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March 2026 Newsletter

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,

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

It is pleasing to see children right across school fully immersed in their learning this half term. Here are just some of the highlights:

Reception

As **Theologists**, Reception class have been learning about the Easter Story. As part of their learning they have created their very own Easter Gardens.



Year 1

As **Musicians**, Year 1 have been busy exploring pulse, beat and tempo in music using our new scheme, Charanga. The children have enjoyed finding the steady pulse in songs, clapping along to different beats, and experimenting with how music can be fast or slow.





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Year 2

As Scientists, Year 2 have been learning that animals have offspring that grow into adults. As part of their learning, they have enjoyed hatching chicks. They have taken great care of them and loved watching them grow very quickly!



As Designers, they have been investigating how puppets work and practised their sewing skills in preparation for designing and making their own hand puppets.



Year 3

As Geographers, Year Three have been studying Rivers. They have completed lots of work looking at the features of rivers; exploring land use around rivers; locating rivers on maps and aerial photographs. During their fieldwork visit to Castleshaw they tracked a river all the way to the source!





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Year 4

As Designers, Year 4 have been taste-testing biscuits in preparation for designing their own biscuits later this term.

As Readers they also took part in an online 'Footy and Booky' quiz as part of World Book Day. The children had to answer a range of questions about football, books and well-known authors.



Year 5





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Year 5

As Technologists, Year 5 have learnt several new skills on the computers. Firstly, they used a Computer Aided Design programme (2 Design and Make on Purple Mash) to design and make a prototype of a moon buggy to a set of specific criteria. They then evaluated the advantages of disadvantages of using CAD in the design process. They have also been learning how to enter data into a Spreadsheet, use formulae and then present this data using line graphs and bar charts. Extending this further to analyse weather data to give advice for weather warnings.



Year 6

As Artists, Year 6 have been busy creating 'Street Art' with a focus on sharing positive messages for change. By exploring different urban styles, they have produced some thoughtful pieces that aim to spread a little more hope in the world.



As Orienteers, Year 6 have also enjoyed orienteering sessions on the school grounds. The children have been putting their map-reading skills to excellent use, showing great focus as they navigate the different courses. It's been a fantastic way to take learning outdoors!





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ATTENDANCE:

Good attendance is of great importance for all our pupils and something we celebrate at the end of each term with certificates 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 **Year 4** with 97.5% attendance!
Well, done Year 4, keep up this magnificent achievement!



THEMED LUNCH DAYS:

The next themed Lunch Day is the Roald Dahl Lunch on Thursday 21st May. If any Junior pupil would like to have a school lunch on this day, the cost is £2.80. See School Spider for payment. Infant pupils will automatically receive this menu choice.

ST. MARY'S SUPPORT GROUP NEWS:

The next meeting for the Parent Support Group is on **Thursday 16th April at 7:00pm in the North Star**. Please come along any new ideas and new members are warmly welcome.

The next events for the Support Group are:

- **Easter Raffle** drawn at the Easter Service 27th March at 9:30 am - tickets available at the **Easter Service** or at the school office.
- **Musical Evening - Friday 24th April** 7:00pm in St Mary's church. All school musical groups and the school choir will perform including a joint performance with Oldham Community Wind Band. **Tickets are available from the school or you can pay on the door, £5.00 per adult, £3.00 concessions**

150 CLUB DRAW

Winning numbers at the last 150 club draw: 124, 3 91, 7,4 3, 53. Congratulations to all the winners. The next draw will be on Friday 27th March and will include the bonus draw of £500.

We still have vacant numbers if you wish to purchase a number please enquire at the school office.

LIVING OUT OUR CHRISTIAN VISION:

EASTER SERVICE:



Year 4 will lead the School Easter Service on **Friday 27th March at 9:30 am**. Our friends from Broadfield will join us.

All parents, grandparents and Governors are invited to join us. Church will be open for parents from 9:00am and a small selection of refreshments will be available as well as the opportunity to buy raffle tickets for the Easter Draw.





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Pupils continue to live out our Christian vision: 'Love one another as Jesus loved us' through their actions and the choices they make. Many of these are seen each and every day in the way pupils and staff interact with one another. Further examples are shared through the citizenship challenges.

