



# School Newsletter

*With Christ, we live, love, learn and grow.*

26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear parents and carers,

## **St Mary's Loves Reading**

Miss Hesketh was delighted to receive a fantastic donation of books from parents, Mr and Mrs Brown. These books reflect our diverse society and are now in the school library. Thank you, Mr and Mrs Brown!



## **Year 2 Trip to the Titanic Museum in Liverpool**

Mrs Nicklin, Mrs Garrett and Mrs Holt took our Y2s to the Liverpool Maritime Museum in Liverpool on Tuesday to visit the *Titanic* exhibition and take part in a variety of exciting activities. The children have learned so much about this very important but also very tragic moment in our history. They were brimming with knowledge and enthusiasm before they went and when they returned that was even more the case! Mrs Nicklin said the trip was amazing and the children's behaviour and engagement were superb. A big thank you to our parent/ carer helpers without whom these trips would not be possible and a big thank you to the PTFA for funding the coach.

## **Early Years Stay and Play (Mathematics)**

Thank you to our staff, parents and children for putting on and attending last week's Early Years stay and play session. The children were keen and proud to show their parents and carers how they learn about number and properties of number. Mrs Ainscough and Mrs Bowler said that the sessions went extremely well and were very well attended. Thank you all!

## **Year 6 Isle of Man Residential Visit and KS2 Tests (SATs) Meeting Monday 29 January 6pm**

Mr Cahalin will be holding a meeting for Y6 parents to give more detail on the upcoming Y6 residential visit to the Isle of Man on Monday evening. He will also take the opportunity to share information with parents about the KS2 National Curriculum Tests (SATs).

## **Spring Term Parents' Evenings**

Parents, carers should have received details of how to book on parents evening in the last week of the half term. We look forward to welcoming you into school to look at your children's work and speak to their teachers.

### Inspirational Individuals

Thank you to all our parents who sent us some suggestions for inspirational individuals we could explore in school. We received a very comprehensive list that we are already busy incorporating into our whole school curriculum offer. Watch this space! Thank you again. Mrs Nicklin.

### Holocaust Memorial Day 27.01.24

The KS2 classes will be marking Holocaust Memorial Day in assembly on Monday morning and we will be reflecting on the memorial oak tree that was gifted to us by the Association of Jewish Refugees a couple of years ago.

### Attendance – Moments Matter, Attendance Counts



We know that sometimes absences are unavoidable and sometimes even we send children home if they are unwell! But, are there times when a child is well enough to come in? To help you in making that decision there is a good guide from NHS: *Is my child too ill for school?*

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

### TOP 10% of SCHOOLS in LANCASHIRE for ATTENDANCE

Well done to all our parents, carers and children - you are doing a great job! Our school attendance is currently very good; St Mary's is currently ranked 34<sup>th</sup> out of 422 schools in Lancashire which means we are in the top 10%. Thank you for your support!



### Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League

2023/2024 W/E 26.01.24



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1st	YEAR 1	97.92
2nd	YEAR 6	97.23
3rd	YEAR 3	96.76
4th	YEAR 5	96.72
5th	YEAR 2	95.40
6th	YEAR 4	95.31
7th	RECEPTION	95.10

Congratulations to Year 1 on their **100%** class attendance award this week.

## Site Supervisor

We are looking for a part-time site-supervisor (caretaker) to work 15 hours a week, 0600 - 0900 each day, with some flexibility to work additional hours, if possible. If you are interested or if you know anyone else who is, please let the office know. The job advert, with full details is on the LCC website. [https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt\\_index.asp](https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_index.asp)

## Health and Safety

Pick-up and Drop-off. Please be very careful at pick up and drop off times particularly during these winter months where it is dark and where rain and ice impairs visibility for drivers. Drivers, please take great care near the school entrances. A parent reported a near-miss at Warton Place early last week. Many thanks.

## STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 26.01.24

Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN	Oscar	super discussions and interest during our space topic
YR	Hallie	always being polite and having beautiful manners.
Y1	Sophia	Sophia always works to the best of her ability and this week she has worked hard on her independent writing skills.
Y2	Joseph	a brilliant newspaper report about the titanic
Y3	Violet	working hard and being helpful in class.
Y4	Lucy	her wonderful division work in maths.
Y5	Emma	working hard to achieve all objectives set throughout English this week whilst writing a story set in the rainforest.
Y6	Declan	a wonderful witch's poem and performance



**YSA**  
**Yarrow School**  
**Alliance**

New Year, new challenge  
Train to teach with the best, to be the best!  
Open events held on the first Tuesday of each month.  
If you are interested in learning more about our School-based  
Initial Teacher Training Programme, email  
[r.horne@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:r.horne@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk) for more information

Mental health and emotional wellbeing support for children.

Contacts (right).

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Young People  
Scan this QR  
code to find  
support

SCAN ME

Text a school nurse directly to talk about health or emotional wellbeing:  
If you're 11-19 text our ChatHealth line on:  
**07507330510**  
or scan the QR code



Parents scan  
this QR code to  
find support

SCAN ME

If you're a parent of 5-19 year old text our Lancashire ParentLine for support on:  
**07312263554**  
or scan the QR code



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