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**Friday 27th February 2026**

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

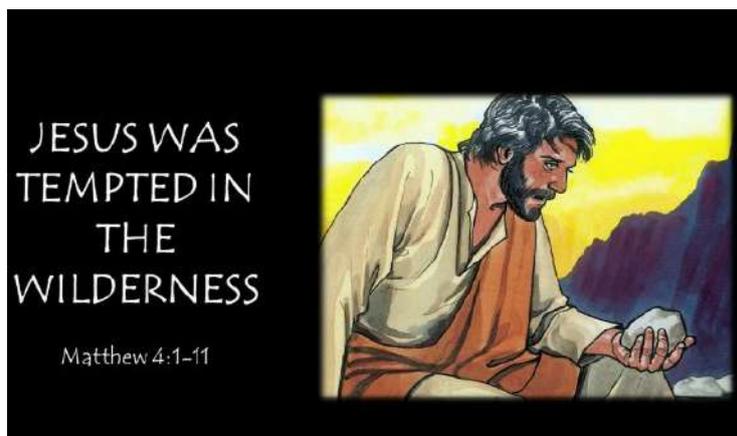
### Gospel Reflection

This week we have reflected upon Jesus' journey into the wilderness and His temptation by the devil. It is a powerful example of faith and trust in God. He is led by the Spirit into a lonely place where He faces temptations that challenges His mission and His identity as the Son of God.

We reflect that each temptation Jesus faces is a choice: to rely on Himself or to trust in God. We too all face temptations – moments when it is easier to give in to quick fixes, shortcuts or selfish desires. Jesus' example from Sunday's Gospel, teaches us that faith and obedience to God will give us the strength to resist. When life feels difficult and temptation is close we can turn to God's word and the Spirit for guidance and strength, just as Jesus did. We are not alone.

*Jesus is tested in the Wilderness*

*Matthew 4:1-11 "You are the salt of the earth."*



## 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.

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## 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. A flyer with additional information, including the expansion of our breakfast club and wrap-around care this year is on the previous page.



## Year 6 SATS & Residential Meeting

Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to attend the meeting after school yesterday. For those parents who were unable to make it, further information will be shared via email early next week.

Thank you for your support.



## Year 6 SATs Booster Lessons

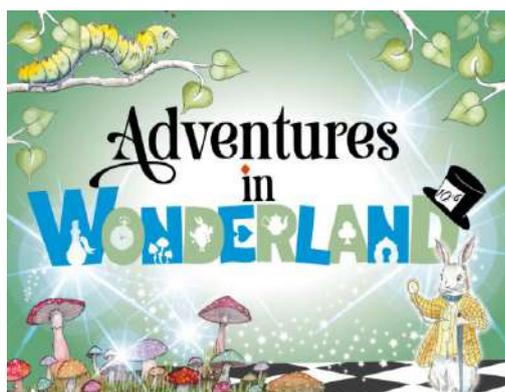
Year 6 SATs Booster lessons will start from next Thursday 5th March from 3.15 - 4.00 p.m. They will then take place every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday until the SATS examinations in May. We will email a letter home on Monday with further information regarding the booster lessons.



## Reminder: Reception Visit to Z-Arts

Our Reception children will be visiting Z-Arts in Hulme, Manchester, as part of our Traditional Tales topic. 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.

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.



## Year 6 Visit to Manchester Coroners Court

On Tuesday of this week a small number of our Year 6 children had the privilege of participating in a “mock trial” about cyber bullying at Manchester Coroners Court. This was part of a competition between children from other schools. The children played the roles of a magistrate, a court usher, the defendants and both the defence and prosecution lawyers.

The children performed incredibly well against another school in the Salford and Manchester heat. They were confident, articulate and we are extremely proud of them all.

The final 4 schools will go through to the final of the competition.



## “Family Friend” Booklet

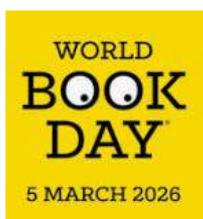
Your child will be sent home with a “Family Friend” booklet tonight. This is an extremely useful document containing important information.



