



ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER – Friday 28th November 2025



Pilgrims of Hope

This week, we were delighted to welcome the Pilgrims of Hope anchor to our school. To mark this special occasion, Year 6 led a beautiful Celebration of the Word, helping us reflect on the theme of hope and how we can carry it into our daily lives. Following the celebration, each class created their own Pledge of Hope, thinking carefully about how they can bring kindness, positivity, and faith into our school community. It was a truly uplifting event for everyone involved.



Advent

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent, a special time of waiting and preparation as we journey towards Christmas. In school, we will be reflecting on the themes of hope, peace, joy and love throughout the coming weeks, helping the children to understand the meaning of Advent and how we can prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' birth.



Blessing of the Christmas Tree

We were delighted to welcome Father Chris into school for the blessing of our Christmas tree. The children gathered together as he led us in a short, meaningful prayer, reminding us of the light and hope that Christmas brings. Every class contributed by making their own Christmas decorations, which now hang proudly on the tree and help make our school feel warm, joyful and festive.

Parish Christmas Fair

The Parish Christmas Fair is being held this weekend at The Ashcroft, Whitworth, and we warmly encourage families to visit and support this wonderful community event. All funds raised will go directly towards helping our local church. The Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn on Saturday – remember, you've got to be in it to win it!



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 3rd December – KS1 Farm Trip

Thursday 4th December – KS2 Panto (in school)

Look out for the Christmas dates!

Star Awards

EYFS – Cassious and Mavinesh

Year 1/2 – Wynter and Rowan

Year 3/4 – Darcey and Carson

Year 5/6 – Layton and Sway

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



Attendance

	This week
Reception	93%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	93.7%
Year 3	92.5%
Year 4	93.7%
Year 5	90.6%
Year 6	91.6%

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...

Rosie-Leigh Kenyon



Freddo Friday
Attendance Hero Winners!

EYFS – Arlo
Year 1/2 – Amani
Year 3/4- Lucas
Year 5/6 – Brody

Hero's Per class

EYFS – 5/14
Year 1/2 – 17/24
Year 3/4- 11/27
Year 5/6 – 17/28

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