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Friday 16th January 2026

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Gospel Reflection



The Baptism of the Lord

Matthew 3:13-17 "This my Son, the Beloved".

Our assemblies and reflections in class this week have focused upon the Baptism of the Lord, celebrated last Sunday. This is a Christmas Feast and part of God's revelation of Jesus and His plans for us. This follows the first revelation of Jesus to the shepherds in Bethlehem, to the wise men from the East and now in the River Jordan through His baptism as an adult. Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: "This is my Son, the Beloved".

The story of Jesus being baptised in the River Jordan, sees John question his worthiness for this task, as he recognises Jesus is far greater than he is. Jesus insists. This is His way of showing that He came to be amongst us and with us. His baptism is an act of love and of humility. The Baptism of Jesus reminds us that God comes close to us through Jesus, not to judge, but to love and to save.

Great Science Share for Schools

Yesterday we were delighted to welcome visitors from the University of Manchester, to observe and work with pupils from Mrs Murphy and Miss Dobie's classes. This was a celebration of the ongoing work that school has been completing with SEERiH and the University of Manchester. The afternoon involved science activities, alongside a reporter from the Manchester Evening News capturing the ongoing work through interviews and filming. We look forward to sharing the article and further news about the collaboration in the coming weeks.

Reception and Nursery Places September 2026

For all of our families and wider community a reminder that we are welcoming and still have, places available for our September 2026 Nursery intake, as noted last week, we are expanding our wrap-around care later this year, this includes before and after school.

Are you looking for a full-time school-based Nursery place for your child for September?

If so, then we warmly welcome you to St. Margaret Mary's RC Primary School.

We are committed to fostering strong, caring, supportive relationships with you and your child that will be built upon as we journey through school together.



Within school we can offer full wrap around care for your child, including breakfast club facilities from 07.30a.m. We will offer (from April 2026), full after school club provision until 5.30p.m. every day. In addition to this Holiday Club places will be available throughout the year.

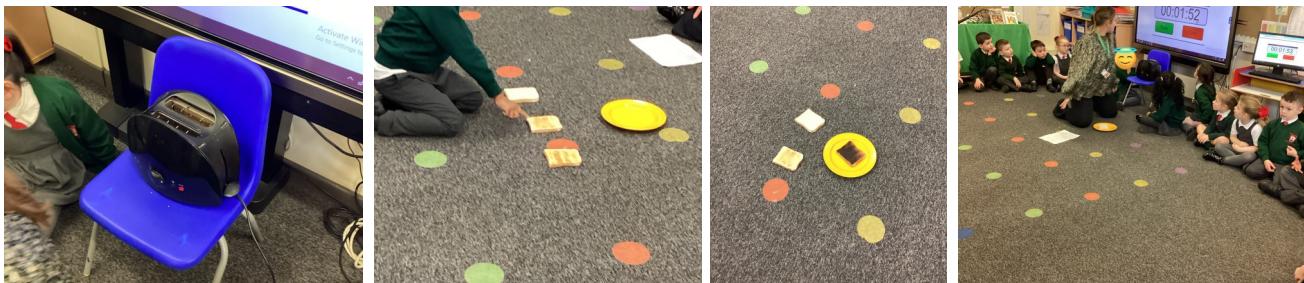
Please get in touch with our school office for any enquiries. We warmly welcome visits in person, which can be booked through the office.

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This week in Reception, we have been learning all about time, we used a toaster to see how long it takes to make the perfect toast



Year 1/2S enjoyed their PE lesson in gymnastics. They focused on creating different shapes and making a routine in pairs



The children in 2M are creating their own sequences and considering the importance of the orders of instructions within a sequence. They tested the sequences on a floor robot to see how different orders affect outcomes.



This week in PSHE, 6W have been learning how to stay safe online





Well done to this week's 'Stars of the Week' ...

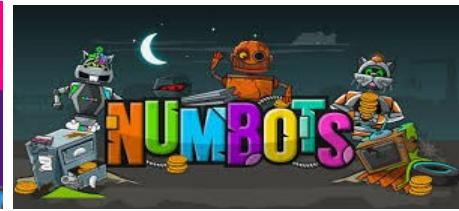


Grateful and Generous



Well done to all of our pupils who demonstrated our school virtues – 'grateful and generous' this week ...





Congratulations to our Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots winners this week. Keep up the good work!



MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

3W are this week's class attendance winners with a fantastic 98.2% attendance!

| Nur W | Nur/RecW | RecW | 1H | 1/2S | 2M |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| 93.7% | 96.4% | 97.9% | 95.2% | 93.2% | 96.8% |
| 3W | 3/4D | 4J | 5C | 5/6G | 6W |
| 89.3% | 99.3% | 88.6 | 93.8 | 94.7% | 96.4% |

Dates to remember

Wednesday 4th February 2026: Dental Examination Survey for selected Reception & Y1 children

Friday 6th February 2026: Emmaus Inset Day - **school closed to all pupils**

Friday 13th February 2026: School closes for half term, reopens Monday 23rd February

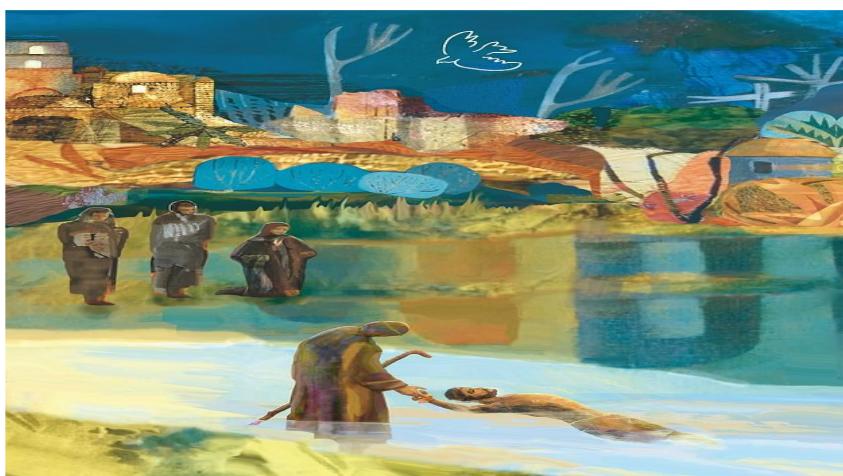
DATES TO REMEMBER

I hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend.

Take care and God bless!

Mr Sutton

Headteacher



“When Jesus stepped into the waters of the Jordan and was baptised by John the Baptist, he did so not because he was in need of repentance, or conversion: he did it to be among people who need forgiveness, among us sinners, and to take upon himself the burden of our sins”.

Pope Francis