



ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – Friday 9th January 2026

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school after the Christmas holidays. We hope you all enjoyed a happy and restful break with family and friends. As we begin this new term, we look forward to welcoming the children back into school life and continuing our journey together in learning, faith, and community.

Robinwood Residential

The children had a fantastic time on their residential visit to Robinwood and were a real credit to the school throughout the trip. They showed excellent behaviour at all times, listening carefully to instructions, supporting one another during activities, and representing the school with pride. Staff and group leaders commented on their positive attitudes, teamwork, and resilience, especially when facing new challenges. It was wonderful to see them grow in confidence while making lasting memories together.

St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School
at Dobroyd Castle, 5th to 7th Jan 2026



Epiphany

The Feast of the Epiphany reminds us of the visit of the Wise Men, who followed the star to meet the infant Jesus. It celebrates Jesus being revealed to the whole world. Each class shared a meaningful Celebration of the Word, reflecting on this feast and how we are called to recognise and follow Christ in our own lives.

Unifrom and PE KIT

We would like to remind families of the importance of children wearing the correct school uniform each day and the appropriate PE kit on PE days. Wearing the correct uniform promotes a sense of pride, equality, and belonging within our school community, and we appreciate your continued support in maintaining our high standards. If you are not sure what is the correct uniform please ask a member of staff.



Y5 and Y6 Swimming

Swimming lessons for Year 5 and Year 6 will begin next Tuesday. Please ensure that all children have the correct swimming kit on these days so that they are able to take part fully and safely in the sessions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mini First Aiders

Year 4 and Year 5 have taken part in the Mini First Aid programme, and they all really enjoyed the session. The children learned valuable basic first aid skills, including the recovery position and how to respond to choking, while building confidence and understanding how to act calmly and responsibly in everyday situations.



Star Awards

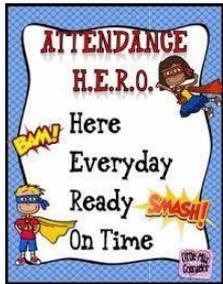
EYFS - All EYFS and Jaziah
Year 1 / 2 - Sophie and Stevie
Year 3 / 4 - Noah W and Evelyn
Year 5 / 6 – Kaylan and Mikayeel

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

	This week
Reception	84.38%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	94.03%
Year 3	85%
Year 4	91.67%
Year 5	91.79%
Year 6	95.45%

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...

Princess Ritchie

Rowan Gough

Evelyn Stevens

Sarah Elegbede



Freddo Friday
Attendance Hero Winners!

EYFS – Mavinesh
Year 1/2 – Luuca
Year 3/4- Carson
Year 5/6 – Divinesh

Hero's Per class

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

Well done Year 1/2.
Let's try to improve this next week!