St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 2nd October 2026

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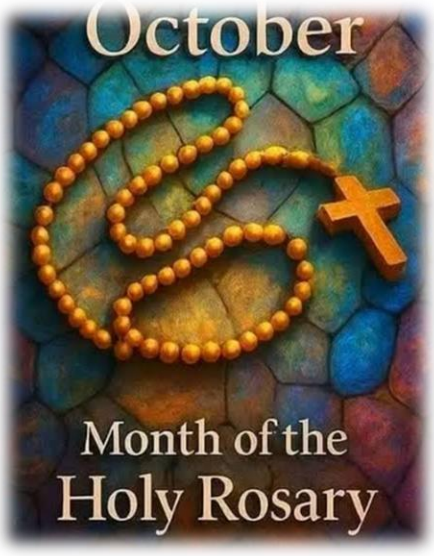
'Loved and Inspired by Mary ....

We shine and learn as a family of God'

We have entered October the Month of the Rosary and we will be offering decades of the Rosary throughout this Month. If you would like us to remember your prayer intentions as we offer the Rosary please send these into school via email or catch one of us on the yard and we will remember you loved ones as we pray.



Harvest Donations

As is traditional we will collect items for Harvest and donate them to those in need. We will donate to Jade's Bags https://www.jadesbags.org/

If you feel you can support we are asking for donations of …

Key Stage One: Tinned items/cupboard items such as pasta/noodles
Key Stage Two: Toiletries such as toothpaste, soaps, shower gels.

Thank you

Friday 25th September - Macmillan Coffee day - THANK YOU

On behalf of our Charity ambassador, Jamie, we would like to thank everyone who came and supported us at our very own MacMillan Coffee morning last Friday. Whether you enjoyed a brew and a brioche in the morning or a Friday treat after school, we manage to raise a whopping **£159.30!!** An amazing amount for a very worthy cause. "***Thank you for buying these things to help the Macmillan Charity!" Jamie***

Residential – Hothersall Lodge - 23.9.26 -24.9.26

"I enjoyed the canoeing and the food – That was very nice. I am proud of going on the Zip line, it was so high up and so long!" Jamie Bass

"I liked everything, but, if I had to pick one thing I would pick the Zip line because it was so different and really fun!" Jade Beresford

"I think the Teachers at Hothersall were really nice, really caring and explained things so well. I loved the canoeing, zip line and the cave was so, so dark!!" Imaan Khan

***"It was really fun because of all the challenges. The food was really good. The challenge I like the most was the team challenges because we got to crawl through mud and work as a team. It was so fun I would hope to go again*!"** Roisin Moss

School Photographs - 2.10.26

School photographs proofs are expected to arrive at school by Tuesday of next week.

Great Fire of London- Lancashire Heritage Visit – 01.10.26

On Thursday Professor Tuesday came along and led a workshop for Years 1 and 2 all about the Great Fire of London Topic to enhance their learning. All the pupils were so engaged in this interactive workshop, learnt lots and had fun!

"I really enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London. I liked building the city with houses. James Sneddon

"I liked learning all together about the fire. I liked trying the hats on and passing the buckets" Miriam Okafor

Parents Evening – 6.10.26

Parents Evening takes place on Tuesday down in the hall. If you have not yet signed up please do quickly as very few places are remaining. I shall also be available should you wish to discuss anything or have any SENCO questions or queries.

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:

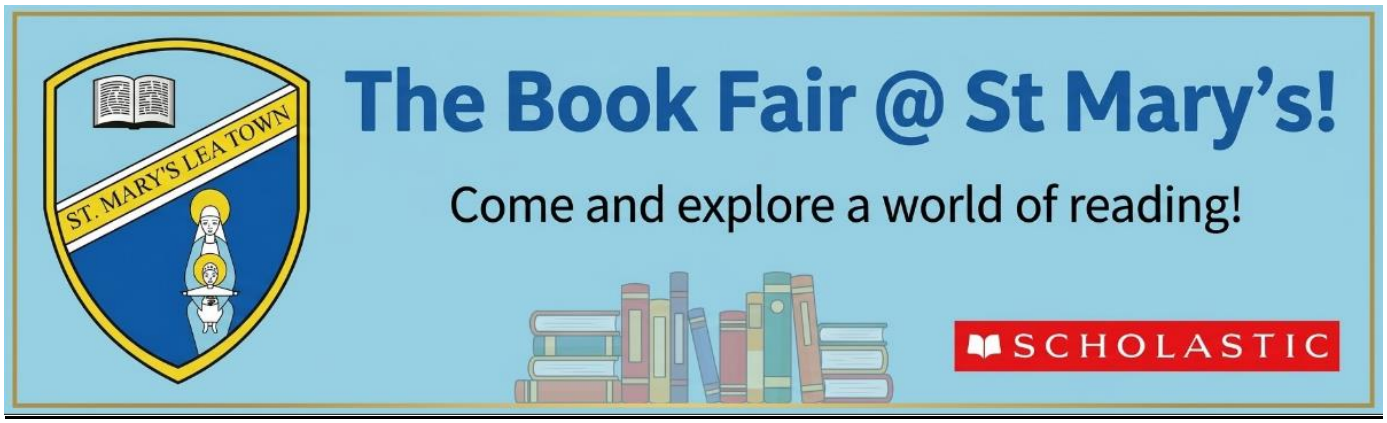
- Cars
- Trucks
- Dinosaurs
- Animals
- Spades, buckets, Garden Trowels and watering cans
- Sand, Water & Outdoor Kitchen

