



## ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

### **Feast of the Presentation of Mary**



Today, 21st November, St Mary's Primary celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Mary. A long time ago, Mary's parents brought her to the Temple and promised to dedicate her life to God.

This special day reminds us to be kind, helpful, and always do our best—just like Mary! Let's take a moment to think about how we can show care and kindness to our friends, teachers, and family today.

### **Year 6 Assessments – Thank you**

A huge thank you to our Year 6 students for working so hard and being sensible during assessment week. Your dedication and focus are helping you prepare brilliantly for your SATs in May. Keep up the great work—you're setting a fantastic example for the whole school!

### **Thank You for Your Generosity!**

A big thank you to the whole school community for bringing in donations for the Church Fayre's Christmas hampers. Your kindness and generosity will help make this festive season extra special for those in need. We really appreciate everyone's support—what a wonderful way to show the true spirit of Christmas!

### **Don't Forget Your Swimming Kit!**

A friendly reminder to all swimmers: please ensure you come prepared with the correct swimming kit for your sessions. This helps you get the most out of your time in the pool and keeps everyone safe and comfortable.

Essential items include:

Swimsuit – one-piece for women, trunks/swim shorts for boys

Goggles – to protect your eyes and improve visibility underwater

Swim cap – often required for hygiene and to keep hair out of your face

Towel – for drying off after your session

Double-check your kit before coming to school—being prepared means more time enjoying the water and less time worrying about what you've forgotten!



### **Attendance**

Please remember the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Our school doors open at 8:35am and close promptly at 8:55am. Arriving on time helps children start the day calmly and ensures they don't miss valuable learning. As an extra incentive, any child who is on time every day for the week will be entered into our Freddo Friday draw for a chance to win a chocolate treat! Thank you for your continued support.

## Important Dates

Raffle tickets for the Christmas hampers will go on sale in school from Monday 24th November, priced at £1 per strip.

We would also love to see you at the **Parish Christmas Fair on Saturday 29th November**, 10:00am–1:00pm, at The Ashcroft, Whitworth. There will be lots of Christmas stalls, Santa's Grotto, and the raffle draw.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – KS1 Farm Trip

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 Panto (in school)

Look out for the Christmas dates!

## Star Awards

EYFS – Finley and Jaziah

Year 1/2 – Ava and Cian

Year 3/4 – Noah W and Ezmae

Year 5/6 – Reece and Baazel

**Well done to all our Star Award winners! You are brilliant!**



## Attendance

	This week
Reception	93.8%
Year 1	72%
Year 2	87.1%
Year 3	82.1%
Year 4	89.2%
Year 5	84.1%
Year 6	90.5%

Remember attendance as a school should be higher than 96% to ensure that children make the best progress and reach their potential. Over the course of the full year if children miss more than 7 days in total, for any reason, they will not reach this target and are at risk of falling behind.

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## It Didn't Go Unnoticed Awards

These are very special awards to acknowledge children showing their care and concern for others across the school day, responding to their call to serve others, without any desire for recognition. Well done and thank you to...

Sophie Travis

Lily-Mae Dwyer



**Freddo Friday**  
**Attendance Hero Winners!**

EYFS – Mavinesh  
Year 1/2 – Ava M  
Year 3/4- Carter-Jace  
Year 5/6 – Sienna