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Mr M Sutton, Headteacher

Wednesday 1st April 2026

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

I write to you for the final time this term as we journey through this special Holy Week towards Easter.

Holy Week and Lenten Worship

As a school we have come together this week, to focus and reflect upon the important events of Holy Week and the significance of these. Holy Week is a very sacred week. Not only do we remember the events of Jesus' final week on earth and His journey to the cross, but through Faith, we participate and share in them.

Last week pupils from Nursery to Year Six were given a station of the cross as a focus for them to reflect upon. Readings and reflection led to children preparing prayers and art-work to display on their classroom doors. On Monday all children walked the Way of the Cross, stopping at each door and listening to and retelling the events, praying and reflecting upon Jesus' journey. Our journey through the Stations of the Cross and reflections upon these events, provide a focal point for how we can take Jesus' pain and sacrifice to shape our lives and how we treat each other.

This morning we have held a whole school liturgy, as through Gospel Readings, reflection and hymns we remembered Jesus' joyous entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, hailed as the Messiah and the King who would liberate Israel. We reflected on the Last Supper, the sharing of bread and wine with His closest friends and of Jesus the Servant King, washing the feet of His disciples as an example to them and to us. His arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane and the denial of Jesus by Peter, leading to His death on the cross on Good Friday.

As a school, we especially reflect upon the events this week. How can we follow Jesus in the service of others? How can we be messengers of peace, forgiveness and hope to all we meet in our lives and world as we approach this Easter season.

Our Journey through Holy Week

"The Word of God invites us to connect our ears to hearts, and our hearts to our hands, in order to do good deeds."

Pope Francis



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.

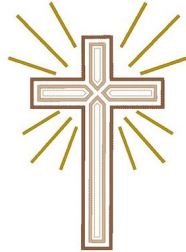
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Deacon Steven

We would like to share with our school community the arrangements for the funeral of Deacon Steven who sadly passed away last week. His funeral will be held at St Margaret Mary's RC Church on Tuesday 14th April at 12.30 p.m. The service will be conducted by Bishop David Waller.

Deacon Steven will be received into church at 4.00 p.m. on Monday 13th April. We ask for parents/carers to be mindful that we expect an increase in traffic on the school road at the end of the school day, and so if at all possible we ask that cars are parked elsewhere and to walk down the school road to avoid further congestion.



Rest In Peace

Y6 Booster and After School Clubs

A reminder that all Y6 Booster clubs and after school clubs will run as normal the first week back after the holidays.

St Joseph's Penny and Easter Egg Tombola Collection

I would like to say a special thank-you to all of our children and families for your kind and generous donations towards St Joseph's Penny during this Lenten season, particularly your support of our Easter Egg Tombola earlier this week.

We will share the final amount with you after the holidays, but once again thank-you for your generous support with our collections. It continues to remind us all of the importance of thinking about the needs of others.



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.

Nursery

**OPEN
EVENING**

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.



