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Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Gospel Reflection



Salt of the Earth and Light of the World

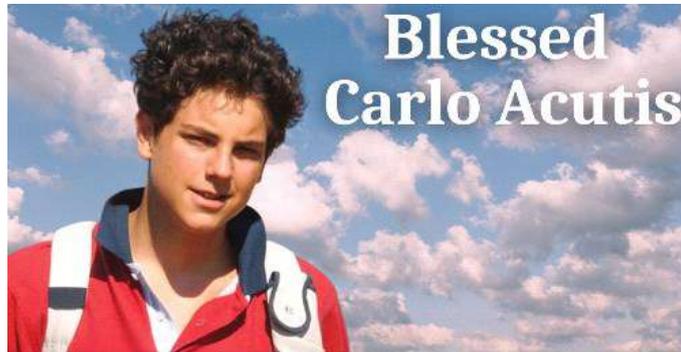
Matthew 5:13-16 "You are the salt of the earth."

In Sunday's Gospel Jesus tells His followers that they are the "salt of the earth" and "the light of the world." In school we have reflected on the fact that salt was valuable and precious during Jesus' time, being used not just for flavour but for preserving food and payment for work. When Jesus calls His followers salt of the earth, He means that they are meant to bring goodness and 'flavour' to the world, to preserve what is right and add something special to the world.

Jesus calls us light. Light helps people to see clearly and to drive away the darkness. We are called to shine God's love and truth into the world through our words and actions. Jesus encourages us to let our good deeds shine so that others can see them and praise God.

St Carlo Acutis

A few weeks ago the school GIFT Team had the privilege of visiting St Patrick's RC Church, Collyhurst to venerate the relics of St Carlo Acutis. St Carlo Acutis being a recently canonised Saint by Pope Leo XIV. Our pupils took part in a celebration of the word and a reflection on the extraordinary life of St Carlo Acutis. They also had the opportunity to venerate relics of St Carlo that had been brought to the service. We can all be inspired by the example of service and devotion to God that St Carlo showed during his life.



February Half-Term Break

A reminder that we break up for February half-term today, Friday 13th February, and will welcome all children back to school on Monday 23rd February at the normal time of 8:45am.



Parents' Evenings and Survey

A special word of thanks for your support of and attendance at our Parents' Evenings earlier this week. I hope it was an opportunity to see some of the lovely work pupils are producing across the school. After the holidays we will be sharing a short survey, that we kindly ask you complete. This will provide us with feedback and ways in which we can further support your child and you.

*Thank
you*

Emmaus CAT INSET Day

Last Friday staff from St Margaret Mary's collaborated with staff from schools across the Emmaus CAT. This will now be an annual day used to work together and coordinated by the trust. We have recently been provided with an amendment to next year's INSET day. This will be held on Friday 12th February 2027. We will amend the Holiday Calendar accordingly.



After School Clubs

After School Clubs will begin the first week back from Monday 23rd February until Thursday 26th March. Please note that clubs will not be held in the final three days of half-term before the Easter break.

We still have places available for the After School Clubs. Places are allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis and can be booked via School Gateway.



Year 6 SATS & Residential Meeting

On Thursday 26th February we will be hosting a meeting for Y6 Parents at 2:45pm. This will be to discuss preparations for the Y6 SATs [Statutory Assessments] which take place in May and the Y6 Residential to the Lake District in June. We do encourage all parents, wherever possible, to attend this meeting to find out about the key information that will be shared.



4J Class Swimming Lessons

A reminder that Class 4J's swimming 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 Visit to Z-Arts

As part of our Traditional Tales topic we are excited to have booked a trip for all of our Reception children to Z-Arts in Hulme, Manchester. The children will be exploring the 'Adventures in Wonderland' exhibition and will participate in a creative workshop. The trip will take place on Tuesday 3rd March and we ask that all children bring a packed lunch to school on the day.

The cost of the trip will be £20.50 including admission and transport. Payment will need to be made via the School Gateway app before Tuesday 24th February.

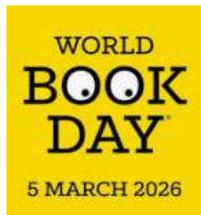
We may be looking for parent helpers so if you are available to support our trip please speak to a member of staff in Reception.



World Book Day

World Book Day this year will take place on Thursday 5th March.

After meeting as a Reading Council, children have expressed excitement about coming to school dressed as their favourite book character. Alternatively, children are welcome to dress in their uniform as normal, and bring their favourite book into school.



