

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 25th 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, Our Class 4 friends shining at Residential making memories and we ended the week with a charity event for Macmillan Cancer Care.

Friday 25th September - Macmillan Coffee day- THANK YOU

A HUGE Thank you to everyone who came along this morning to grab a 'brew and a Brioche' helping us take part in the Biggest coffee morning and raise money for our Autumn Charity – Macmillan Cancer Care.

We still have our DELICIOUS cake sale to look forward to after school so we look forward to sharing our grand fundraising total with you next week.





Residential – Hothersall Lodge 23.9.26 -24.9.26

This week the pupils in Class 4 have visited Hothersall Lodge for their Residential.

It has been a pleasure to join them for the few couple of days and see them shine, work together, overcome fears and try new things!

Well done Class 4 ! I know for many of you this was your first time away too so you should all feel very proud of all you have achieved!

Once back I am sure Mr. Taylor will have lots of photographs to share to celebrate via See Saw and we will share some with everyone next week too!!

A huge thank you to the staff team – those who attended the residential making sure that all pupils were safe, looked after and made memories and to the rest of the team who stayed in school- juggled duties and roles and kept everything running smoothly!

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 you appointment will be in our entrance Foyer next week. Please do take this opportunity to meet with you 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!



The Book Fair @ St Mary's!

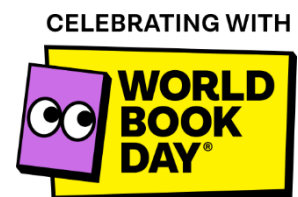
Roll up, roll up! The news is out,
There's something special to cheer about!
On Tuesday, September 29th, our primary school transforms,
Bringing the best new children's books in huge, exciting storms!
Step into a world where magic and mystery grow,
With the greatest tales and adventures all set out on display to show.
Before the buying even begins, our pupils get a treat—
A special in-school sneak preview to check out what's on the street!
Then every single afternoon, when the final home bell chimes,
Head outside the main school hall for the very happiest times.
From 3:15 to 3:45 the vibrant stalls appear,
Packed with stationary, goodies, and the top reads of the year!
With pocket-money prices starting at just 99p,
There's a little piece of magic for every family.
Don't wait too long to pick your books and grab a treat or two,
Monday, October 5th is the last night the fair is open to you!

<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 – Next week – Book you space quickly!

It's nearly time – Big School Adventures starts next week and places are already filling

The first session will be on **Thursday 1st October from 1.00 -3.00 pm**. To book your place please contact the school office. Places must be booked each week and are limited.

Open Evening for Local High School's

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.....

Your child will come home with their Disco Party sign up sheet today so they can order their Wristband!!

Wristbands can be bought via the School office. Please order quickly to avoid disappointment.

Tickets are £5 which includes your very own keepsake photograph taken by a Professional Photographer and unlimited Juice. When you sign up you will receive your entrance wristband!! EVERY penny raised will go back into school to benefit all pupils.

On the night we will have a mini shop with treats for sale.

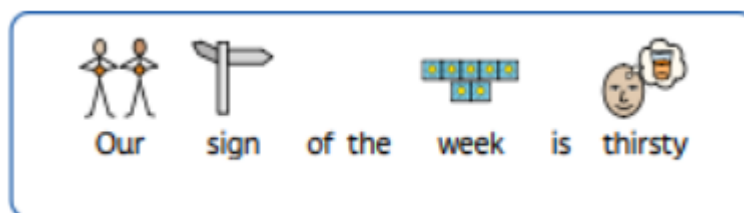
Tuesday 13th October - KS1 Disco 3.15 -4.15 and KS2 Disco 4.30 -5.30

Come along.. Dance along with 'Party Pete' have fun and make memories!



Sign of the Week.

This week our sign of the week is *Thirsty*



Dates for your diary

29.9.26 – Book Fair Arrives
1.10.26 – Big School Adventures Starts
2.10.26 – School Photographs – Siblings from 8:30 am- Please book
6.10.26 – Parents Evening
12.10.26 – Class 1 Forest School Day
13.10.26 – Class 3 Forest School Day
13.10.26 – Disco Party!! – Wear your Entry Wristband to school!!
14.10.26 – Class 2 Forest School Day
15.10.26 – Class 4 Forest School Day
16.10.26 – Class 3 & 4 – Blackpool Grand Theatre Horrible Histories
19.10.26 – Feast of St Luke, Wear Blue!
20.10.26 – Open Day 2:30 – 6:00pm

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
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Mrs Sullivan- Class Teacher	GSullivan@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
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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	Evie Bolton-Rigby	Leo Bass	Elma Dickinson
Class 2	Lana Koutsokostas	Elliot Smith	
Class 3	Daisy Simpson	Poppy Brown	Pippa Doherty
Class 4	Merry Holmes	William Barton	