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Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Gospel Reflection



John 1:29-34 “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”

:Our assembly and reflections in class this week move on from the Baptism of the Lord last week, to John's recount to followers of this encounter with Jesus. In doing so, John the Baptist points Jesus out as “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

Jesus is the Lamb – gentle, humble, pure, but powerful enough to carry away the weight of all of our mistakes, our sin and our failures. John's words invite us to reflect on the significance of this. Do we truly allow Jesus into our lives, to carry our burdens and our needs?

John also tells us about the Spirit descending upon Jesus like a dove – a quiet, gentle sign that He is God's Chosen One. His beloved Son. We are reminded to trust Jesus with our struggles, our fears and our troubles. Forgiveness is a gift freely given by God's Lamb, Jesus. May we trust in Him and let the Holy Spirit be with us and guide us in our lives.

Use of Mobile Phones

A reminder that all mobile telephones brought to school by students, must be switched off once they enter the school site. Staff have noted an increased number of children who are using their mobile phone whilst waiting to come into school and before they leave at the end of the school day. If a child is seen doing this, then the phone will be confiscated.

Thank you for your support with this.



2M Class Assembly

Class 2M will have their class assembly on Tuesday 27th January at 9.00 a.m. in the school hall. We look forward to welcoming our parents/carers of the children in Class 2M.



GIFT Team Visit to St Patrick's RC Church

Our GIFT Team have been invited to St Patrick's RC Church next Friday 30th January.

The children will leave school at 12.30 p.m. on a coach and they will leave the church at 2.30 p.m. We expect the children to return to school between 2.45 – 3.00 p.m.

Please could you log into our school app, School Gateway, and give consent for your child to be able to attend the visit. We ask that you do this before Wednesday 28th January.

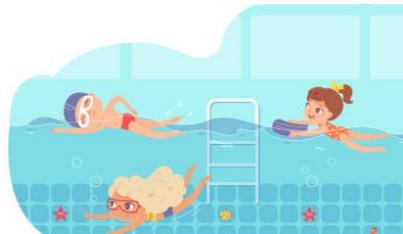
A letter will be sent home on Monday with further details.



4J Class Swimming Lessons

Your child in 4J will bring home a letter tonight with details of their upcoming swimming lessons at Broadway Baths. Lessons will commence from Wednesday 25th February and continue every Wednesday until you are informed otherwise.

It is extremely important that children bring their swimming kit to school with them every Wednesday.



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.

0161 681 1504, alternatively, please email:

contact@st-margaretmarys.manchester.sch.uk



Reception walked to our local post office to buy a stamp and posted our 'Thank you' letters to Santa in the post box ...



Nursery have started looking at the story "The Little Red Hen" and her making bread. In continuous provision we have been using the bread ingredients, flour, yeast and water to make a dough ...



3/4D explored mixing colours and selected their chosen to colour to create a background for their Renaissance inspired artwork ...



Year 5 role-playing a variety of 'should do' and 'should not do' scenarios regarding First Aid in PSHE ...



6W carried out a Science experiment to investigate different sizes of arteries ...





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

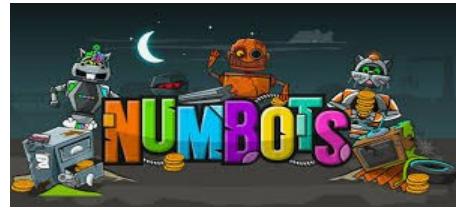


Grateful and Generous



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.**

3/4D are this week's class attendance winners with a fantastic 98.9% attendance!

Nur W	Nur/RecW	RecW	1H	1/2S	2M
94.9%	98.4%	97.9%	94.6%	98.6%	98.6%
3W	3/4D	4J	5C	5/6G	6W
97.5%	98.9%	97.1%	96.2%	95.7%	93.9%

Dates to remember

Tuesday 27th January 2026: 2M Class Assembly at 9.00 a.m.

Friday 30th January 2026: GIFT Team visit to St Patrick's R.C. Church (p.m.)

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

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

Tuesday 10th February 2026: KS2 Parents' Evening (letter to follow in coming weeks)

Wednesday 11th February 2026: EYFS & KS1 Parents' Evening (letter to follow in coming weeks)

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

Wednesday 25th February 2026: Class 4J Swimming lessons start at Broadway Baths

Tuesday 3rd March 2026: Eco Team Visit to Green Summit at Co-op Live

DATES TO REMEMBER

I hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend.

Take care and God bless!

Mr Sutton

Headteacher



God loves us,

God loves you all, and evil will not prevail!

We are all in the hands of God.

Pope Leo XIV