

St Mary's Church of



England Primary School

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## **May 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,

### **Staff News and Updates**

As we look ahead to the next academic year, I want to take a moment to share some staff changes within our school community. St Mary's is the wonderful place it is because of the people in it, and I'm incredibly grateful for the dedication and commitment shown by all our staff. Their hard work and care make a difference every single day, creating a positive environment for our pupils to learn and grow.

### **Farewell and Happy Retirement to Mrs Roberts**

This year, we say a heartfelt goodbye - and a very happy retirement - to Mrs Roberts, who is stepping down after an extraordinary 33 years of service to St Mary's School. Throughout her time with us, Mrs Roberts has touched the lives of so many children, inspiring them, and helping them grow into confident young people.

She is especially cherished for her exceptional work with Year 6, her unforgettable drama performances both in school and in church, and her deep love of music, which has lifted our school choir to wonderful heights, earning trophies, applause, and memories that will stay with us for years to come.

Mrs Roberts will be truly missed. She embodies everything St Mary's stands for and reflects the very heart of our school's vision. We send her our warmest wishes as she begins this new and well-deserved chapter.

### **Farewell to Miss Fisher**

We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Fisher, another valued member of our support staff. Although she has been with us for a shorter time - 7 years - her impact has been remarkable. Miss Fisher has brought enthusiasm, expertise, and dedication to every role she has taken on.

We are especially grateful for her ICT expertise, her passion for Girls' Football, and her commitment to managing the Citizenship Awards, along with many other strengths that have enriched our school community.

Miss Fisher is moving on to further her studies at university and take on new challenges, and we wish her every success as she begins this exciting next step.

On behalf of all the staff and Governors, we extend our sincere thanks to both Mrs Roberts and Miss Fisher for everything they have given to St Mary's School.

## **Academisation with CHS Trust - Update**

I wanted to share an update on our ongoing academisation journey with the CHS Trust. Following approval from the Manchester Diocese to move forward, we are now waiting for our application to be approved by the Department for Education. We are hopeful that this will take place in May or June, depending on their schedule, although this part of the process is outside our control.

Behind the scenes, much of the due diligence work with CHS is already underway, and our submission will be going to the CHS Trust Board for approval this month.

As a staff and school, we are already benefiting from our growing partnership with the Trust. Staff have been attending meetings, working parties, and conferences, helping to shape future decisions and projects. Our pupils are also beginning to enjoy the opportunities this partnership brings. Recently, children took part in World Book Night (pictures on our school website), and our Year 6 pupils will soon be visiting for a Science and Spirituality Day. More events are planned for next year.

Final approval and the full transition into becoming a formal part of the CHS Trust is still some way off. We do not anticipate this happening until well into the Autumn Term of 2026.

We will continue to keep you updated as the process moves forward.

## **ASSESSMENTS AND REPORTS:**

### **END OF YEAR ASSESSMENTS IN SCHOOL:**

Year 6 pupils have now completed their SATs. We are so very proud of all of our Year 6 pupils who worked extremely hard and tried their very best. Well done Year 6 !

**Pupils in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children** will complete their Summer Assessments over this week and next.

### **YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING:**

Year 1 (and a small number of Year 2 pupils) will complete the statutory phonic screening check. The phonics screening is a short, light-touch assessment to confirm whether individual pupils have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. It comprises of a list of 40 words and non-words; which pupils will read one-to-one with their class teacher. Schools are required to administer the check during the week of the 8<sup>th</sup> June. Outcomes of the screening will be reported to parents on their annual school report. Should any child **not** meet the required standard set by the Government, then additional help and support will be given to those individuals and they will be given a further opportunity to be screened at the end of Year 2.

### **YEAR MULTIPLICATIONS CHECK**

The statutory DFE Multiplication check for all Year 4 pupils will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026. This is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question.

Pupils in Year 4 are already familiar with the check and have been able to practise using similar formats regularly. Additional support will be provided for any pupil who may require this.

We will share your child's score with you, in their end of year report. There is no pass mark for the check but it will allow school to identify any additional support which maybe required as pupils move into Year 5 and Year 6.

