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**Mr M Sutton, Headteacher**

**Friday 1st May 2026**

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

### **Gospel Reflection**

In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus makes clear his wish for us: he wants everyone to have life and have it to the full. In assembly and classes this week we have reflected upon that. Jesus wants everyone to enjoy the fullness of life, to experience life in all its beauty and to fulfil our potential. This is something that we can all relate to and understand. We all want to be happy, fulfilled and to have positive experiences. Yet despite all of this we can still often be dissatisfied and wanting more.

Our faith and last Sunday's Gospel reminds us that in knowing and believing in Jesus we will find true meaning, peace and contentment. We can all be guilty of searching for this but not looking in the right place. Jesus tells us: he alone is the answer to what we are looking for. He is our good shepherd.

We are asked to follow him, listen to his voice, and in doing so, we will have the fullness of life.



**Jesus The Good Shepherd**

**"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." John 10:1-10**

## 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)

### Year 4 Swimming Lessons

Year 4 children from Miss Dobie's 3/4D class will begin their swimming lessons at Broadway Baths this Wednesday 6th May.

Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit to school each Wednesday until further notice.

Thank you for your support with this.

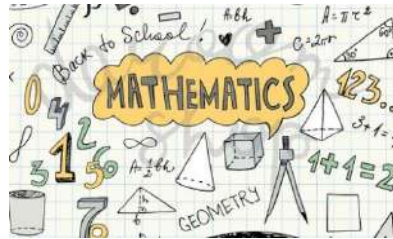


### Year 5 Mathematics Competition

A small number of our talented Year 5 mathematicians have been selected to represent St Margaret Mary's at a Year 5 Mathematics Competition to be held at St Matthew's RC High School on Wednesday 20th May.

If your child has been selected you will have received a letter via email.

We wish our children the very best of luck!



### 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

# Look at our great work!

wonderful writing

The children in Nursery have been looking at how our caterpillars have grown and the lifecycle of a caterpillar ...



The children at Forest School completed tree bark/leaf rubbing around the forest ...



2M have been busy planting seeds in Science ...



3/4D have worked really hard to develop their badminton skills over the past few weeks and were able to show their skills during team matches ...



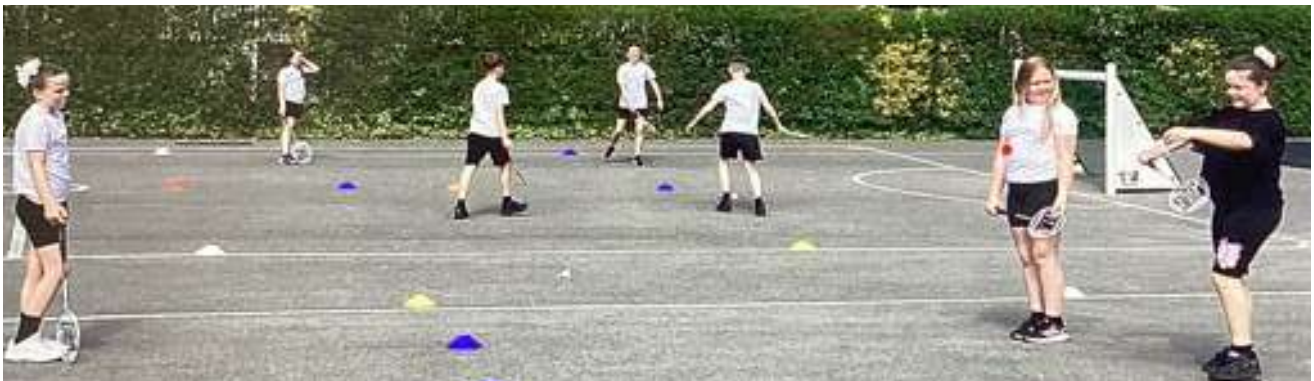
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1/2S began their PE topic of athletics and they enjoyed focusing on different aspects such as jumping, running and throwing ...



5/6G were perfecting their badminton skills ...





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!





2M this week's class attendance winners with a fantastic 100% attendance, closely followed by 5/6G with an equally fantastic 99%!

<b>Nur W</b> 96.3%	<b>Nur/RecW</b> 95.8%	<b>RecW</b> 96.2%	<b>1H</b> 97.1%	<b>1/2S</b> 98.2%	<b>2M</b> 100%
<b>3W</b> 98.3%	<b>3/4D</b> 96.1%	<b>4J</b> 93.9%	<b>5C</b> 95.5%	<b>5/6G</b> 99%	<b>6W</b> 97.9%

### 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

Wednesday 20th May 2026: Year 5 Mathematics Competition at St Matthew's RC High School

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

**To Have Life To the Full**



“The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.”