Foundation Governor Vacancies

A reminder that 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**

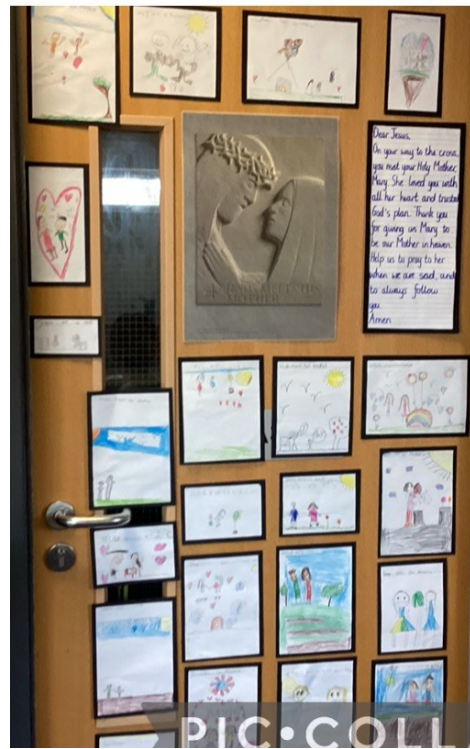
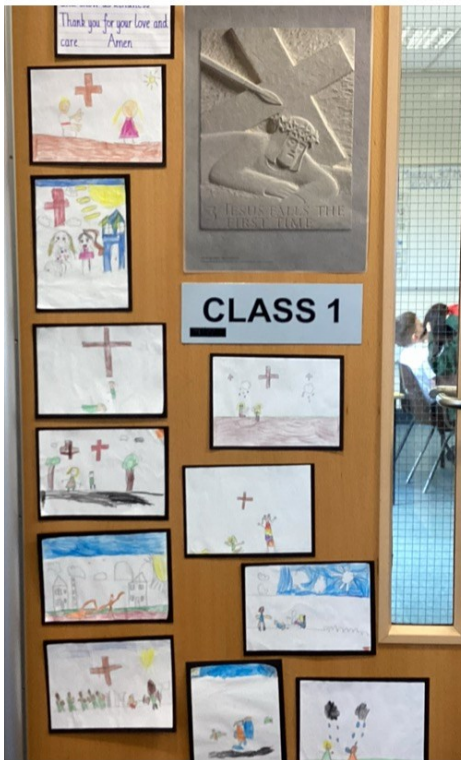
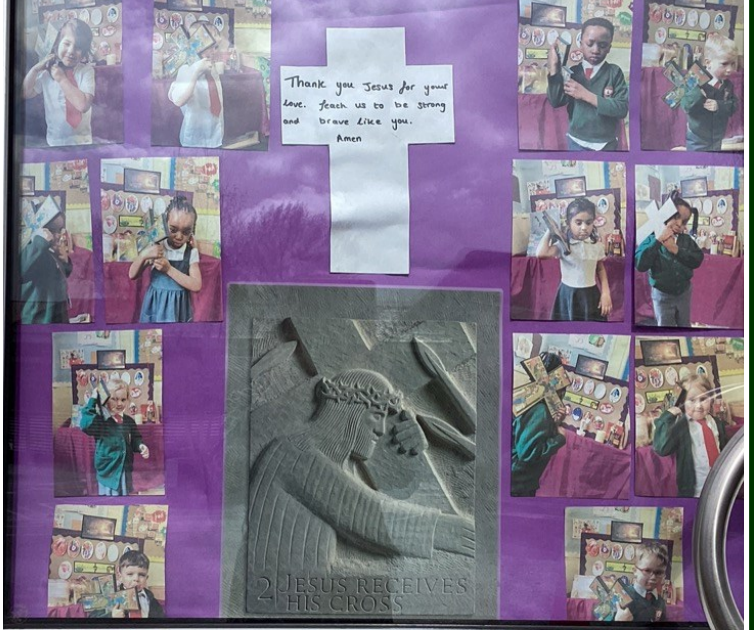
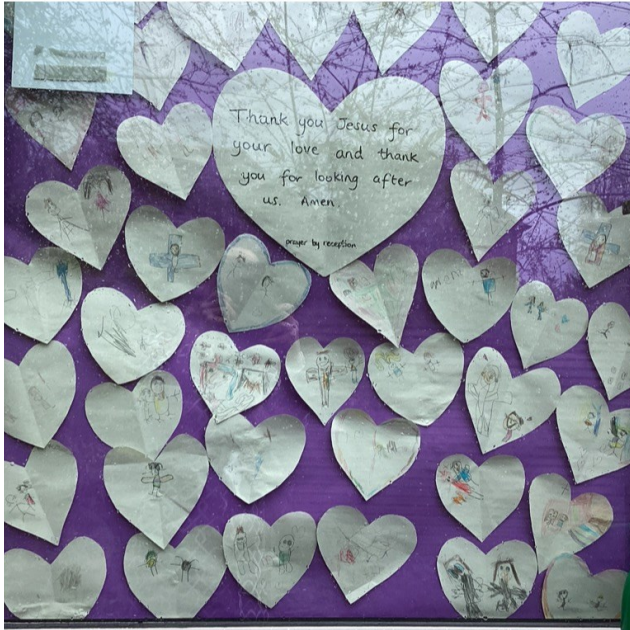
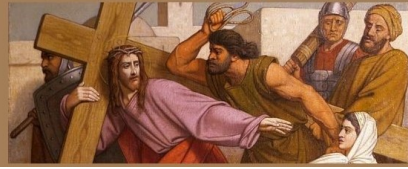
School Closes for Easter Wednesday 1st April at 1.00 p.m.

School closes today at 1:00pm. A reminder that we return to school on Monday 13th April after the Easter break at the normal time.

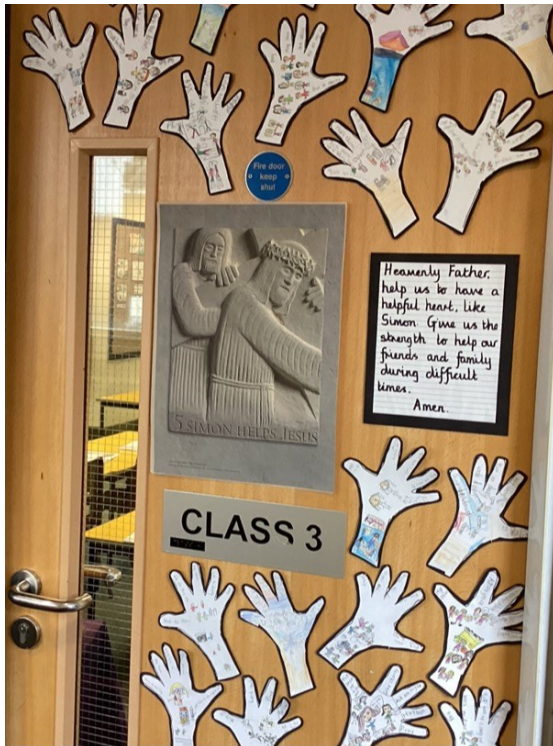
We have provided the gift of a chocolate egg to all of our children across the school today as they break for their Easter holiday. I hope everyone enjoys this.



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Dates to remember

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

Monday 11th May 2026: KS2 SATs week

Monday 18th May 2026: Year 6 Residential week

Friday 22nd May 2026: School closes for half-term at the normal school finish time of 3.15 p.m.

Monday 8th June 2026: School re-opens after half-term

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank-you again, for your continued support during this spring term.

Finally, I would like to wish our children, you and all of your families a very restful, happy and a holy Easter break.

Take care and God Bless!

Mr Sutton



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