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Friday 20th March 2026

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Gospel Reflection

Our assembly this week has focused upon the wonderful story of a man born blind who is given sight by Jesus. The blind man trusts Jesus. He trusts Him enough to allow him to put mud into his eyes. Then he obeys Jesus' instructions to wash in the Pool of Siloam. The man is healed. He moves from not knowing Jesus to seeing him as Lord. His journey of faith goes from curing the blindness of his eyes to also being able to see in heart and spirit.

Lent is a time when we are invited to become aware of our own blind spots too. We ask the Lord to heal us too and give us sight beyond our eyes, having an awareness of the needs of others all round us.

Seeing With God's Eyes - John 9:1-41



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: Easter Egg Donations & Tombola

Thank-you once again for your generous support with our Lenten Collection for St Joseph's Penny today. Your donation of an Easter Egg will go towards our Easter Egg Tombola that will be held on Monday 30th March at 3:15pm during the final week of term. Thank you again for your support, it is very much appreciated.



Bicycles and Scooters

After a few near accidents a reminder to please make sure that our children do not cycle and 'scoot' on the playground at the start and end of the day. This is for obvious safety reasons. Please make sure that any bikes or scooters are walked through the gate. There is storage for bikes and scooters at the front of the building or alternatively you can take these home. Please support us in keeping everyone safe.

Stay Safe!

Eco-Refill Shop

On Monday 30th March pupils from our Eco-Team will be running our next Refill Shop. Please support this really important pupil-led project and come along to buy cleaning and hygiene products that are eco-friendly, reusable and affordable. Thank-you.



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.

**GOVERNOR
VACANCY**

St Patrick's Day

The children enjoyed home-made biscuits from Mrs Tukiendorf, our school cook, on Tuesday in celebration of St Patrick's Day.

The biscuits were delicious and went down a treat ... thank you Mrs Tukiendorf.



School Closes for Easter Wednesday 1st April at 1.00 p.m.

School will close for the Easter holidays on Wednesday 1st April at 1.00 p.m.

School will re-open as normal on Monday 13th April.



Monday 20th April 2026: Nursery Open Evening

On Monday 20th April we welcome parents/carers and their children starting in our Nursery this September, to come for a look around our EYFS unit. EYFS staff will be available to speak to for any parents/carers who may wish to speak with them.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child as they start their school journey at St Margaret Mary's.



Year 5 Bikeability

A number of Year 5 children will participate in "Bikeability" sessions during the week of 20th April. If your child is to take part you will be notified of this.



Look at our great work!

wonderful writing

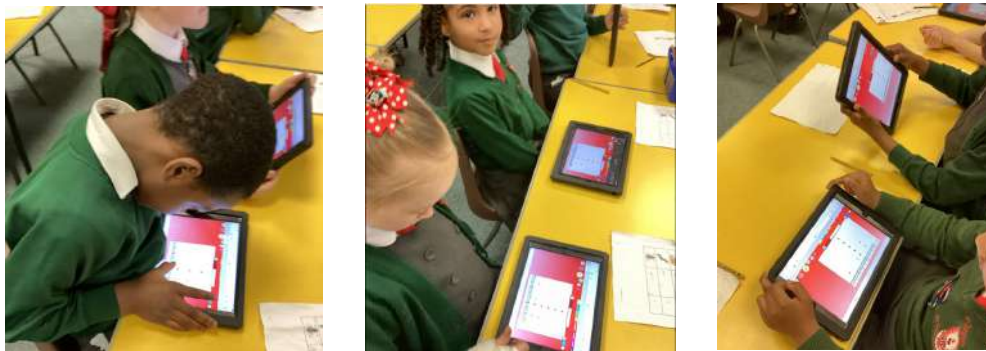
Nursery have enjoyed re-enacting scenes from the fairy tale "Jack and the Beanstalk" ...



1/2S were practising their catching and throwing skills during PE ...



The children in 2M have been using the j2e data program to create pictograms. First they went on a mini beast hunt to collect data ...



3/4D programmed a micro-bit and created their own code. The children will use these to create their own smart wearable ...





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.**

3W are this week's class attendance winners with a fantastic 98.6% attendance!

Nur W	Nur/RecW	RecW	1H	1/2S	2M
88.5%	98.4%	97.2%	96.8%	94.6%	98.2%
3W	3/4D	4J	5C	5/6G	6W
98.6%	92.9%	95.7%	93.1%	94%	96.1%

Dates to remember

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)

Monday 30th March 2026: Eco-Refill Shop (after school)

Wednesday 1st April 2026: School closes for Easter holidays at 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

Monday 20th April 2026: Year 5 Bikeability sessions

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

I hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend.

Take care and God bless!

Mr Sutton

Headteacher



“Lord, we thank you for the gift of faith. Help us to see as you see.”

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