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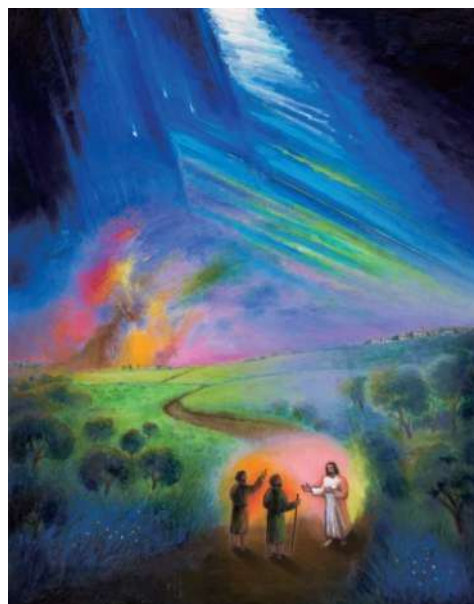
Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

### **Gospel Reflection: The Road to Emmaus**

This week we have once again reflected upon the joys of Easter as we celebrate the Risen Lord. We have listened to and reflected upon the Emmaus Story, a wonderful account of Jesus appearing to two of the disciples. As they walked to Emmaus, He listened to His disciples carefully and experienced their grief and sadness. Jesus whom they regarded as a prophet of God had left them, had let them down and they felt isolated and alone following His crucifixion.

Hearing his words as they walk, something in the pair begins to change. They can now see more clearly what Jesus was saying to them. Everything was falling into place. After reaching Emmaus they persuade the stranger to share a meal with them. The stranger does something they had seen Jesus do in the past. He takes the bread, prays over it, blesses it and gives it to them. Now they see. The stranger, their companion on the road, has now disappeared mysteriously. Filled with excitement and joy and a new way of seeing they rush back to Jerusalem to the other disciples, to share their belief in the Risen Jesus.

The Emmaus story is a story of hope, joy and of reassurance. It reminds us of the joys of Easter. That we are able to meet the Risen Lord in many different ways - in scripture and the Word of God, in the Eucharist, in the offer of kindness and hospitality to strangers, and in many other ways. All we need are eyes to see this.



## 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](mailto:contact@st-margaretmarys.manchester.sch.uk)

### **School Communication via the School Gateway app**

School Gateway, our school app, is the main method of communication we use for parents/carers. It is extremely important that parents/carers download the app onto their mobile telephones as we no longer be sending text messages, which incur a charge to school, going forward. This means you will not receive school messages if you do not have the app downloaded.

If you log into your phone and download the app, which is the image below, we would be most grateful.

Should you need any help with this please do not hesitate to call into the school office.

Schoolgateway



### **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**



Reception have been practising controlling skills using balloons in PE ...



The children in Forest School have been making bird feeders using pipe cleaners and Cheerios ...

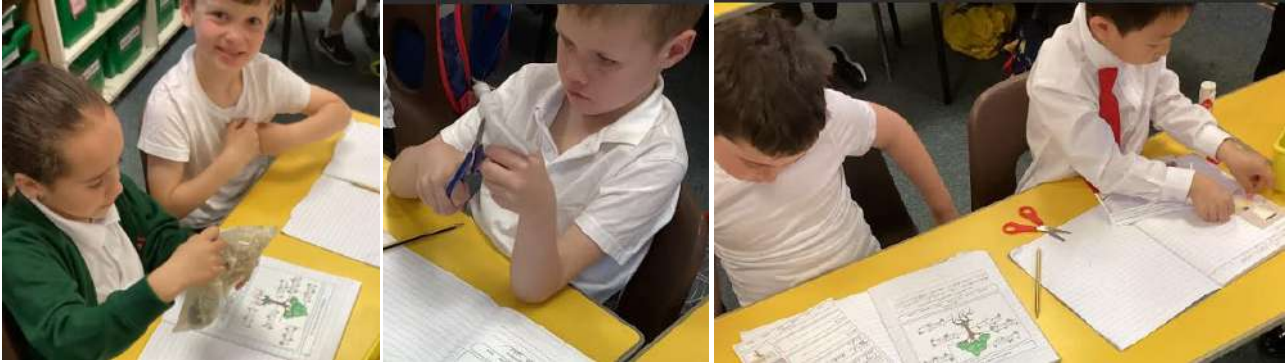


Our Year 5 children enjoyed participating in their Bikeability sessions this week ...





1/2S have been exploring plants in Science and the process of planting seeds and bulbs ...



The children in 2M were showing some great skills during their PE lesson ...



Look at our great work!  
wonderful writing

Our children enjoyed Mrs Tukiendorf's home-made biscuits on Thursday in celebration of St George's Day ...



23 April  
Happy St. George's Day



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



Well done to all of our pupils who demonstrated our school virtues – "eloquent and truthful" this week ...





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





Nur/RecW are this week's class attendance winners with a fantastic 99.6% attendance, closely followed by Rec W with an equally fantastic 99.3%!

<b>Nur W</b>	<b>Nur/RecW</b>	<b>RecW</b>	<b>1H</b>	<b>1/2S</b>	<b>2M</b>
94.8%	99.6%	99.3%	89.6%	96.4%	95.7%
<b>3W</b>	<b>3/4D</b>	<b>4J</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>5/6G</b>	<b>6W</b>
96.9%	98.2%	98.9%	95.9%	97.3%	96.8%

### Dates to remember

Monday 4th May 2026: School closed for May Bank Holiday

Wednesday 6th May 2026: Y4 of Class 3/4D begin swimming lessons at Broadway Baths

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

Tuesday 16th June 2026: "Great Science Share" at University of Manchester

Wednesday 17th June 2026: Boys' football after school at St Matthew's RC High School

Tuesday 23rd June 2026: Year 5 Taster Morning at St Matthew's RC High School

Tuesday 7th July 2026: Year 3 & 4 trip to "Eureka!"

Thursday 16th July 2026: Year 1 & 2 trip to Blackpool Zoo

Tuesday 21st July 2026: School closes for pupils for summer holidays

Wednesday 22nd July 2026: STAFF INSET Day

**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**

I hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend.

Take care and God bless!

Mr Sutton

Headteacher

### Our Journey through Easter

"Stay with us, Lord Jesus. Be our companion on our journey through life".

