



ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – Friday 16 to 23rd January 2026

Reminder – Sponsored Athlete Visit on 27 January

We are looking forward to welcoming Danny Butler, GB BMX and mountain bike athlete, to school on Monday 27 January. Pupils will take part in a sponsored fitness circuit, followed by an inspirational assembly and Q&A session, as part of our Great Athletes event.

Please continue supporting sponsorship fundraising and ensure children attend school in their PE kits on the day. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Class Rewards

Class rewards are in full swing, encouraging pupils to demonstrate good behaviour, positive attitudes and a strong focus on learning.

Year 5 have already enjoyed their first reward, celebrating their excellent effort by making chocolate Rice Krispie cakes — a fantastic start and well deserved.



SATs Booster Sessions

SATs booster sessions will take place every Tuesday morning at 8:00am. These sessions will focus on SATs-style questions in mathematics, helping pupils to build confidence, improve accuracy and strengthen exam technique.

Reminder – No Toys in School

Please be reminded that toys should not be brought into school, unless specifically requested by a member of staff for learning purposes. This helps us to avoid distractions, loss or damage to personal items, and ensures pupils remain focused on their learning.

Thank you for your support.

St Francis de Sales – 24 January

St Francis de Sales was a kind and gentle bishop who believed that everyone can be close to God by doing small things with love. He taught people to be patient, to speak kindly, and to always try their best.

Reflection:

St Francis reminds us that being kind, calm and thoughtful in our words and actions can make a big difference to others.



Star Awards

W/C 12th January

EYFS - Annie and Jaisey

Year 1 / 2 - Chase and Hetty

Year 3 / 4 - Emmie and Baariz

Year 5 / 6 – Marshall and Junior

W/C 19th January

Logan and Orla

Leo and Joshua

Koby and Isaiah

Sarah and Baazel

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



Parents Forum

The next Parents' Forum will be held on Tuesday 13th January at 9:15am. The focus of this session will be our behaviour policy—what it currently is, what is working well, and what we may wish to develop further. We warmly welcome as many parents as possible to attend and share their views.



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 12 th January
Reception	87.5%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	97.65%
Year 3	95.33%
Year 4	98.82%
Year 5	98.82%
Year 6	100%

	W/C 19 th January
Reception	91.25%
Year 1	96.67%
Year 2	87.06%
Year 3	90%
Year 4	96.36%
Year 5	95.4%
Year 6	98.18%

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...

W/C 12th January

Samuel Thoppil

Cian Dunne

W/C 19th January

Evie-Faye Flynn

Adalyn Stephens



Freddo Friday
Attendance Hero Winners!

W/C 12th January

EYFS – Finley
Year 1/2 – Luuca
Year 3/4- Emmie
Year 5/6 – Lexie

W/C 19th January

EYFS – Manvinesh
Year 1/2 – Luuca
Year 3/4- Eddie
Year 5/6 - Aleeah

Hero's Per class

W/C 12th January

EYFS – 6/16 - Decreased
Year 1/2 – 16/23 Same
Year 3/4- 15/27 same
Year 5/6 – 25/28 Excellent

W/C 19th January

EYFS – 8/16 Increase
Y1/2- 12/23 Decrease
Y3/4 -14/26 Decrease
Y5/6- 18/29 Decrease

Well done.

Let's try to improve this next week!