All pupils achievements will be reported to parents at the end of the academic year. The end of year reports will be emailed on 10<sup>th</sup> July, with an opportunity for a telephone appointment to be made, should you wish to discuss further with class teachers.



#### WORSHIP:

Next Half Term: Our Christian Value next half term is **Courage**

Please see the link on our school website for more information and activities about Hope.

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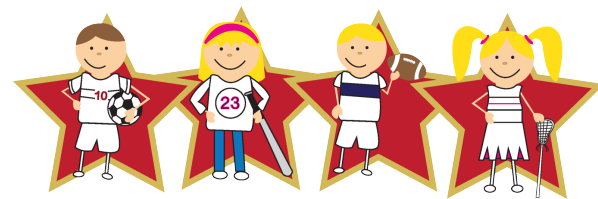
The Year 6 Leavers' Service will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 9:30am in St Mary's Church all are welcome.

Manchester Diocese Year 6 Leavers Service will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at Manchester Cathedral. This is for the Year 6 pupils and staff only due to limited space in the cathedral. This year all the church schools who are part of the CHS Trust will be attending together.

School Eucharist. Pupils in Key Stage 2 will take part in a school Eucharist. Year 6 pupils will be involved in leading and preparing for this service. All parents, grandparents and Governors are welcome to attend. It will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 9:15 am.

#### HEALTHY SCHOOL'S WEEK:

Healthy School's Week will take place from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June**, this coincides with National Schools Sports Week.



**Sports Days are scheduled for :**

#### **KS 1 Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 10:00am**

This remains a traditional event and parents are welcome to attend and stand on the paths and playground to view. **Pupils should come to school in their PE KIT and colour-team tee-shirt**, with their school uniform in a bag to change into after the event.

#### **KS 2 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 10:00am**

**Pupils should come to school in their school uniform** and should have their PE kit and **team coloured tee shirts for sports day**. This will take a similar format to previous years whereby pupils take part in every activity, as a member of a team. We will also endeavour to recognise outstanding individual achievements but the emphasis remains a **team effort**. Parents are welcome to attend and stand on the paths and playground to view.

## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June : Basketball Wow Day

To mark the end of Healthy Schools/ Sports Week we have a special day planned.



The day will include:

- 30-minute whole-school assembly
- Followed by 7 workshops across the day (one per class, 30-45 minutes each)

*We are aware that Year 1 have a pre-arranged trip on this day but they will be back in school early afternoon. We have arranged their workshop and a special demonstration just for them, as they return to school.*

**A huge thank you to St Mary's Support Group for funding this exciting day for our pupils.**

**Please note there will be no celebration assembly on this day**

### **Digital Leaders Online Safety Project**

We are excited to share that our Digital Leaders will soon be working on a special project all about staying safe online.

On 21 May, we will be welcoming Ellen Weedon from Oldham Safeguarding, who will be working with our Year 6 Digital Leaders, along with four pupils from Year 5 and Year 4. Together, they will take part in a workshop exploring online behaviour, digital responsibility, and how to help others stay safe online.

Following this, the group will create and lead a special **Online Safety Assembly** for both **pupils and parents** on : **Wednesday 10 June** 🕒 **Time:** 9.10am . Please join us and support our Digital Leaders.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our young leaders to develop their confidence, share important messages, and help our whole school community stay safe online.

## POLITE REMINDERS:

### Snacks

We actively encourage fresh fruit snacks to be brought for any snacks needed at breaktime.

### Hair

All long hair needs to be tied back due to health and safety reasons. Hair should be smart and appropriate for school and should be of a natural colour. Hairstyles, which are deemed to be extreme by the school, are not permitted. There must be no patterns/tramlines or extreme height. As guidance, hair should be no shorter than 2 on the sides.

No make-up or nail varnish is permitted.

### Jewellery

For safety reasons, jewellery is not allowed in school, with the exception of watches. Watches should be removed for physical education and games. (Fitbits/activity trackers, smart watches or other similar devices are not permitted in school) Earrings (including studs) are not allowed in school

Pupils who come to school wearing earrings **WILL** be asked to remove them, plasters or invisible studs are not acceptable to cover newly pierced ears

## NEXT THEMED DAY LUNCH:

Our themed lunch days continue to be very popular with pupils.

