



## ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026



### Wednesday 11 February – Our Lady of Lourdes

On Wednesday we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes, a special day in the Church when we remember Mary's loving care for all people, especially those who are sick or in need.

Lourdes is a place of hope and healing, where many people go to pray and to ask Mary to help them trust in God's love. On this day, we are invited to think about how we can show kindness and compassion to others, just as Mary does. This might mean offering a smile, helping a friend, or saying a prayer for someone who is unwell.

As a school community, we ask Mary to watch over our families and friends, and to help us grow in care, patience, and love for one another. May we always remember that even small acts of kindness can bring comfort and hope.

### Firefighter Visit – Learning How to Stay Safe

This week we were delighted to welcome a firefighter into school to talk to our children about **fire safety**. Children in **Year 1 and Year 2** learned some very important messages, including:

- why we must **never touch plugs or sockets**
- the importance of **shutting doors at night** to help slow down fires
- what firefighters do to keep us safe

Our **Year 6** pupils took part in a more detailed session, where they learned how to:

- **plan a safe escape route** from their home
- know what to do in an emergency
- understand why practising fire safety at home is so important

The children listened carefully, asked thoughtful questions, and learned how small actions can make a big difference in keeping everyone safe. We are very grateful for this valuable visit and for helping our pupils learn how to look after themselves and others.

### Valentine's Disco

Tuesday 10th February

Organised by our PTA, the Valentine's Disco promises to be a fun-filled event for all children.

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3:

3:30 – 4:30pm

Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6:

4:45 – 5:45pm

 Tickets cost £3, which includes food.

We look forward to a lovely afternoon and evening of music, dancing and celebration!

### Improving Our School Environment

We are making improvements across the school to create a welcoming, calm and inviting environment for our children. These changes support wellbeing and learning, and help our school reflect our Catholic values of care, respect and community. Further updates will continue as we work to ensure every child feels valued and proud of their school.

## World Book Day 2026 – Thursday 5 March

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day 2026, with this year's theme "Reading for Pleasure", encouraging children to enjoy reading in all its forms.

Children are invited to dress as their favourite book character. Costumes do not need to be bought – we strongly encourage simple, homemade outfits, where creativity and imagination are what matter most.



We can't wait to see our characters come to life and enjoy a wonderful day celebrating books and reading together.

### Star Awards

#### W/C 12<sup>th</sup> January

EYFS - Annie and Mollie

Year 1 / 2 - Lucas and Thomas

Year 3 / 4 – Darcey and Noah W

Year 5 / 6 – Lilly A and Kayden

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



### 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.

### Attendance

	W/C 26 <sup>th</sup> January
Reception	91.25%
Year 1	96.67%
Year 2	96.47%
Year 3	92%
Year 4	92.73%
Year 5	89.44%
Year 6	89.09%

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.

### 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...

#### W/C 26<sup>th</sup> January

Ella-Rose Raby

All Year 5



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

**W/C 26<sup>th</sup> January**

- EYFS – Cleo
- Year 1/2 – Lucas
- Year 3/4- Baariz
- Year 5/6 – Aria

**Hero's Per class**

**W/C 26<sup>th</sup> January**

- EYFS – 7/16 - Same
- Year 1/2 – 17/23 **Increased**
- Year 3/4- 17/27 **Increased**
- Year 5/6 – 15/28 Decreased

**Well done to our attendance  
H.E.R.O's.  
Let's try to improve this next  
week!**