St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 6th November 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'

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back from the half term break and hear about all you have been up to. Thank you to everyone who has returned wearing their Hi Vis vests – As the morning and nights become darker this is really important to keep us all safe.

Next week we mark Remembrance Day with activities and reflections throughout the week. We reflect on all those brave souls who fought for us and showed such bravery. We also reflect on those we love and those in heaven.



On Wednesday the 11th of November we will begin our day with a Remembrance service at 9.00 am – Please come along and join us. Pupils are invited to bring in their precious photographs. We will place these centrally in the hall. We will all hold a minutes silence together within the school day. We have a book of Remembrance in the entrance Foyer please come in and add your prayers/ intentions.



Christmas Movie Night – After School Club 12.11.26

By request After School Club will now be holding a…

Christmas Movie night on **Thursday 12th from 3:15 – 5:30pm**

Come along in your PJ's and snuggle in for a Christmas movie with you friends. Places are limited so book via ARBOR quickly to secure your place - Have fun and feel Christmassy!!



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 pupils will have brought home 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.

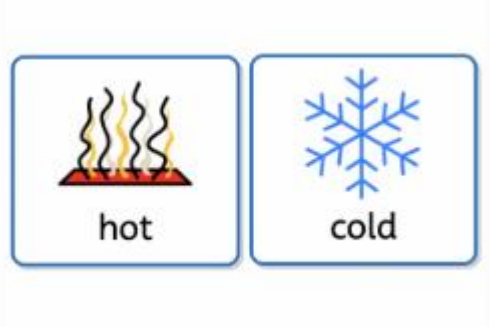
Big School Adventures

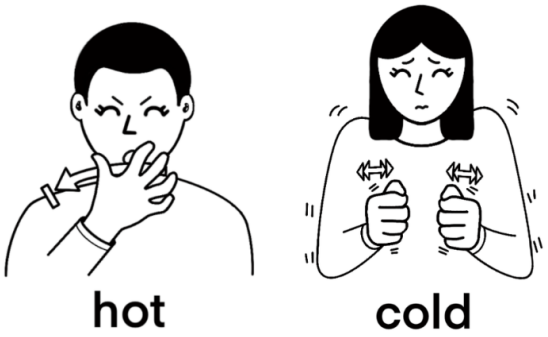
Sessions take place every Thursday from 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

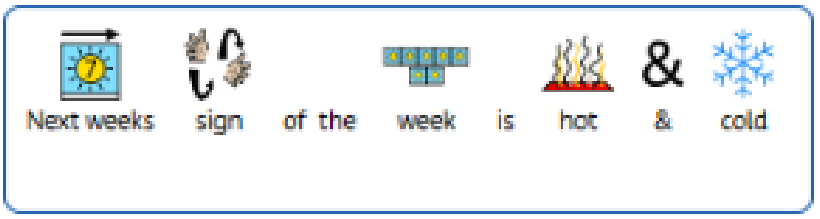
Places fill quickly and are limited so please contact the school office to book or catch one of us at school – Thank you

Sign of the Week.

Next week's sign of the week is *hot and cold*.







Dates for your diary

12.11.26 – ASC Christmas Movie Night
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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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	Teddie-Rae Leigh	Matilda Stone	Leo Stables
Class 2	Elliot Smith	Hannah Anogeianakis	
Class 3	Eli Heslop	Sebby Allen	Ria Kaur
Class 4	Maisie Wilson	Roisin Moss	