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A Fantastic Start to the New Term



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our pupils and families for making the start of this school year so special. It has been a joy to welcome our children back each morning. From the very first day, the children have demonstrated exemplary behaviour, great enthusiasm, and a ready focus on their learning. We are incredibly proud of how seamlessly they have settled into their new classes, and we look forward with excitement to all the faith, learning, and achievements we will share in the year ahead.

Caritas Award

A huge well done to Pippa and her family, who were recently awarded our Caritas Love into Action Award for organising a wonderful toy appeal in aid of refugee children. It was truly inspiring to see our whole school community come together so generously to support her initiative and help bring joy to children in need.

Our Year 5 Caritas team will continue to look out for pupils who demonstrate kindness and service throughout the school day, but this award also recognises the amazing things our children do beyond the school gates. If your child is putting their faith into action at home or within the local community, please let us know so we can celebrate their wonderful efforts with this special award!



St Thérèse of Lisieux



On Friday 25th September, our children gathered for a whole-school assembly to learn all about St Thérèse of Lisieux, the Patron Saint of Mission. Following the assembly, the children spent this week completing wonderful work in class reflecting on her famous "Little Way"—learning that we do not need to make grand gestures to show God's love. Instead, small, everyday acts of kindness and care can make a huge difference in sharing the love of Jesus with others.

Open Morning

On Friday 9th October, we are delighted to be holding our annual Open Morning. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to spend time with your child in class and see their learning in action. The event will run from 9.10am to 10.15am, with the school hall open for refreshments from 8.50am. We look forward to welcoming you and hope to see many of you there!

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Harvest Appeal



This year our Harvest Collection will be for Loaves and Fishes, the organisation within Salford Diocese that provides food, shelter and support for homeless people. If you would like to participate in the collection, Loaves and Fishes would be particularly grateful for: toothpaste, shampoo, toilet rolls, corned beef, tinned vegetables, tinned corn, tinned fish, cereals, biscuits, rice, pasta, sugar, tea and coffee.

Your contributions can be sent into school from now until Wednesday 21st October. Thank you for joining us in making a difference to the needy of our community and diocese.

Our Harvest Assembly takes place on Friday 23rd October at 9.15.a.m. in St Mary's Church. You are all most welcome to join us.

Sports

A huge congratulations to our Year 6 athletics team, who were crowned champions at their recent athletics competition! Not only did they perform brilliantly to win the event, but they also showed outstanding teamwork, and Catholic values throughout. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented our school both on and off the track. Well done, Year 6!

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.

Divina Prayers & Our Class Prayer Angels

Every Monday, our classes begin the week together with Divina prayer sessions, beautifully led by our Class Prayer Angels. The children are doing a fantastic job of guiding their peers in this quiet, reflective prayer time. Throughout the school year, every child will have the opportunity to take on the role of Prayer Angel, growing in confidence as they lead our school community in faith.



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Our Faith at Home

THE Wednesday WORD
Good News for Families

www.wednesdayword.org

October is a special time in the Church calendar as we celebrate World Mission Month and the Month of the Holy Rosary.

It is a chance for us to reflect on how we can share God's love through our actions and take extra time for prayer as a family. Inspired by St Thérèse of Lisieux, we are reminded that even small, everyday acts of kindness can make a big difference in our world.
You might like to take a quiet moment at home to say a simple prayer together:

"Dear God, as we celebrate October, help us to follow Mary's example of care and devotion. Teach us to live out St Thérèse's 'Little Way' by bringing kindness, love, and hope to everyone we meet. Amen."

The Wednesday Word, is a wonderful resource for children and families to explore the Gospel together at home. It provides a simple and meaningful way to reflect on God's Word through reading, discussion and prayer. We encourage parents and children to spend a few minutes together looking at the Gospel, talking about its message and how it can be lived out in everyday life.

It is a lovely opportunity to grow in faith as a family and strengthen the connection between home and school.



We encourage families to pray a decade of the Rosary together this month (one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and one Glory Be) and to look for simple ways to show love and service to others each day.

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DATE	EVENT
Oct 4, 2026	Welcome Mass and First Communion Certificate presentation
Oct 9, 2026	Open Morning - 9:10 a.m – 10:15a.m
Oct 12, 2026	Individual / Sibling Photographs.
Oct 15, 2026	Class Mass 10am in School Hall for years 2, 4 and 6
Oct 23, 2026	Harvest Assembly in Church 9.30am
School closes on Friday 23/10/2026 and reopens Monday 2/11/2025	
Nov 4, 2026	KS2 Parent/Teacher Meetings
Nov 6, 2026	Y5 Shakesphere Performance
Nov 18, 2026	EYFS &KS1 Parent/Teacher Meetings
18/11/2026-20/11/2026	Year 6 Trip to Robinwood
Nov 27, 2026	Year 3 Advent Assembly 9.10 am School
Dec 3, 2026	EYFS Prayers and Crafts 9-10 Nursery, 10:15-11:15 Reception
Dec 4, 2026	Year 4 Advent Assembly 9.10 am School
Dec 8, 2026	Carol Concert at St Mary's Church 5pm
Dec 9, 2026	KS1 Nativity - 9.15 am School Hall and 2.30pm School Hall
Dec 11, 2026	Year 5 Advent Assembly - 9.10 am School
Dec 14, 2026	EYFS Nativity - 9.15 am School Hall and 2.00pm School Hall
Dec 15, 2026	Advent reflection at school time TBC
Dec 17, 2026	Year 6 Advent Assembly - 9.15 am School Hall
Dec 18, 2026	Whole school Mass at St Mary's Church 10am
Dec 18, 2026	School Closes 1.30pm