

**Newsletter October 2025**



Through God's love and our Christian Values, we encourage each individual to love, respect and value God, themselves and others.

We encourage and nurture everyone to flourish and grow into the unique person God made them to be, ready to go out into the world to love others.

This is rooted in Jesus' words: Love one another as Jesus loved us.  
(John 13 v 34-35)

**Dear Parents, Children & Friends,**

What a fantastic first month of the school year. It's great to see our children so settled in their new classes especially our younger children. This has already been an incredibly busy term and pupils have been involved in so much learning and enrichment opportunities. I hope everyone has an enjoyable and restful half term ready for the new term.

**ATTENDANCE**

Good attendance is of great importance for all our pupils and something we celebrate at the end of each term with badges presented to individual pupils. Each month on the school newsletters we will also celebrate great attendance by class.

The class with the highest attendance this month is Reception with **98.5% attendance!**  
**Well done Reception ! What a great start to St Mary's School !**



**THEMED LUNCH DAYS**

Each term we are planning a themed lunch day, something the pupils have requested more of and are always popular.

Details of the next one has been sent out - this will be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November for Bonfire Night.

**The menu is :**

- Bangers and Mash or Pin Wheels (Cheese wheels)
- Burning embers (baked beans)
- Guy Fawkes Filled Jackets
- Ginger Sponge or Firework Shortbread or Fire Cracker Fruit Pots



The cost is £2.80

Please contact school if you have not already booked a meal. All pupils on school meals or packed lunches are invited.

Following this the next themed lunch will be our Christmas Dinner. This will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - more details on the menu and how to book will be available after half term.



### **GOVERNOR NEWS:**

Following a Parent Governor Election, I am pleased to welcome Mrs Stacey Brown as a new Parent Governor.

At the last Full Governing Body Meeting, Mr Benson was re-elected as the Chair of Governors of St. Mary's School and Mr. Green as the Vice Chair of Governors. A full list of Governors can be found in school on the Governor notice board and will be fully updated on the website, with each Governor's linking role, after the next Full Governing Body Meeting in November

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING:**

Another huge well done to our Year 2 pupils, Mrs Thomas and Mrs Williams for the class assembly they presented in support of Macmillan Cancer. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the World's Largest Coffee Morning. **The amount raised this year was an incredible £723.72. To date St. Mary's School has raised a fabulous £15,145.40 for this cause !**

### **MUSICAL EVENTS:**

**The School Band**, will perform at the School Carol Service Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am

**The School Choir have been asked to:**

- perform at The United Reform Church Church on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30am
- perform at St James Church, Huddersfield Road on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm
- perform at the School Carol Service Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am



### **HARVEST SERVICE:**



Thank you to all parents and families who attended or contributed to our Harvest Festival. We were overwhelmed with your food donations which have now been sent to the Oldham Food Bank. A huge well done to Year 3 for leading an outstanding service for us. All the children were amazing, speaking with clarity and singing beautifully whilst conveying the importance of Harvest.

### **SAT's INFORMATION EVENING**

We will be holding a Year 6 **SATs Information Evening** on **Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November at 6:00 PM** in the school hall. This evening is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about what we do in school to prepare pupils for their SATs, and how you can support them at home. There will be plenty of chances to:

- Explore past SATs papers
- Ask questions to our teaching staff
- Understand the structure and expectations of the SATs
- **While pupils are welcome to attend, their presence is not required**



### **Nativity Performances: Important Changes to the Reception and Key Stage 1**

We are writing to inform you of a change to the arrangements for this year's Infant Nativity and Christmas performances.



Following feedback from previous years, we understand that some parents have needed to leave part-way through performances, once their child's class has taken part. To ensure that all families can enjoy a full and uninterrupted performance, and in response to requests for additional ticket availability, we have decided to adjust our format this year.

The performances will now be split as follows:

- **Monday 8th December** - *Infant Christmas Performance for the Community - 1:45pm*
- **Tuesday 9th December** - *Reception Only Nativity Performance for Parents and Families - 2:00pm*
- **Wednesday 10th December** - *Year 1 and Year 2 Only Christmas Performance for Parents and Families - 2:00pm*
- **Thursday 11th December** - *Year 1 and Year 2 Only Christmas Performance for Parents and Families - 10:00am*

We hope that these changes will make the performances more enjoyable for everyone involved and allow more family members the opportunity to attend.

