

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Spring Term Newsletter 17: 24th January 2025

Dear Parents and carers,

We had two opportunities for parents and carers to come into school this week: we had a phonics session for parents of children in Y1 & Y2 to demonstrate how we teach the children to read using our scheme -Read, Write, Inc and on Thursday morning Oak class had their collective praise and worship with their parents invited. Thank you to staff involved in the arrangements for this

The school is now on Facebook. This is an additional means of communication that we will use to inform parents and carers of events and celebrate our successes. This is for sharing of information, there is no facility for followers to leave comments. If you are on Facebook, follow us. If not the same information will still be posted on parentmail and in the newsletter as it is now.

Have a lovely weekend Mrs Katharine Sexton interim headteacher

The Liturgical Year

Today is the Feast day of St Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the church and Saturday is the conversion of St Paul when he saw the light and was renamed from Saul to Paul becoming a wonderful evangelist



The Jubilee Year 2025

The Catholic Church celebrates a Jubilee Year every 25 years and the theme for 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope". The Jubilee Year began on December 24, 2024, when Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica and in school, we will be launching our Jubilee celebrations on Friday 24th January with a special Jubilee assembly.

In this Jubilee year, Pope Francis invites us all to be signs of hope in our world and this holy year will provide the children with opportunities to take part in CAFOD workshops and reflect on Jesus' message of the good news of justice, freedom and love. There will also be opportunities for the whole school community to experience the joy of taking action as Pilgrims of Hope in building a better world by raising money for charity, making pledges and taking part in a school pilgrimage.

With your child, perhaps read the Sunday Gospel ([Luke 4:14-21](#)) and talk with your child/ren about how Jesus then lived out His mission on Earth through prayer and action.

Think about how you can spend time resting with God. You might like to go for a gentle walk together or create a quiet space in your home to rest and pray.

The Big Garden Bird Watch

This weekend is the Big Garden Birdwatch. If you would like to take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch, please choose an hour between 24th and 26th January. Only record the birds that land in your patch. Record the highest number of each bird species you see at any one time. The children will be given a sheet to take home with them. I look forward to hearing from the children the birds they saw!

Thank you,

Miss Slater (Eco-council lead).

Attendance

Overall attendance for this week 94.7%
KS1 class with the highest attendance: **Cherry**
KS2 class with the highest attendance: **Poplar**



Jubilee
2025

CAFOD Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Celebrating our Achievements

House Points

Since the beginning of this term

1 st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
red	orange	yellow	blue	green
1078	1065	1057	978	923

Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kwame	Olumide	Nathan	Ivory	Rome	Nathan	Hennasey
Blaze	Felicity	Reggie	Isa	Jason	Izzy	Maja

Catholic Social Teaching Awards– Peace

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lifted	Nana	Kristabel	Godwin	Abie	Nelson	Anthony
Myra	Tauren	Woktoria	Aadvik	Emma	Jada	Eunice



In December, year 5 children were invited to take part in a creative writing competition. We are very pleased to announce that some of the children have

been chosen to be published in the book *The Magical Map - A Journey of Adventure*.

If your child has been selected, please return the permission to publish to the publishers. The deadline for this is February 2nd.

Events

6th February 2025 Parent workshop for parents of children in Y1 and Y2 (maths)

7th February 2025 NSPCC Number Day

17th-21st February 2025 February half term

28th February 2025 Parent workshop for Early Years parents (maths)

20th and 25th March Parent consultations

NSPCC

The school has signed up for NSPCC Number Day which takes place on Friday 7th February. This will involve children dressing up and taking part in maths activities. A letter has gone out to parents with more detail



Birthdays

The following children have celebrated a birthday this week or will do so over the weekend:

Jonathan, Matthew, Holly, Ihunanya, Nathaniel, Esmae, Annabel, Luna, Pixie

