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Friday 30th January 2026

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Gospel Reflection



Fisher of Men

Matthew 4:12-23 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying,

"Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

In Sunday's Gospel Matthew tells us the story of Jesus beginning His ministry. The word 'repent' can seem harsh and strict, but we have reflected that what it really means is to 'turn around, change direction, come home to God'. Jesus does not begin His ministry and works with condemnation – He begins with an invitation. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus calls His first disciples. They are fishermen – ordinary, hard-working people. Jesus does not choose based on skill, qualification or merit. He simply says to them, "Follow me." And they do. Not because they understand everything, but because something in His voice tells them this is the way.

Jesus is still calling us today – like with the first disciples, not just the wise or holy, but all of us. Matthew reminds us that Jesus brings light to those who sit in darkness. We can all know darkness in our lives and times of trouble, anxiety, grief and loneliness. Jesus enters into the darkness and brings hope. He comes to shine a light, not just for the world, but for each of us personally. His voice is near, we need to listen to Him and be attentive.

Inset Day Reminder

A reminder that Friday 6th February school will be closed to children for all staff to attend an Emmaus CAT INSET Day.



Class 5/6G Class Assembly

Class 5/6G will have their class assembly this Tuesday 3rd February at 9.00 a.m. in the school hall. We warmly welcome parents/carers to come along and look forward to seeing you there.



Parents' Evenings

A reminder Parents' Evenings are as follows:

Tuesday 10th February 2026: KS2 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 11th February 2026: EYFS & KS1 Parents' Evening

All appointments need to be booked via the School Spider app before Tuesday 3rd January.

If you need any help logging into the app please contact the school office.



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.



Nursery Places 2026 & Wrap Around Care

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. The flyer on the following page has all the information, including the expansion of our breakfast club and wrap-around care this year.



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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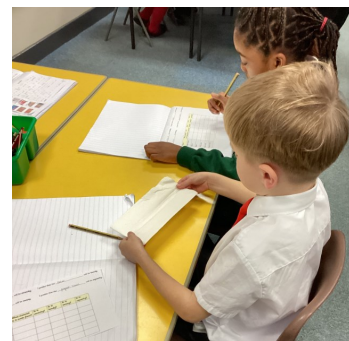
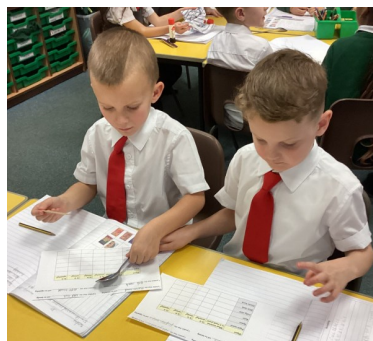
Reception have been using different objects to subitise and make different number bonds up to 10 ...



1/2S enjoyed their music lesson focusing on clapping and tapping the rhythm and beat to different songs ...



The children in 2M are investigating how they can apply a force to change the shape of an object ...



3/4D explored printing and created their own prints using different types of lines ...





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!



Congratulations to our "Rollama" SPAG winners this week! Keep up the excellent work!





5/6G are this week's class attendance winners with a fantastic 99% attendance!

Nur W	Nur/RecW	RecW	1H	1/2S	2M
97%	94.8%	98.6%	97.9%	96.1%	98.6%
3W	3/4D	4J	5C	5/6G	6W
96.8%	98.6%	96.4%	96.2%	99%	97.1%

Dates to remember

Tuesday 3rd February 2026: 5/6G Class Assembly at 9.00 a.m. in the school hall

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

Wednesday 11th February 2026: EYFS & KS1 Parents' Evening

Friday 13th February 2026: School closes for half term

Monday 23rd February 2026: School re-opens

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

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REMEMBER**

I hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend.

Take care and God bless!

Mr Sutton

Headteacher

"Come follow me," Jesus said "and I will make you fishers of men."

