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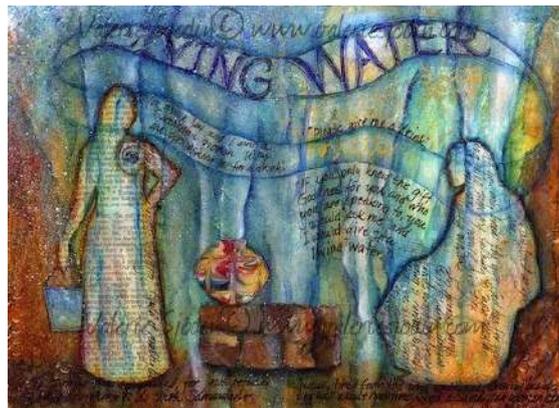
Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Gospel Reflection

Our assembly this week has focused upon the story of Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well. Thirsty and in need of a drink Jesus went out of His way to speak to her. This was an unusual thing to do as Jews and Samaritans were enemies. Jesus was intentional in His actions towards the woman, showing that no one is excluded from God's love and compassion.

We have reflected today on groups of people who like the Samaritan woman, might be overlooked, ignored and unnoticed. The poor, homeless, refugees and elderly. How can we follow Jesus' example by reaching out to them and showing love, compassion and inclusion.

Jesus did not choose to ignore or judge the Samaritan woman at the well. He did not judge her. Today, in school, we have committed to following Jesus' example to reach out to others and to share God's love for all.



The Woman at the Well - John 4: 5-15

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. Please see the flyer below 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:

contact@st-margaretmarys.manchester.sch.uk

Lenten Collection - St Joseph's Penny

Thank-you for your support with our Lenten Collection for St Joseph's Penny today, your generosity is much appreciated. We will be hosting one more own clothes day during Lent next Friday. We ask that if you are able to, the donation of an Easter Egg is brought to school. This will go towards our Easter Egg Tombola that will be held during the final week of term. Thank you again for your support.

We have raised £333.88!



Return of Reading Books for Reception Children

Unfortunately we will be unable to send Reception children home with a new book this evening due to a large number of reading books not being returned to school.

Book bags and books should be brought to school every day, however this is extremely important on a Friday when books are changed for the week.

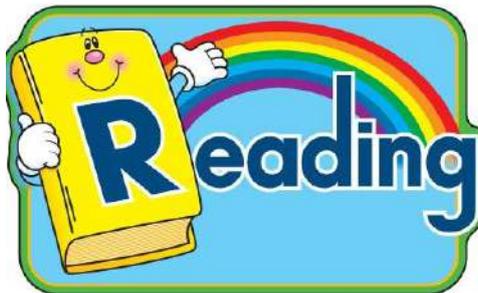
We kindly ask that all reading books are returned to school by tomorrow so that books can be sent home with children tomorrow after school.

Please ensure that going forward reading books are brought to school every day and particularly on a Friday so that books can be changed.

Where books are lost or damaged, please note we will ask for a £5 payment so that they can be replaced.

Kind regards,

EYFS Team.



Boys Football

A huge well done to our Year 5 boys, who showed fantastic effort and sportsmanship at their recent tournament. The team played exceptionally well together and should be incredibly proud of their hard work, which earned them a brilliant win in one of their matches.



Easter Egg Donations & Tombola

Easter is nearly upon us and we are kindly asking for your generosity in donating Easter eggs to school for our Easter Egg Tombola, which will take place on Monday 30th March after school.

We ask for easter eggs to be brought to the school office by Monday 23rd March.

Thank you for your support with this.



Own Clothes Day Friday 20th March

Next Friday 20th March will be an Own Clothes Day in exchange for an Easter Egg for our Easter Egg Tombola which will be held in the school hall on Monday 30th March.

All monies raised will be donated to St Joseph's Penny.

Thank you once again for your continued generosity.



Foundation Governor Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for Foundation Governor[s] at the school. If you would be interesting in supporting the school in this important role, please see the attached information sheet from the Diocese of Salford and/or alternatively arrange to speak to myself.



Reading Council Visit to Manchester Central Library

The reading council had a great time at the author event at Manchester Central Library as part of the "See Myself in Books" festival. They enjoyed learning about the diverse characters in Lisette Auton's books and hearing about her own experiences as an author.



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The children in 2M are so excited to read their new books provided by Read Manchester and Manchester Libraries as part of “The Great Science Share” ...



A huge thank you to Book Trust for the Nursery book packs to support families with reading and the sharing of stories. Each pack contains two books, activities and games to bring the books to life and to get children interested in reading ...





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.**

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

Nur W	Nur/RecW	RecW	1H	1/2S	2M
95.7%	94.4%	92.1%	97.5%	98.6%	96.4%
3W	3/4D	4J	5C	5/6G	6W
96.8%	97.9%	98.6%	97.6%	99%	92.1%

Dates to remember

Friday 20th March 2026: Own Clothes Day - Easter Egg Tombola for St Joseph's Penny

Monday 23rd March 2026: Deadline for Easter Egg donation

Thursday 26th March 2026: Vision & Hearing School Health Team to see Reception children

Monday 30th March 2026: Easter Egg Tombola (after school)

Wednesday 1st April 2026: School closes for Easter holidays (1.00 p.m.)?

Monday 13th April 2026: School re-opens after half-term

Wednesday 15th April 2026: "Wild Science" in school for EYFS & KS1

Monday 20th April 2026: Nursery Open Evening

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

I hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend.

Take care and God bless!

Mr Sutton

Headteacher



“Lord, help me to treat everyone as you would treat them. Fill me with your love.”

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