



## ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026



### G.I.F.T. Team Visit to St Mary's Church

Our G.I.F.T. Team recently visited St Mary's Church in Burnley to see the relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis. The children learned about his life and his love for the Eucharist, which inspired them to reflect on how they can live their faith each day.

They also took part in a beautiful Celebration of the Word, sharing a meaningful time of prayer and reflection. It was a special and faith-filled experience for everyone involved.

### Athlete Visit – Danny Butler BMX

We were delighted to welcome Danny Butler, professional BMX athlete, to our school. During an exciting assembly, the children were amazed by his impressive BMX skills — especially his incredible bunny hops!

Danny also worked with each class, leading fun and engaging activities that encouraged teamwork, confidence and perseverance. It was an inspiring and memorable visit for everyone.

### 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:

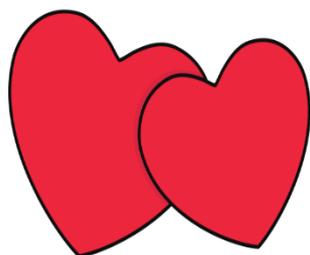
3:30 – 4:30pm

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.

### Candlemas – 2nd February

On 2nd February, we celebrated the Feast of Candlemas, which marks the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. The children learned how Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to God, just as families bring their children into the Church today.

We reflected on the meaning of light and why Jesus is called the Light of the World. Through prayer and discussion, the children were encouraged to think about how they can shine God's light through kindness, love and good choices each day. It was a meaningful celebration that strengthened our understanding of this important feast day in the Church's year.





Year 2	96.47%
Year 3	90%
Year 4	95.45%
Year 5	93.89%
Year 6	98.18%

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**

All Year 1/2

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

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

- EYFS – Mavinesh
- Year 1/2 – Harper
- Year 3/4- Koby
- Year 5/6 – Shayla

**Hero's Per class**

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- EYFS – 7/16 - Increased
- Year 1/2 – 15/23 Decreased
- Year 3/4- 12/27 Decreased
- Year 5/6 – 19/28 Decreased



**Well done to our attendance  
H.E.R.O's.**

**Let's try to improve this next  
week!**