### **MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY and HOW TO EARN A ST MARY'S GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD**

We are hoping all the pupils at St Mary's School will join in to make their small difference **on Saturday 25th October (or during the week of half term)**. Here are just a few ideas that you could try:

- Check in on a neighbour (with your parent) you've not seen in a while - just to say "hello"
- Go on a litter-pick to help tidy your street or the local park.
- Offer to do some leaf-sweeping for someone who cannot do it themselves.
- Make a card to brighten someone's day
- Paint cheerful messages or pictures on rocks and leave them around the community to brighten someone's day.
- Help an older relative or grandparent with a simple task
- Help a younger sibling - read them a story, fasten their shoes



We will share and celebrate their act of kindness in school when we return after the half term holiday. Please return the challenge slip that should be in your child's book bag on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **Remember:**

Those pupils completing 8 of the challenges (there are a possible 10 including October's Make a Difference challenge) will receive a prestigious Citizenship Award Badge at the end of the academic year.

**Thank you for supporting St Mary's in making our world a little bit better and making a difference**

**CITIZENSHIP**

  
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**Pupil Leadership at St Mary's**

A huge thank you to all pupils who have joined our pupil leadership and are actively involved in sharing their ideas and views about their school.

This year we have launched a leadership team which is made up of 5 different departments

**The Department of Education**



**The Department of Vision, Values and Ethos**



**The Department of Environment**



**The Department for Sport, Media and Culture**



### The Department of Health and Wellbeing



#### **NON UNIFORM DAY and THE CHRISTMAS FAIR**

St. Mary's Church are holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, in school. St Mary's Support Group will also be assisting at the fair to raise money for both the church and the School.

To support this fund-raising event, we are holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November** with the **charge being an item of chocolate**. All chocolate donations will then be used at the Christmas Fair.

*Any donations for the Christmas Fair would also be gratefully received*

- Toiletries and cosmetics (unopened)
- Wine and spirits
- Chocolates & Biscuits
- Tombola items and Grand Raffle Prizes
- Candles, scented oils and pot pourri
- Anything which may be suitable for any stall e.g. Unwanted gifts.
- Christmas crackers & Grand raffle prizes
- Christmas cakes, Mince Pies, Other Christmas food goodies (please check the use by dates)

#### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

*If you would like to drop anything off or donate any homemade cakes, mince pies or biscuits they are more than welcome to be delivered to St Mary's School on the morning of the Christmas Fair.*



### **SPORTING SUCCESS:**



St Mary's have got off to an amazing start at the local interschool competitions. Our netball team achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place at their first tournament, competing against 5 other schools. Well done to the team.



In Cross Country we came first overall with lots of individual runners gaining 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places

Finally our Tag Rugby team came first in their tournament.

The school football team have also returned to their weekly fixtures on a Friday at Crompton House.

### **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR THIS HALF TERM:**

|            |                    |                                                             |
|------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday:    | Badminton          | 3:30 - 4:30pm Yr 5 and 6 with Mr Kelly                      |
| Tuesday:   | Infant Fun Club:   | 12:00 - 12:30 with Mr Brierley (Sports Development Officer) |
|            | Junior Fun Club:   | 12:30 - 1:00 Yr3 - 4 with Mr Brierley                       |
|            | Multi Skills Club: | 3:30 - 4:30pm Yr 3 with Mr Brierley                         |
| Wednesday: | Choir:             | 3:30 - 4:30pm with Miss Davies                              |
| Thursday:  | Anna's Dance       | 3:30 - 4:15pm Years 1, 2, 3 and 4                           |
| Friday:    | Gymnastics         | 3:30 - 5:00pm with Mrs Oxley                                |

  
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**FORTHCOMING DATES:**

Half term: Mon 27<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

**School re opens on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**



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| 6 <sup>th</sup> November  | Bonfire Lunch (details to follow)                                                 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> November  | Chocolate Non-Uniform Day - chocolate donations to be used at the Christmas Fair. |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> November | St Mary's Christmas Fair 1-3pm                                                    |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> December  | Infant Christmas Performance for the Community 1:45pm                             |
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| 12 <sup>th</sup> December | Whole School Pantomime Visit                                                      |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> December | KS 1 Christmas Party                                                              |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> December | School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day                                   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> December | KS 2 Christmas Party                                                              |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> December | Carol Service in church. 9:30 am led by Year 5.                                   |

Thank you for taking the time to read this month's newsletter.

**Kind regards,**

P.A Hartley

**Headteacher**