Nursery Places 2026 and 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. We have attached a flyer with additional 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 Summer 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:

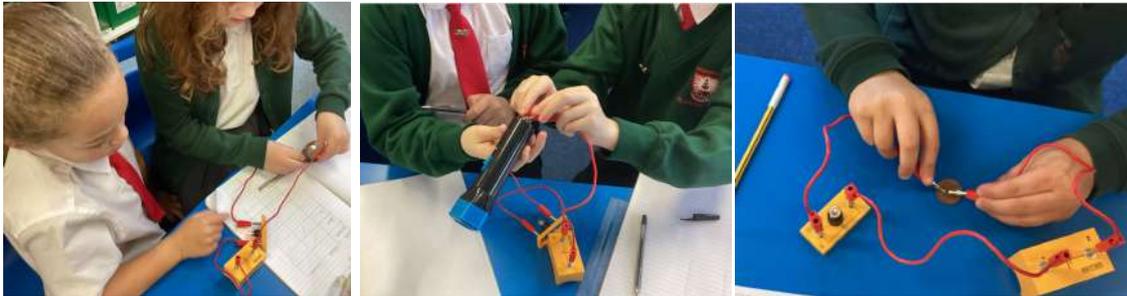
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The children in EYFS have absolutely loved playing in our rice rainbow for Children's Mental Health Week ...



3/4D explored different objects to find out which objects are conductors and can be used to complete a circuit ...



Science Club enjoyed exploring fingerprints and how they are unique. The children linked this learning to Forensic Science ...



Thank you to all our parents and carers who came to watch Class 5/6G perform their assembly ...





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!



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

6W are this week's class attendance winners with a fantastic 99.3% attendance!

Nur W	Nur/RecW	RecW	1H	1/2S	2M
95.7%	94.8%	97.6%	95.4%	98.9%	92.1%
3W	3/4D	4J	5C	5/6G	6W
97.9%	95%	97.1%	98.6%	93.3%	99.3%

Dates to remember

Friday 13th February 2026: School closes for half term

Monday 23rd February 2026: School re-opens

Tuesday 24th February 2026: Small number of Y6 children to Coroner's Court

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

Thursday 26th February 2026: Y6 SATS & Residential Parent Meeting at 2.50 p.m.

Thursday 26th February 2026: Eco Shop open from 3.00 p.m.

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

Tuesday 3rd March 2026: Reception visit to Z-Arts Centre (a.m.)

Wednesday 4th March 2026: Girls' Football at Co-op Academy North (after school)

Thursday 5th March 2026: World Book Day

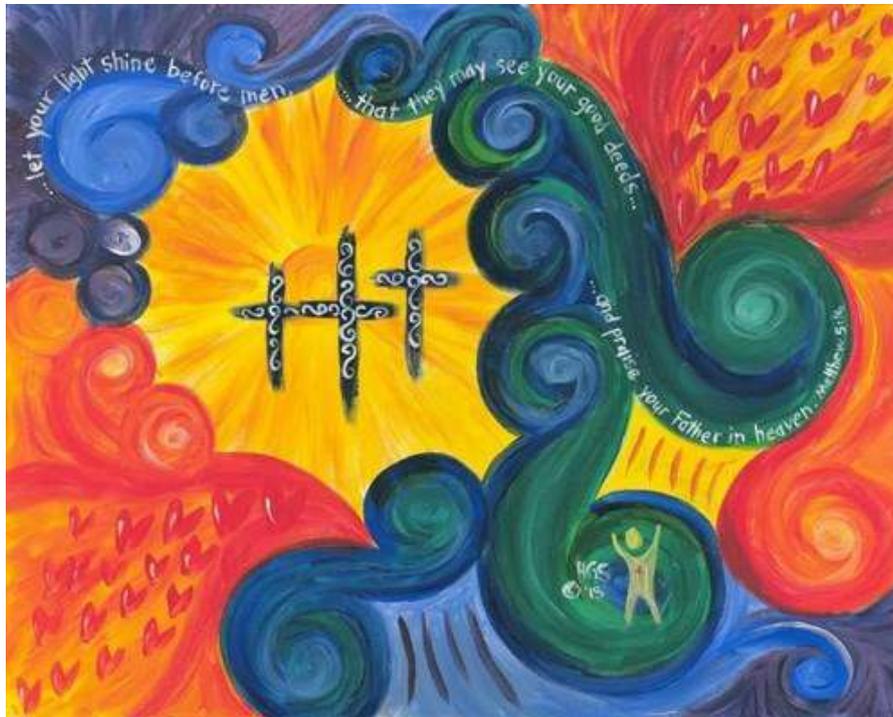
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I hope you all have a lovely, restful half-term.

Take care and God bless!

Mr Sutton

Headteacher



"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden."