



January NEWSLETTER



St Mary's RC
Primary School

2026

We hope you had a joyful and holy Christmas and enjoyed a wonderful holiday. As we start the new year, we'd like to wish you happiness, good health, and every success in 2026!

A big thank you from all of us for your kind Christmas wishes, cards, and gifts. They truly meant a lot and are very much appreciated.



Epiphany Mass

Yesterday we celebrated mass together for the Feast of the Epiphany. Well done to all our children who were beautifully behaved as always.

Thank you to Father Martin for leading us and helping us start 2026 in prayer and reflection.

As we begin the New Year, we look forward to all the opportunities it brings for learning, growing, and sharing our faith together. May 2026 be a year filled with happiness, kindness, and success for everyone in our school community.

Celebrating Our School Mission

We will be continuing to award children with our Mission Statement Certificates for living out our core values of We Value, We Share and We Respect in their everyday actions.

These certificates remind us of the importance of living out our mission in everything we do, and we look forward to presenting many more throughout the year.

We will also be continuing to give out our Caritas Certificates to recognise children who make a real difference in our community through kindness, service, and care for others.

Together, these awards celebrate the wonderful ways our children live out their faith and values both in school and beyond.



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Applying for a school place

Reminder: Applications for Reception places starting September 2026, close on the 15th January.

Attendance

We continue to monitor attendance and punctuality very closely as these both have a huge impact on the children's learning.

Attendance – 95% remains the minimum expectation for attendance for individual children and classes.

For your information our Local Authority Education Welfare Officer monitors this very closely and letters are likely to be forwarded to the parents of pupils whose attendance and/or punctuality falls below these expected standards.

School Uniform

As winter continues, children may come to school in boots, wellingtons or other appropriate footwear however, they need to remember their school shoes to change into whilst in school.

Please continue to support us in ensuring correct school uniform is worn at all times and that shirts/blouses are white, trousers/skirts are grey, jumpers/cardigans are navy blue and sensible shoes are black (no trainers). Also ensure that your child's name is on each item of uniform so that we can then easily reunite any lost items to their owners.

No form of jewellery except from a watch is allowed in school. Please ensure that no earrings are worn in school in accordance with school policies.

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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Jan 12 - 15, 2026	Bike ability Y5
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 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 – More info to follow
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