



ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – Friday 26th September 2025

READING BOOKS

Please can parents and carers encourage children to read at home daily for a short amount of time, and then check that your child has their reading book/book bag ready to bring to school each day. We are trying to give lots of reading opportunities, and plan in time to hear children reading, so books need to be in school daily. This is also to make sure books are being changed regularly. Thank you – it is lovely to see and hear children improving in such an important skill.



A Fond Farewell to Miss McDougall

Miss McDougall will be leaving St Mary's next week after over three years of dedicated service. During her time with us, she has made a lasting impact on both staff and students, and she will be greatly missed. We would like to thank her for all her hard work, care, and commitment, and we wish her all the very best in her next chapter!

High School Applications – Year 6 Reminder

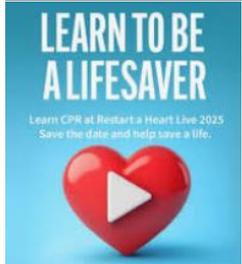
A reminder to all Year 6 parents and carers:

Applications for your child's preferred High School must be submitted before the deadline of 31st October – which falls during the half-term break.

To avoid any last-minute stress, we recommend completing the application as soon as possible. Applications are made online via your local authority's admissions website.

If you need any support with the process, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Restart a Heart Live!



On **1st October** we will be joining thousands of children across the country to teach our children how to perform CPR, This is for everyone: schools, communities, business and individuals, so you want to take part too, simply look up restart a heart live and choose a session to listen to. The sessions will be led by a paramedic as a live stream and will be every hour on the hour. The children do not need to bring anything additional to school on this day as all they will need to take part is a coat or a backpack, which we will already have in school. We will be doing these sessions with our KS1 and KS2 children.

McMillan Coffee Morning



A huge thank you to all the parents who joined us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning! Your presence, generous cake donations, and wonderful raffle prizes helped make the event a great success. We truly appreciate your support in raising funds for such an important cause. Together, we've made a meaningful difference!

Important Dates

Wednesday 1st October – Restart a Heart Live! KS1 and KS2.

Wednesday 1st October - CADOD Jubilee Workshops for EYFS and KS1

Wednesday 8th October – CAFOD Jubilee Workshops for KS2

Tuesday 21st October – Children's Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 23rd October – Final day of this half term

Friday 24th October – Training Day for all staff – the school is closed to children on this day

Friday 31st October – Secondary School Admissions Deadline – during the half term holiday!

Monday 3rd November – School opens for the second half term

Tuesday 4th November – Parents' Forum 9am

Star Awards

Nursery and Reception – Arlo and Mace

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) – Amani and Aria-Rose

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) – Lucas and Evelyn

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6) – Lily D and Brody

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



Attendance

	This week
Reception	96.3%
Year 1	86.7%
Year 2	90.6%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	92.3%
Year 5	84.7%
Year 6	87.3%

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...

Freddie Mellor

Shayla Burke

Brody Brown

Koby-Joe Goodill

Hetty Clegg

Do you know about Colourful Footsteps?

This is a SEND (Special Education Needs) Friendship Group with Soft play and big smiles! It is available for children aged 5 – 11 with any Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) at any stage of diagnosis. Siblings are welcome.

All children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

Where: Maden Centre

When: Thursdays 3:30pm – 4:45pm. Each week until 23rd October.



FAMILY HUBS NETWORK

COLOURFUL FOOTSTEPS

Soft Play, Big Smiles:
SEND Friendship Group

Where? Maden Family Hub
Rochdale Rd, Bacup, OL13 9NZ

When? Thursdays, 3:30-4:45pm
4th September until 23rd October 2025

Who can join?
Children aged 5-11, with any Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND), at any stage of diagnosis. Siblings are welcome! All children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

Explore emotions, build confidence

Make friends in a safe, supportive space

Enquiries?
Contact: Rossendalefamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk

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