big School Adventures Starts
2.10.26 – School Photographs – Siblings from 8:30
6.10.26 – Parents Evening

School Times

School Start 08.45 am
School Finish time 15.15 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
Head Teacher	
Mrs Brogden	Head@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
Rainbow Room	
Mrs Moss	KMoss@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
Miss Collins	HCollins@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
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Mrs Ellis - Class Teacher	JEllis@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
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Mrs Sullivan- Class Teacher	GSullivan@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
Miss Haworth	LHowarth@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
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Class 3	
Mr Catterall - Class Teacher	JCatterall@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
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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	Axel Davies	Sofia Anderton	Holly Wilson
Class 2	Miriam Okafor	James Johnson	
Class 3	Bella Melling-Smith	Ruairidh Houlding	Merry Holmes
Class 4	Edward Stevens	Bailey Jenkin	