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 - 30.9.26- 6.10.26



The Book Fair @ St Mary's!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who has visited the Book Fair so far this week. The Book Fair will continue next week from 3.15 - 3.45pm with the final day of shopping being Tuesday 6th October. If there is a book that you have seen at the Book Fair, but isn't on the shelf, I can order the book for you, and it will be delivered when the Book Fair is collected on Wednesday morning. We accept cash payments and we have our card machine back up and running now after a few technical difficulties.
Remember, the more money we raise at our Book Fair, the more money we can get back for our children in school!

Roll up, roll up! The news is out,
There's something special to cheer about!
On Wednesday, September 30th, 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,
Tuesday, October 6th is the last night the fair is open to you!

Mr C
English Co-Ordinator

Big School Adventures

Our first session took place on Thursday and it was wonderful to welcome so many new faces to our school family. 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 are already quickly filling for next week too so please contact the school office to book or catch one of us at school – Thank you

A very big Thank you …..

Once more I would like to extend a thank you to all past FOSM members for their support with previous fundraising. When the account was closed and transferred to school we shared with you after reading your ideas and suggestions we would do the following

- Book a whole school trip and use the money to cover transport costs
- Let Key Stage One chose an item – They have chosen outdoor toys and activities
- Let Key Stage Two choose an item – They chose a 3D printer which has just arrived and will be soon ready to use!

We have used the monies to book a WHOLE school trip to Blackpool Zoo! As a small school it is very special for us to be able to have visits and experiences as a school family and I know this will be a great day out. Your child will bring home a letter today with all the details on and permission slips.

Our Next school fundraising event is our Disco with Party Pete. This is the Professional DJ who completed our Glow Disco and the children loved his music and games so I know this will be a great event.

Every penny we raise from all our events is used to benefit our pupils! Whether it is money from staff led Clubs (Art, Forest club, Multi skills) which buys additional equipment- Paints, forest school equipment, new sports equipment etc. Monies we raise from school events like the Disco, Christmas Fayres, etc help fund visits, visitor's and experiences so your support really is appreciated and makes a great difference!!

What fundraising events are coming soon…….

13.10.26 – Party Pete School Disco – Flyer issued
12.10.26 – After School Club Bingo – Details to follow
1.12.26- Christmas Light Switch on and Christmas Fayre
14.12.26- Santa Dash in school

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

Our School Open day ……..

Disco with Party Pete – 13.10.26

If you have not yet secured your space please sign up quickly for our Party Disco!

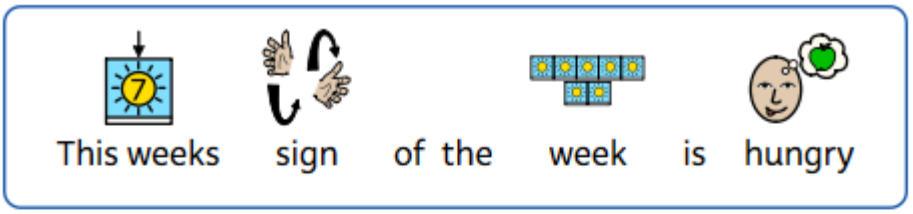
Tickets are £5 which includes your very own keepsake photograph taken by a Professional Photographer and unlimited Juice. When you sign up you will receive your entrance wristband!! EVERY penny raised will go back into school to benefit all pupils.

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's sign of the week is ***hungry***

Please see video:
Hungry

Dates for your diary

5.10.26 – Wonderdome- All classes- Letter previously issued
6.10.26 – Parents Evening by appointment only
9.10.26- Pupils invited to bring a Harvest Donation – for Jade Bags
12.10.26 – 9.00- A Million children pray the Rosary – Join us for a decade
Class 1 Forest School Day
13.10.26 – Class 3 Forest School Day
– 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
- 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
1.12.26 – Christmas light switch on and Christmas Fayre
7.12.26 – Panto trip
8.12.26 – KS1 Nativity
14.12.26 – Santa Dash
14.12.26 – School Closes for Christmas.

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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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	Aubrey Cunliffe	Joey Picking	Chimdie Nwankwo
Class 2	Ivory Phoenix	Charlotte	
Class 3	Martha Robinson	Reggie Hall	Keon Bruney
Class 4	Amelia Patel	Harry Shaw	