



St John Fisher Catholic Primary School
"With God's love, we are a family,
CARING, LEARNING and
GROWING together."

Newsletter 1st May 2026





Today, more than three million hungry children will eat Mary's Meals at school. Our work is named after Mary, Mother of God, who we honour in a special way during the month of May. Join us this month to pray for the children who eat Mary's Meals around the world.

Introduce Mary's Meals

Before praying together, you can take time to introduce the children to the work of Mary's Meals.

- Use our PowerPoint presentation and notes at assembly or in class to hear about the story of Mary's Meals - download them from [our resource page](#).
- Explore our website together to find out about the different countries [where we work](#).
- [Contact Mary's Meals](#) to book a volunteer speaker to visit your school.

Prayers for children



Families

Blessed Mary, both you and Joseph watched over and cared for Jesus as he grew up. We ask your prayers for all the families in the world living in conflict, especially those in Haiti – that the Lord would bless them and that they would live in unity, happiness and love. Amen.



End world hunger

Mother Mary, you said yes to becoming Jesus' mother, not knowing what was ahead. Let us pray that people around the world will say yes to the call of the Holy Spirit to work together to end world hunger. Amen.



Peace

Heavenly Father, I ask for peace in my heart. Please also bring peace to all those suffering during conflict and war, especially the children Mary's Meals feeds in Yemen, Haiti and South Sudan. Lord, grant us peace, teach us peace, and guide our steps in the way of peace. Amen.



Generosity

Loving Father, in this world of plenty help us to be generous with what we have and to share with those who lack even the most basic things. We ask you to bless every little act of love that will help Mary's Meals reach the next hungry child. Amen.



Hope

Father God, we know that school and food bring hope. Please bless the work of Mary's Meals as they aim to bring these gifts to even more children who are hungry and in need of hope. Amen.



First Communion

As we prepare to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, we pray that we would become more and more like Jesus in our love for others. Pour out your Holy Spirit, Lord, and inspire us to be generous to help other children if they are hungry or need help. Amen.

Activities for your class

1. Choose a country [where we work](#) and talk about the country with your class. Pray with the children a Hail Mary or decade of the Rosary for all of the children in the chosen country.
2. Invite your class to write out their own prayers for the children who eat Mary's Meals. They could use the themes for our prayers to help them or think about their own hopes for children around the world.
3. Talk about the month of May being a special time to pray to Our Lady. Encourage everyone to think about the children around the world who eat Mary's Meals when they say a Hail Mary at home, at church or in school. You could place a photo of some children enjoying Mary's Meals in your classroom prayer corner to help you remember.
4. Use our [prayer calendar](#) throughout the month to pray for, and learn about, children living all around the world.

To find out more about Mary's Meals, please visit marysmeals.org.uk

Prayer calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Thank you for joining us on this journey of prayer throughout May. Please visit our website to learn about other ways you can support Mary's Meals.					1 This week we pray for families.	2 Pray for those in families who continue to seek work to provide for the children in their care.
3 This week we pray for an end to world hunger.	4 Pray for a fairer distribution of the world's food. "They all ate and were satisfied." Mk 6:42	5 Pray for people and organisations working tirelessly towards ending world hunger.	6 Watch On the Frontlines of Hunger and pray for the people of Ethiopia.	7 Pray for those who are struggling to access food each day, especially families in Haiti facing the worst hunger crisis in the nation's history.	8 Could you give £3 to Mary's Meals to help feed a class of children for a day?	9 Pray that the work of Mary's Meals will continue to grow and reach the next hungry child.
10 This week we pray for peace.	11 Pray for communities torn apart by violence in places such as Haiti , Ethiopia , Syria , Lebanon and South Sudan .	12 Pray for leaders across the world to work towards lasting peace. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Mt 5:9	13 Share Mohamad's story . You can find this in our 'Stories from communities' resource.	14 Consider using The Shed that Fed 2 Million Children book to share the story of Mary's Meals with friends and family – request a copy through our website .	15 Pray for those who are rebuilding their communities and their lives after war and conflict.	16 Could you organise a time of prayer with others in your church, to pray for a peaceful future for children who eat Mary's Meals?
17 This week we pray for generosity.	18 Reflect on the story of the widow's mite – how does this help us understand generosity? "She gave all she had to live on" Luke 21:4	19 Pray the words of the Mary's Meals prayer , reflecting particularly on the line, "Teach us how to share what is not ours to keep."	20 Pray for volunteers across the world who share their time and skills to help feed many hungry children.	21 Pray for the mission of Mary's Meals, that people will continue to share their time, skills, money and prayer to help reach the next hungry child.	22 Pray for an outpouring of many more little acts of love in communities across the UK.	23 Consider becoming a Mary's Meals faith representative for your church and talk to other people in your community about doing the same.
24 This week we pray for hope.	25 Pray for hope for the people of Haiti , who are living through violence and chaos.	26 Pray for the 78 million children across the world who are unable to attend school. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. Jeremiah 29:11	27 Gather with friends or family to watch From Hunger To Hope , and pray together for a hope-filled future for all children who eat Mary's Meals.	28 Pray that every child has the opportunity to realise their hopes and dreams .	29 Pray for our partners in the countries where we serve Mary's Meals , who work tirelessly to bring hope to children every school day.	30 What does hope mean to you? Spend some time in prayer today asking God to guide you in ways you can bring hope to others.

