



Autumn Week 5- 2/10/26

Message from the Headteacher

We have ended the week with a beautiful assembly dedicated to Mary and the Month of the Rosary. Thank you to the children and staff of Y3D, who led us so prayerfully into October with their thoughtful reflections and prayers.

As part of our celebrations, we are selling Rosary beads in school for £1, with all profits going to Mary's Meals. We hope many of our children will take this opportunity to deepen their devotion to Our Lady while supporting this wonderful charity.

This time of year also marks our Harvest Festival, when we are reminded to be thankful for the gifts we have received and to support those in need. We are once again supporting Caritas Salford and would be very grateful for any donations families can provide. Suggested items include:

- Breakfast cereals and porridge oats
- Long-life milk, coffee and sugar
- Tinned meat, vegetables, fruit and complete meals
- Rice, pasta and cook-in sauces
- Biscuits and cakes
- Toiletries, deodorants and hygiene products
- Washing powder and dishwasher tablets
- New underwear and socks

Every donation, no matter how small, will help support local individuals and families experiencing hardship. Thank you, as always, for your continued generosity and support. Together, we can live out our Gospel values by caring for those most in need within our community.

Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Seaborn.

Not able to donate a shopping voucher this time? Thank you for choosing from the following list to help restock our store cupboard.



We also need to make daily purchases of perishable items. To contribute towards this, please visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/donate/> and type 'Harvest' in the comments box.

We are unable to arrange pick-up, so politely request that any donations are dropped off at your nearest Caritas project:

Caritas Cornerstone Day Centre, 104b Denmark Road, Manchester M15 6JS Tel 0161 232 8888
Red Door, St. Joseph's Presbytery, Peter Street, Bury BL9 6AB Tel 0161 272 0771
Lalley Centre & Allotment, St Malachy's School basement, Eggington Street, Collyhurst, Manchester M40 7RG Tel 0161 205 2754



Have Your Say – The Big Future Survey

The Children's Commissioner for England, Rachel de Souza, is inviting children and young people across England to take part in The Big Future Survey. The survey gives children the opportunity to share what it is like to grow up in England today and to have their voices heard on the issues that matter most to them. The Children's Commissioner will use the responses to inform the Government and help shape decisions that affect young people.

The survey is confidential, voluntary, and designed for children and young people to complete honestly in their own words.

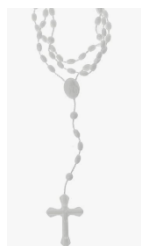
Take part here: The Big Future Survey <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/>

We encourage our pupils and families to share their views and help shape a better future for children and young people across England.

Climbing Frames

We have several climbing frames across the school site. For health and safety reasons, please do not allow your children to use the climbing frames at the end of the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Rosary Beads for Mary's Meals



Throughout October, the Month of the Holy Rosary, the children will be taking part in praying the Rosary during worship and daily prayer times.

We would also like to take this opportunity to raise money for the wonderful charity, Mary's Meals. From the beginning of October, we will be selling Rosary beads, with all profits going directly to support this fantastic cause.

The Rosary beads will be available to purchase for £1 each.

Thank you for your support and generosity. Together, we can help make a difference to the lives of children around the world while growing in our faith during this special month of October

Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day

On Friday 9th October, we will be marking World Mental Health Day with a Wear Yellow Day.

Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes, including something yellow, to help raise awareness of the importance of positive mental health and wellbeing. Throughout the day, we will be reminding children about the importance of kindness, talking about our feelings, and supporting one another.

There is no donation required to take part. We simply hope that everyone will join us in wearing yellow and helping to promote positive mental health across our school community.

We look forward to seeing a sea of yellow in school!

Phonics and Reading Workshop

We are delighted to invite our Reception parents to a Reading and Phonics Workshop. This session will explain how we teach reading and phonics at Mount Carmel and will provide practical advice on how you can support your child's learning at home.

The workshop will also be beneficial for families who are new to our school and for Year 1 and Year 2 parents whose children continue to take part in phonics learning.

The workshop will take place on **Thursday 8th October**. Mrs Flanagan will lead the session at 9.00am and will repeat the workshop at 3.00pm to provide flexibility for families.

We hope that as many parents as possible will be able to attend and look forward to working together to support our children's reading journey.



Attendance

We have noticed a high number of late arrivals in the Infant School each week.

Please remember that the Infant School Day starts at **8:50am**, which is 10 minutes earlier than the Junior School, where children do not start until 9:00am.

If you have children in both schools, it is usually best to drop off your Infant child first to ensure they arrive on time. Even being a few minutes late can mean children miss important instructions and a settled start to the day.

If your child attends school every day this half term (100% attendance), their name will be entered into a raffle to win a prize. The raffle draw will take place on Thursday 23rd October. Every day counts!

Infant Department- £30 Asda Voucher

Junior Department- - Adopt an animal through WWF

Nursery	94.1%	Year 3D	97.9%
Reception L	93.2%	Year 3L	97.7%
Reception C	93.4%	Year 4H	96.6%
Year 1B	99.3%	Year 4S	96.0%
Year 1LB	95.7%	Year 5R	96.0%
Year 2W	98.7%	Year 5C	94.0%
Year 2LG	99.1%	Year 6S	97.0%

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Dates for the Diary	
6/10/26	SEND drop in (Infants)
8/10/26	Phonics and Reading Workshop Infant Hall 9am and 3pm
9/10/26	World Mental Health Day- Children to wear yellow
22/10/26	Harvest Festival 1:30pm @ Church
22/10/26	School Closes for half term
3/11/26	Junior Parents Evening
4/11/26	Infants Parents Evening