



February NEWSLETTER



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Week of Prayer

During January, our school took part in the Week of Prayer. Each class spent time learning and reflecting on a special prayer. These prayers, along with the children's thoughtful and creative work, are now beautifully displayed in our school hall.



Peace Prize



This month, we were delighted to celebrate our Peace Prize winners. Each class nominated a pupil who has been a shining example of kindness, cooperation, and peacemaking in our school community. Well done to all of our winners for spreading peace and love throughout our school. You make our community a happier and more caring place. We look forward to seeing who will be recognised next year!

Candlemass

This week, we celebrated the Feast of Candlemas with a beautiful and reflective assembly. The children gathered together to learn about the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple and to reflect on the light of Christ in our lives. It was an extremely peaceful and prayerful celebration, and the pupils took part with great reverence and thoughtfulness.





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Dolce



Dolce Catering have informed us that the cost of school meals has increased. From April, the price for children in Reception to Year 6 will be £3.09 per meal, and the price for Nursery children will be £2.95.



Sports Winners



A huge well done to our KS2 children who represented St Mary's brilliantly in both the Bowling and Boccia competitions. We are incredibly proud to share that both teams won their events, showing fantastic teamwork, skill and determination. Their outstanding performances mean they will now go on to represent Salford, which is an amazing achievement. Well done, everyone!

Salford Levy

Salford Diocese asks for an annual levy contribution from families each year. We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all the families who have already paid the £25. Your support is truly appreciated.

If anyone still wishes to make their contribution, payments can be made easily through our Spider app.



A huge well done to Harry! He represented both Salford and St Mary's proudly in the GM Schools Cross Country race, finishing an impressive 29th overall. His strong performance helped Team Salford secure 2nd place, earning them a silver medal. We are incredibly proud of him. What a brilliant accomplishment!



Free School Meals – Release funding for our school!

We'd like to ask for your support in checking whether your family is eligible to claim Free School Meals (FSM). Families who successfully apply for FSM help unlock additional funding for our school, which directly benefits all our children. Currently, St Mary's has a very low percentage of FSM claims, meaning we receive less funding compared to many other local schools.

Please note:

All children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 automatically receive a free meal under the Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) scheme. However, UFSM does not provide extra funding for schools.

By applying for FSM (even if your child already receives UFSM), you could help us access valuable resources to enhance learning opportunities.

We kindly ask all families—especially those with children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2—to click the link below, review the eligibility criteria, and apply if you qualify. Every successful application makes a real difference to our school community.

<https://www.salford.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/free-school-meals>

Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide the best for our children.



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| Feb 6, 2026 | Y5 Horrible Histories Theatre Trip |
| Feb 6, 2026 | Young Voices |
| Feb 13, 2026 | Finish for half term 3:25pm |
| Half Term | |
| Feb 23, 2026 | School Shut for INSET |
| Feb 27, 2026 | Year 4 Lent Assembly |
| Mar 2, 2026 | St David's Day (Dress in Yellow for St David's House team only) |
| Mar 5, 2026 | World Book Day Dress up Day |
| Mar 5, 2026 | Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit |
| Mar 6, 2026 | Year 6 Lent Assembly |
| Mar 13, 2026 | Mothers Day Nursery and Reception Assembly 9.15am |
| Mar 17, 2026 | St Patricks Day (Dress in green for St Patrick's House team only) |
| Mar 19, 2026 | KS2 Parents Evening 2pm till 6pm |
| Mar 20, 2026 | Year 1 Lent Assembly |
| Mar 23, 2026 | Own clothes day in exchange for bring in an Easter Egg |
| Mar 26, 2026 | KS1 and EYFS Parents Evening 2pm till 6pm |
| Mar 27, 2026 | Year 2 Lent Assembly |
| Mar 25, 2026 | EYFS Easter Craft - Reception 9am - 10am and Nursery 2pm-3pm |
| Mar 30, 2026 | Stations of the Cross |
| Apr 2, 2026 | Easter Egg Raffle Day |
| Apr 2, 2026 | Easter Assembly at church 9.15am |
| Apr 2, 2026 | School Closes at 1:30pm |