# SS Mary & Michael's Catholic Primary School

## November 16th 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous start we have had to the second half of the Autumn term! It has been wonderful to see the children living out our school values through their kindness, service and hard work. As always, I am incredibly proud of their efforts and achievements. I am equally proud of our dedicated staff, whose care, commitment and enthusiasm help to make St Mary & St Michael's such a happy and special place to be.

We are delighted to announce the launch of our exciting new Reading Challenge! Children now have the opportunity to earn Bronze, Silver and Gold pin badges, which they can wear on their school uniforms with pride as a celebration of their reading achievements.

The children have already brought home their Reading Passports to share with you. These will be kept in school so that teachers can monitor progress, celebrate successes and encourage children along their reading journey.

Each year group has its own carefully adapted challenges, designed to inspire a love of reading while encouraging children to stretch themselves, explore new books and develop their confidence as readers.

We can't wait to see our children rise to the challenge, discover new reading adventures and proudly earn their badges!

As I walk through our school each day, I am reminded of just how blessed I am to be part of St Mary & St Michael's. There is something incredibly special about our school family — the warmth, the kindness, the laughter and the genuine care that our children and staff show one another. I truly believe that God led me here for a reason, and I feel grateful every day to be part of such a wonderful community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued kindness, encouragement and support. It means so much, and together we make St Mary & St Michael's the special place that it is. God Bless.

Mrs A Dodd

# After School Activities

**Dance club and choir will continue this half term.**

**Choir is Tuesdays with Mrs Guinan from 3:25-4:15pm**

**Dance club is Fridays with Mrs Dodd from 3:25-4:25pm**

**THERE ARE STILL SPACES!**



# Catholic Life and Mission

On Wednesday, our whole school came together to observe a two-minute silence for Remembrance Day. Through thoughtful readings, prayers and videos, we took time to remember and honour those who have lost their lives through war and conflict. The reverence and respect shown by our children were truly moving. Moments like these remind me just how special our school community is and how beautifully our children demonstrate our values in their everyday lives.







## Other Events:

At the end of last half term, our school choir gave a truly beautiful performance at the Mayor's charity concert. The children sang their hearts out and were a real credit to our school. I could not have been prouder of them! A very special thank you must go to Mrs Guinan for her dedication in preparing the choir and supporting the children at the event. We are so grateful for all that she does.



# Rising Stars
## Weekending
## November 5th & 12th

**Rising Stars:**

Hazel – Monty

Aspen – Riley

Oak – Leo

**Blue Badges:**

Hazel – Ronnie

Aspen – Isla

Oak – Eliana

**Star Writers:**

Hazel – Olivia

Aspen – Jasper

Oak – Maia

**Headteacher Award:**

Ava D – Y5

**Rising Stars:**

Hazel – Noel

Aspen – Princess

Oak – Xander

**Blue Badges:**

Hazel – Ronnie & Reggie

Aspen – Penny

Oak – Art

**Marvellous Maths:**

Hazel – Arlo

Aspen – Lettie

Oak – Charlie

**Headteacher Award:**

All Dancers

# Dance Club



**Our dance club also absolutely smashed it with their fabulous performance of When I Grow Up from Matilda. The girls looked wonderful, performed beautifully and, most importantly, seemed to enjoy every single moment. Their confidence, enthusiasm and smiles were a delight to see. Well done, girls — you made us all so proud!**