## World Book Day

A reminder that 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.



## Adult Supervision Before & After School Times

A polite reminder to ensure that all children are fully supervised by an adult both whilst waiting to come into school before the start of the school day and when leaving the school site at the end of the day. Please also make sure your child/children do not use the outdoor play equipment at these times. The outdoor equipment is for use through the school day only. Thank you for your support with this.



## Amended Calendar Date 2026 - 2027

We have emailed out the amended Holiday Calendar for 2026—2027 earlier this week as our Emmaus CAT Inset Day will now take place on Friday 12th February 2027. There is also a copy of the term dates available to view on our school website.



# Look at our great work!

wonderful writing

Earlier this week it felt like spring had sprung in EYFS and so we used our choosing time to make dens, play games and look at some of the flowers that had bloomed in our playground ...



The children in 2M were identifying and classifying animals as part of their science topic. They were grouping animals according to their characteristics by discussing which features they have in common ...



3/4D have been playing TTRS to help them with their speed and accuracy ...





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



Well done to all of our pupils who demonstrated our school virtues – "faith-filled and hopeful" this week ...





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



**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

1H are this week's class attendance winners with a fantastic 99.3% attendance!

<b>Nur W</b>	<b>Nur/RecW</b>	<b>RecW</b>	<b>1H</b>	<b>1/2S</b>	<b>2M</b>
98.7%	98%	98.6%	99.3%	92.9%	98.6%
<b>3W</b>	<b>3/4D</b>	<b>4J</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>5/6G</b>	<b>6W</b>
98.2%	97.1%	97.1%	94.8%	97.3%	95.7%

**Dates to remember**

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

Wednesday 11th March 2026: Reading Council to Manchester Central Library

Wednesday 11th March 2026: Boys' Football at St Matthew's RC High School (after school)

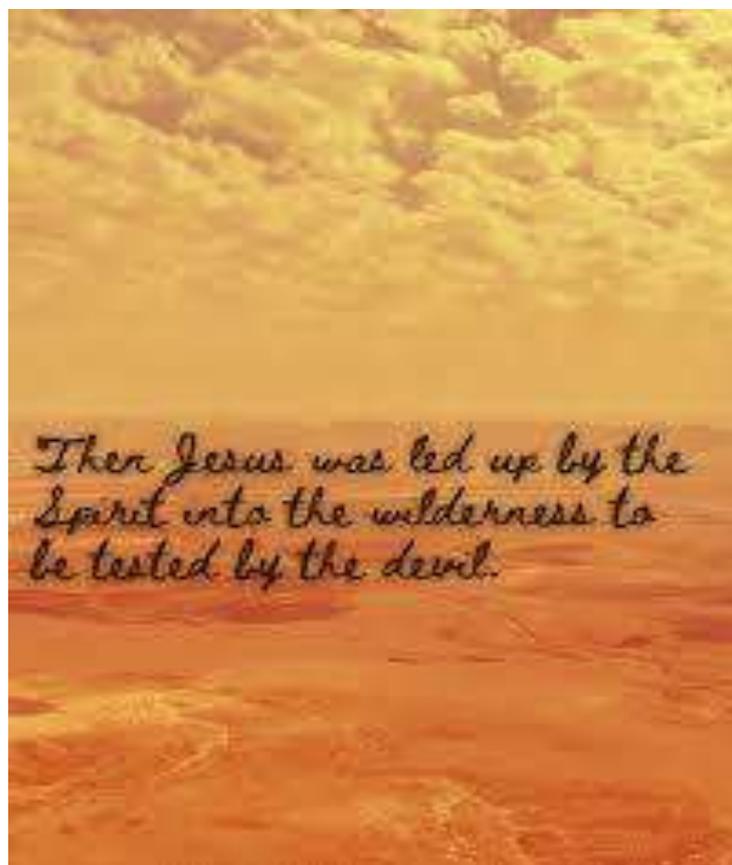
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I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Take care and God bless!

Mr Sutton

Headteacher



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