Please visit our website to access [a variety of prayer resources](#), and to find out about [other ways to support Mary's Meals](#).

Attendance Matters – Every Day Counts!



Why Attendance Matters

- Good Attendance = Better Learning + Wellbeing + Safeguarding
- Every day in school matters, small amounts of absence add up.
- DfE expects schools to monitor attendance & support families early.

Parent Notifications via School Spider

Stay Informed at Key Attendance Levels

Below 96% (School Target)	93% & Below (Approaching Persistent Absence)	90% & Below (Persistent Absence)
Parents Notified	Initial Notification	Initial Notification
Attendance Monitored	Monitored Weekly + Fortnightly Updates	Monitored Daily + Weekly Updates

Working Together for Success

- Early Support to Overcome Barriers
- Helping Every Child Attend & Achieve



Check the School Spider App Regularly!

Need Support?

- Concerns about illness, transport, or other issues?

Contact the School – We're Here to Help!



Punctuality Reminder

We have noticed that a number of children have been arriving late to school recently, and this is a concern that has been getting worse. Being on time is essential for children's learning, wellbeing, and sense of routine. Arriving promptly helps pupils settle into the day calmly and ensures they do not miss important teaching time.

Our school start times are as follows:

- **8:40am** - Gates open
- **8:45am** - Bell rings and children line up
- 8:50am** - Children should be in class and registration is taken

Please note:

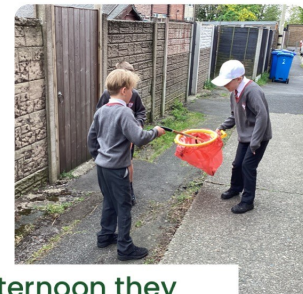
- Any pupil arriving after these times will be marked as **late**.

Pupils arriving after **9:05am** (when registration closes) will be marked as **late after registration**, which is recorded as an **unauthorised absence for the session**.

Thank you for your support in ensuring children arrive on time and ready to learn each day.

Year 3 & 4

This week Year 3 and 4 went out into our community to litter pick to help make the environment look tidier.



Year 3 had fun litter picking this afternoon they found lots of rubbish around our school





- Please book school lunches to avoid disappointment.
- Don't forget to book Breakfast and Extra Club in advance.
- Please update us of any changes of contact details.



<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>



The sun is finally shining.
Please remember to apply sun cream and send a hat into school.
Please also remember to check names in clothes.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Weather permitting, children can wear their summer uniforms after Easter.
Red and white checked summer dress for girls.
Plain white polo shirt (no tie) and grey shorts for boys.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS NEXT HALF TERM (Summer 1)

Monday— Year 3/4/5/6 —Reading Plus

Wednesday—Choir

Thursday— Year 5 & 6— LFC Girls Football (numbers limited please complete the survey on Spider)

Year 3 Rugby with Mr. Woodward

Friday— Year Reception and 1 — Dance with Lucy for those children who have signed up.

YEAR 3 WILL CONTINUE THEIR SWIMMING LESSONS ON THURSDAYS.

Dates for your



MAY

Monday 4th—May Bank Holiday

Saturday 9th—First Holy Communion Year 4

W/c 11th May—SATS

Thursday 21st—Sports Day

KS1 AM

KS2 PM

**SCHOOL CLOSSES NORMAL TIME ON FRIDAY 22ND MAY
AND REOPENS ON THURSDAY 4TH JUNE**

JUNE

W/C 8TH — Bikeability Year 6

Wednesday 17th—Picture Play photos Year 6

Monday 22nd—St John Fisher Feast Day

Tuesday 23rd—St John Fisher Feast Day Mass at Church

Thursday 25th—New reception Parents meeting

Thursday 25th—Liverpool Philharmonic Year 2

Thursday 25th—Liverpool Cathedral Year 4

Friday 26th—Rock Kidz

Monday 29th—Camping Year 4

JULY

Friday 3rd—Summer Fair

Wednesday 8th—Burwardsley Year 2

Thursday 9th—Year 6 Leavers Mass—Church 6pm

Congratulations to the following Children who have been awarded our Smile, Dojo and Superstar awards



Congratulations to the following Children won our Earth Day colouring competition.



Congratulations to Marley who has had his art work chosen to go on the cover of Paul Delaney's latest Poetry Buzz book.



Don't miss what's happening in school!

We regularly share photos of learning, celebrations and special moments from across the school on our Instagram page.

Follow us at @stjohnfisherwidnescps to see what the children have been up to and stay connected with school life.

8.40am Gates Open

KS1 use the Reception wooden gate and KS2 use the large green gate.

8.45am Bell rings and children line up.

8.50am School day starts, anyone in after this will get a late mark.

3.05pm GATES OPEN

3.15pm School day ends

ALLERGIES

Our kitchen is nut free—we would ask that you do not send products containing nuts in to school in lunch boxes or snacks. Thank you for the support with this as it will limit the risk for our children with nut allergies.