Throughout this term, with the support of the clergy, we have explored the Christian value of Faith as one of the values which help us live out our core value: Love one Another

Father Paul and Mother Sarah have continued to lead Circle time .

Next half term, our Christian Value and focus for Worship is Perseverance. Please see the link below for further activities linked to the value.

https://spaces.schoolspider.co.uk/uploads/798/page/25479671_page_file.pdf?ofn=perseverance.pdf

We also look forward to another Experience Day: Experience Pentecost

The school ethos group continue to meet regularly and have been exploring our Christian values.



The Citizenship Challenges:

Thank you to all pupils who continue to embrace the monthly citizenship challenges. We really enjoy hearing about what children have done and the difference they have made. The Pupil Department for Education have set the next challenge this week ready for Easter.



This challenge is for donations of Easter Eggs to give to Oldham Children's hospital and Oldham Community Food bank. Thank you for the Easter Eggs already sent into school, we know these donations will be truly appreciated.

A reminder that those pupils completing 8 of the challenges (there are a possible 10) will receive a prestigious Citizenship Award Badge at the end of the academic year. Thank you for supporting St Mary's in making a small difference to our world.

Children's Mental Health Week

Pupils engaged in a wide range of activities throughout the week and enjoyed a Wellbeing Afternoon. They collected stamps on their passports to show that they had participated in all 5 ways to well-being. Our Department of Health and Well-being played a key role in the week, working alongside the Department of Sports. Please visit our school website for lots of photographs from the Wellbeing Afternoon.

<https://www.stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk/page/childrens-mental-health-and-wellbeing-week/164353>





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World Book Day

Please check the website for the amazing activities which took place on World Book Day - lots of photographs <https://www.stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk/page/world-book-day/164909>

Summer Fair

IT IS BACK **ST MARYS' CHURCH AND SCHOOL COLOUR FESTIVAL !**



Saturday 27th June 2026 12- 3:30pm

This event is now well underway in its preparations and it promises to be another exciting event and to be bigger and better than last year. **FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

Full details will be available after the Easter holiday. In the meantime please save the date: **Saturday 27th June - you won't want to miss this exciting event.** If you can help in any way with the organisation of this event or help on the day, please let the school office know or a member of the PSG





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SPORTING UPDATE:

Pupils have taken part in several intra school competitions hosted at Crompton House School

- Inclusion Handball where we came fourth
- Girls Football where we were the overall winners
- Inclusion Dodgeball where we came second.

As always, all pupils displayed excellent sportsmanship as well as great skill in the sport.





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UP TO DATE DETAILS:

Please remember to keep the office informed of any changes in medical conditions, emergency contact numbers and email addresses via the school email address info@stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk or in writing.

FORTHCOMING DATES:

Thursday 16th April: Support Group Meeting 7pm North Star
 Fri 24th April: Musical Evening in St Mary's Church 7pm
 Tues 27th April: Y1 Audiology Screening
 Wed 29th April: Y4 Welcome Lunch
 Wed 29th April: New Reception Welcome Evening
 W/C 11th May: Y6 SAT's
 Thurs 14th May: Reception Visit to Smithills Farm
 Tuesday 19th May: Class Photographs
 Wed 20th May: Y5 visit Broadfield for Eid Celebrations
 Wed 20th May: Y2 Welcome Lunch
 Thursday 21st May: Roald Dahl Themed Lunch (details to follow)
 Fri 22nd May: Non-Uniform Day - Chocolate donations for the Summer Fair

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT HALF TERM:

Tuesday:	Infant Fun Club	12:00 - 12:30pm
	Junior Fun Club	12:30 -1:00pm Yr3 - 4
	Football	3:30 - 4:30pm Yr 2
Wednesday:	Choir	3:30 - 4:30 Y3 - Y6
Thursday:	School Band	8:30 - 9:00
	Anna's Dance	3:30 - 4:15 Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4
Friday:	Gymnastics	3:30 - 5:00

**Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April closed for Easter
School reopens on Monday 13th April.**

A busy time for all ! May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very restful Easter.

Kind regards,
P.A Hartley
Headteacher



Mental Health Quote

