



September NEWSLETTER



St Mary's RC
Primary School



Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer break. We're confident the children will settle into their new classes smoothly and are looking forward to a positive and successful year ahead. We're excited to see you at our upcoming Meet the Teacher sessions and Open Morning.

We look forward to seeing you all over the coming days and weeks as we begin what promises to be a positive and successful year for everyone.

First Mass of the year



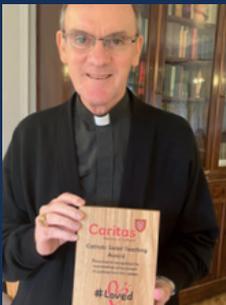
On Friday 12th September we will be celebrating mass at St Mary's Church at 10am. All families and friends are welcome.

Mary's Birthday

This Friday 5th September, we will be celebrating Mary's birthday in school. To mark this special occasion, children may come to school in their own clothes for the day. We look forward to a joyful celebration as we honour our beloved saint.



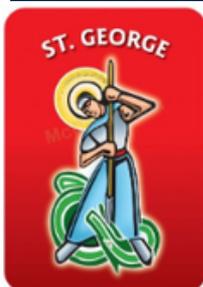
Putting faith into Action



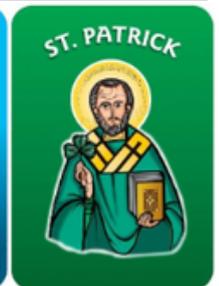
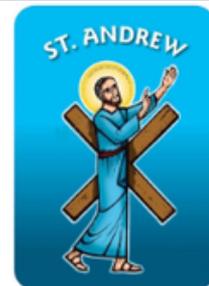
This year we will be looking out for children that have been making a real difference in our school or community by living out their faith and helping others. They will be award the Caritas Love into Action award.

School Mission Certificates

Last year we awarded many children with our special school mission certificates. We are excited to see which children this year will live out of mission of 'We Value, We Share and We Respect' and receive this special certificate our weekly Friday assemblies.



House points have already been given out to so many of our children this week for excellent behaviour and for making the right choices. We will be counting up the house points each week to see which winning house team will get to celebrate at the end of this term. Will it be team St George (England), St David (Wales), St Andrew (Scotland) or St Patrick (Ireland)





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School Uniform

It's been lovely to see all the children looking so smart in their new school uniforms, thank you for your continued support!

As a reminder, our uniform expectations are as follows:

- White shirts with school tie
- (polo tops for Nursery and Reception)
- Grey trousers or skirts
- Navy blue jumpers or cardigans
- Black sensible shoes

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. This helps us return any lost items quickly and easily.

Jewellery Reminder

For health and safety reasons, jewellery especially earrings are not permitted in school. The only exception is a watch. Thank you for helping us keep our school a safe and respectful place for everyone!

Healthy Snacks

As part of the National Healthy Eating Scheme, children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 are provided with a piece of fruit each day. Children in Key Stage 2 are welcome to bring their own morning snack, but we kindly ask that this is a piece of fruit or a healthy alternative. Thank you for supporting our commitment to healthy eating in school!



Reminder
We are a NUT FREE school

Parking and Road Safety

For families who travel to school by car, we kindly ask that you drive and park safely and respectfully at drop-off and pick-up times. This is vital for the safety of all pupils and to show consideration to our neighbours.

Please also remember that Father Martin generously allows the use of the church car park, which belongs to the Salford Diocese, during school run times. We are very grateful for this ongoing support.

Start and End of the School Day

The school day officially begins at 8:55 a.m. and ends at 3:25 p.m.

However, classroom doors open from 8:45 a.m. to ensure that all children are in class, settled, and ready to begin learning promptly.

Please note: Children arriving before 8:45 a.m. must be supervised by a responsible adult until staff are on duty. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and calm start to the day.





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Free School Meals

Free School Meals – Release funding for your school!

Below is the link that Parents/Carers should use when checking to see if your family is eligible to claim free school meals (FSM). Any family that successfully claims free school meals, enables a pot funding to be released to us. St Mary's has a very low FSM percentage and as a result we do not attract as much funding as many schools in Salford especially when comparing to the schools local to us. As you will be aware, all children in England who are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a school meal – this is known as Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) and is automatically allocated without Parent/Carers having to apply. The UFSM does not release funding for schools. I would like to ask all families, particularly families in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to click the link, check the criteria for application and apply if eligible.

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

Attendance Matters

Attendance is monitored closely by both school staff and the Educational Welfare Officer each half term. Our whole-school attendance target is 97%, and we really appreciate your continued support in helping us reach this important goal.

A reminder to all parents and carers that, in line with government guidance, holidays during term time are not permitted.

If your child must be absent due to exceptional circumstances, a written request must be submitted to the Governing Body, via the Head Teacher, before the absence takes place.

A Leave of Absence form is available from the school office.

You will find the autumn term calendar on the last page of this newsletter.

We look forward to welcoming you into school at a variety of events so that we can celebrate together all that is wonderful about our St Mary's.



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DATE	EVENT
Sep 5, 2025	Mary's Birthday (own clothes day)
Sep 10, 2025	Meet the teacher 3:30 p.m - 3:55p.m 4:00p.m- 4:25p.m
Sep 12, 2025	Whole school mass St Mary's 10am
Oct 5, 2025	Welcome Mass and First Communion Certificate presentation
Oct 10, 2025	Open Morning 9:15 a.m – 10:30 a.m
Oct 24, 2025	Harvest Assembly in Church 9.30am
School closes on Friday 24/10/2025 and reopens <u>Monday 3/11/2025</u>	
Nov 5, 2025	KS2 Parent/Teacher Meetings
Nov 12, 2025	FS &KS1 Parent/Teacher Meetings
19/11/2025-21/11/2025	Year 6 Trip to Robinwood
Nov 28, 2025	Year 3 Advent Assembly 9.15am School
Dec 5, 2025	Year 4 Advent Assembly 9.15am School
Dec 9, 2025	KS1 Nativity - 9.15 am School Hall 2.30pm School Hall
Dec 10, 2025	EYFS Nativity - 9.15 am School Hall 2.30pm School Hall
Dec 12, 2025	Year 5 Advent Assembly - 9.15 am School
Dec 15, 2025	Advent reflection at school 8.30am
Dec 16, 2025	Carol Concert times TBC
Dec 18, 2025	Year 6 Advent Assembly - 9.15 am School Hall
Dec 19, 2025	Whole school Mass
Dec 19, 2025	School Closes 1.30pm