

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 9th October 2026

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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'

What an exciting week in school launching with the Wonderdome to start the week in style! A huge thank you to all families for your generous Harvest Donations this week. These will make a huge difference





*"A huge thank you to everyone for donating items to Jade's Bags.
This means a lot, we can directly pass the items to families who are in need"*
Josh and Chloe @ Jade's Bags.

Wonderdome 5.10.26





"It was really fun and we learnt lots about space" Klara Niezgoda

"I really enjoyed it because it felt like I was actually in space and that felt really strange and realistic" Maxwell Houlding

"Wow, It's so cool!" Leo Shutt

"I liked singing Twinkle, Twinkle, Little star!" Chimdi Nwankwo

"It was fun and everyone started smiling and feeling like they were in space! The rollercoaster made me feeling dizzy!" Llana Koutsokostas

"I liked lying down and looking up at the hot sun!" Elma Dickinson

"Thank you for the wonderdome! It was really amazing learning about the solar system and the black hole- It was just really fascinating!" Ruairidh Houlding

"Everyone was asking very fascinating questions about space and everyone has been really looking forward to it. It was really, really good" Sebby Allen

School Photographs

You should have received your photograph proofs. Any slips must be returned to school by 16th at the latest. This is the last order date. Thank you

Parents Evening – 6.10.26

Thank you to all who were able to come along on Parents Evening and we hope you found this a useful opportunity to meet with your child's Teacher. As a school we operate an 'Open Door' policy and we are always happy to help at any point. Staff will be available to catch at the start / end of the school day and emails are included

below should you need to catch one of us.

Thank you for your responses to our Parental Questionnaire. We reflect upon all comments and suggestions and share these with you very soon. Thank you for working in partnership with us.

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 are so excited Next week is the DISCO!! Party Pete will be here along with Red Curl photography to make sure everyone gets a special keepsake Disco Photo!

Pupils will be issued with their VIP Wristbands on Tuesday morning and key stage one pupils can bring their clothes into school to get changed straight after school.



The VIP wrist band includes unlimited juice and on the night we have a Mini Disco school available with.....

Slinky springs - 50p
Wristbands - £1.00
Party Disco glasses - £1.00
Face glitter - 50p
Tattoos - 3 for 50p

What fundraising events are coming soon.....

12.11.26 - After School Club Bingo - Details to follow

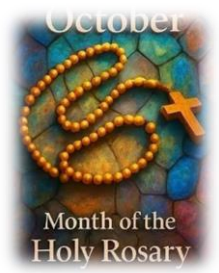
30.11.26- Christmas Light Switch on and Christmas Fayre

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

October - The Month of the Rosary

On Monday we will take part in our Annual 'A Million children pray the Rosary'. This will take place first thing and pupils are welcome to bring in their own Rosary beads.



Big School Adventures

Sessions take place every Thursday from 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

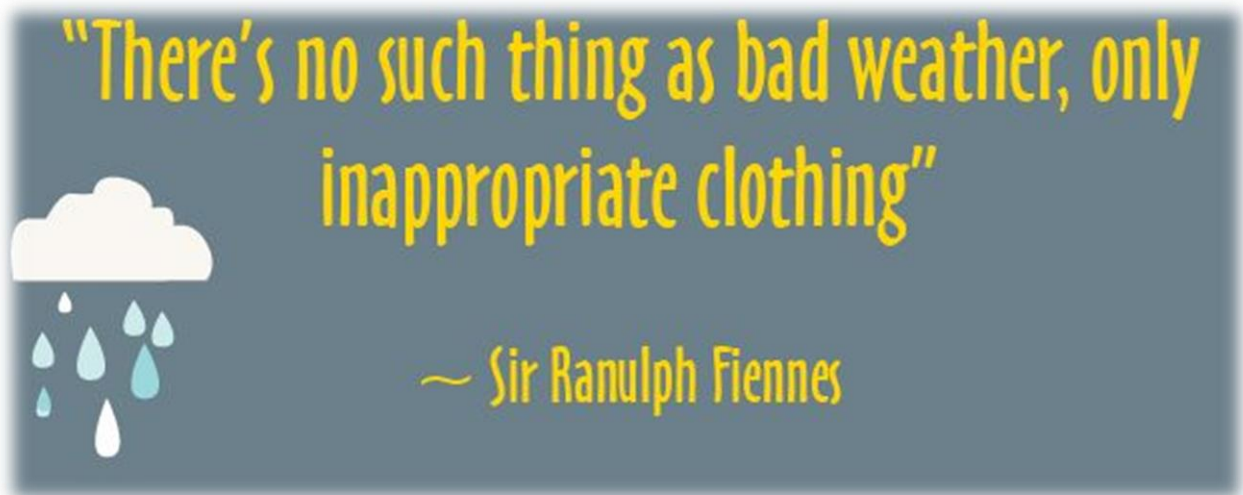
Please note NO SESSION 22.10.26 due to a whole school trip

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

Next week is Forest School Week for the WHOLE school. Please see dates for your diary below which will state which class has Forest School on each day!

The weather next week forecasts rain so please make sure that pupils come in suitable footwear such as trainers, walking boots and bring wellies for their sessions. Pupils should have full waterproofs and I would suggest a change of clothes.



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.

Book Fair – A BIG Thank you !

The Book Fair @ St Mary's!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who was able to join us at the Book Fair this week and bought a book or two or even three or four- THANK YOU!

Our grand total was just over £875 which is our highest total EVER! As a result of raising such an

AMAZING amount, our school will receive over **£400** of this back into school to spend on our children.

Thank you for support!!!!

Mr C

English Co-Ordinator

**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

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Preston PR4 0RJ**

Sign of the Week.

This week's Sign of the Week is Hungry



Dates for your diary

- 12.10.26 – 9.00- A Million children pray the Rosary – Join us for a decade
Class 1 Forest School Day Reception and Rainbow Room pupils
- 13.10.26 – Class 3 Forest School Day
– Disco Party!! – Wear your Entry Wristband to school!!
- 14.10.26 – Class 2 Forest School Day- ALL year 1 and Year 2
- 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
- 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
Head Teacher	
Mrs Brogden	Head@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
Rainbow Room	
Mrs Moss	KMoss@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
Miss Collins	HCollins@stmaryslea.mecmat.org
Class One	
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	Poppy Simpson	Dora Allen	King Simpson
Class 2	Elma Dickinson	Holly Wilson	
Class 3	Thea Koutsokostas	Freddie Phoenix	Charlie Harrison
Class 4	Louisa Nelson	Benedict Harper-Harvey	