Our final Themed Lunch for this academic year is the St Mary's by the Seaside day on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Weather permitting, we hope this will be served and eaten outside.

Look for more information after half term on your School Spider App to book this lunch. All children can take part even if they are usually have packed lunches.

## ST. MARY'S SUPPORT GROUP NEWS:

### 150 Club Draw:

The next draws for the 150 club are: Friday 22<sup>th</sup> May, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

[We still have spare numbers for the 150 club. If you would like a number please see the school office or any member of the Support Group.](#)

### Leavers' Disco:

The Leavers' Disco will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026

KS1 6:15 - 7:15pm

KS 2 7:30m- 8:30pm

Weather permitting this will be outside.

Year 6 are invited to attend both discos so they can celebrate with their buddies. There is no charge for Year 6 at this event as part of our thank you and goodbye to the Year Group.



## SUMMER FAIR AND COLOUR RUN 2026

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 12-3:30pm

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS AMAZING EVENT RUN JOINTLY BY ST MARY'S CHURCH AND SCHOOL:

*St Mary's Church and School present the perfect event for all the family! Bigger and better than ever, there is more entertainment, more colour and more fun!*

*Enjoy the traditional summer fair with fabulous fairground rides, stalls, inflatables, licensed bar, games, prizes, bottle stall, hot and cold food and much more for just £2 entry (pay on the door).*

*And, while you're there, why not take part in our family-friendly Colour Run! Walk, jog or run around the school field while being gently showered in clouds of coloured powder. By the end of the race, you'll look like you've danced through a rainbow!*

*A Colour Run/entry ticket costs just £10 (plus a small ticket admin fee). Each ticket includes a coloured entry wrist band along with a goody bag containing a medal, sunglasses, coloured powder and a cool t-shirt! Select your shirt size on booking. There are 4 runs during the day. Just select the time you would like to take part and purchase your desired number of tickets.*

**Ready to get your colour on?  
Please see flyer and use the QR code to book your race !**



### EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT HALF TERM:

Monday:	Musical Theatre	3:30 - 4:15 Y3,4,5,6
Tuesday:	Infant Fun Club	12:00 - 12:30pm
	Junior Fun Club	12:30 - 1:00pm Yr3 - 4
	Cricket	3:30 - 4:30pm Y3,4 & 5
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

***School Closes Fri 22<sup>th</sup> May and reopens Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL IS CLOSED MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE !***

## Dates for your Diary:

**DON'T MISS AN EVENT - all dates are shown at the bottom of the home page on the school website and on your School Spider App**

3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Experience Pentecost Y2-Y6
5 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential visit to Robinwood
8 <sup>th</sup> June	SCHOOL CLOSED
10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Visits
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Visit to Bolton Museum - Egyptians
W/c 15 <sup>th</sup> June	National Sports Week
15 <sup>th</sup> June	NSPCC Day - more details to follow
17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Visits
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day KS 1 (weather permitting)
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day KS 2 (weather permitting)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Trip: Suffragettes
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June:	Basketball Wow day (No Celebration Assembly)
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y5 Visit to Lytham St Anne's - Geographical Comparison
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Meet your new class teacher morning session
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Welcome Lunch
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 visit to Martin Mere
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Parents Robinwood Assembly 9:10am
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 to Visit CHS for Science and Spirituality Presentation (1 Hour)
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fair and Colour Run
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Music Festival to be held at the Loom (AM)
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 visit to Gallery Oldham with our friends from Broadfield
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Visit to Manchester Cathedral - Leavers' Service
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Borough Transfer Day
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> July	KS 2 School Eucharist 9:15am at St Mary's Church - all welcome Year 1 Gallery Oldham with Broadfield
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> July	St Mary's by the Seaside themed lunch day
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Reports
10 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 Bikeability
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception Welcome Lunch
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Disco -details to follow from the PSG
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Service - St Mary's Church 9:30am

**School closes on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July and re opens on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

**Kind Regards,**  
P.A Hartley  
**Headteacher**