

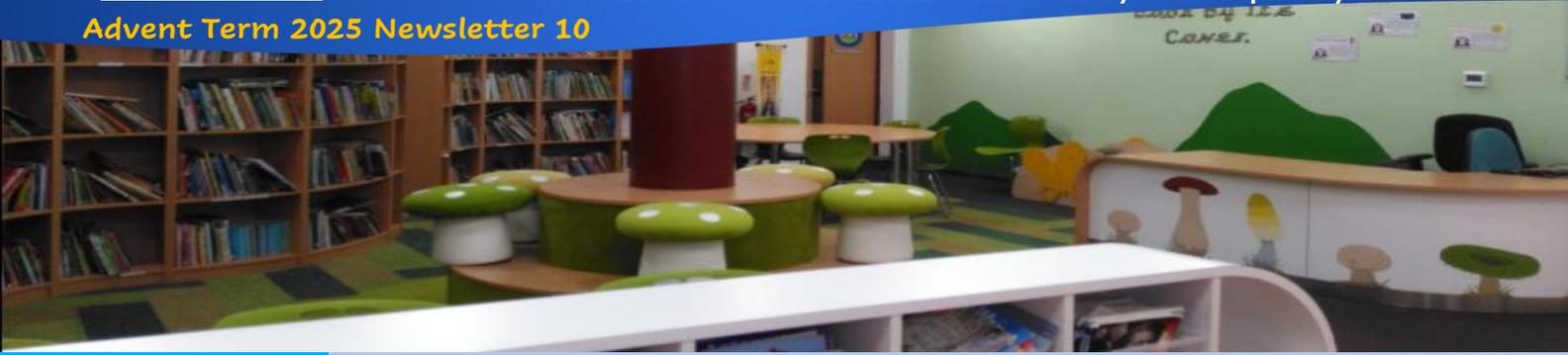


St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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"With Christ as our guide, we let our light shine."

A Message from Mrs Yuen...

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderfully productive week across the school. I particularly enjoyed spending time in our Year 3 class, where I was truly impressed by the children's writing and creativity. Their ideas and enthusiasm for learning were inspiring.

Our Year 1 and Reception pupils had an exciting adventure with their cinema visit. The trip was a great success, and the children represented the school beautifully. Their excellent behaviour and positive attitude made us all proud.

Please be reminded that Christmas Disco tickets are still available and can be booked through the MCAS app. Tickets will be available to purchase up to **Thursday 4th December**. This will allow the PTA to finalise their numbers, in readiness for this exciting event.

This term is particularly busy with numerous forthcoming events please keep a note of dates to avoid missing out. We now have the date for the annual 'Carols on the Square' which is Friday 12th December at 3.45pm. Please come and join us for this community event.

Finally, as the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child brings a warm coat to school each day. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another week of learning and achievement together.

Best Wishes
Mrs Yuen

Aspiration-Resilience-Awareness-Compassion



Reception and Year one Cinema Visit



On Wednesday the children visited the cinema as part of the 'Into Film' Festival. They thoroughly enjoyed the screening of Tiddler and Tabby McTat a double bill film based on the Julia Donaldson Books. The children were all enthralled with the screening. They also were very excited to tell us about it on their return

Term Dates

Advent Term 2025

Term starts: Monday 3rd November 2025
INSET Day: Friday 21st November 2025
Term ends: Friday 19th December 2025

Lent Term 2026

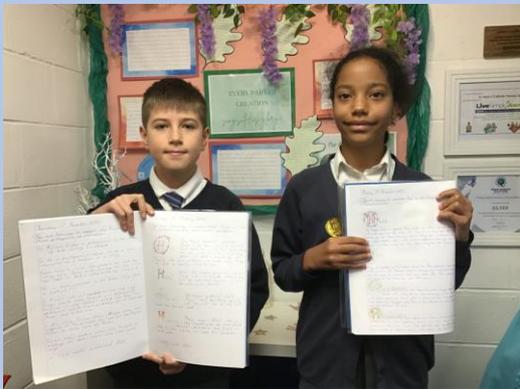
INSET Day: Monday 5th January 2026

Term starts: Tuesday 6th January 2026
Term ends: Friday 13th February 2026

Half Term:

Monday 16th February 2026-Friday 20th February 2026

A Year 6 RE lesson



In Year 6 they have been exploring how Mary was the fulfilment of Old Testament promises. They have been reflecting on key teachings from scripture. The children have produced some thoughtful reflective pieces.

Key Dates this term

- 26th November** – Year 5+6 Cinema Visit 'Kensuke's Kingdom'
- 27th November** – Year 3 Mass at Nazareth House
- 28th November 2025** – Non-Uniform Day for 'Love Christmas Campaign'
- 3rd December** – 'A Christmas Carol' Pantomime- **Please book your child's place on MCAS**
- 3rd December** – Advent Reflection at the Cathedral 5pm
- 5th December**- 3.30-5.30pm – Christmas Fair
- 9th December**- Y 4 Carol Singing at Nazareth House
- 9th December** – PTA School Disco **Please book your child's place on MCAS by 4th December**
- 10th December**- Reception/ KS1 Nativity Production
2 performances: 9.45am and 2pm- No admission after start times
- 12th December**- Carols on the Square **3.45pm**
- 16th December** – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day
- 17th December** – KS2 Christmas performance 'A Silent Night'
2 performances: 9.45am and 2pm- No admission after start times
- 19th December** – Last Day of Term

Michael Rosen Poetry Day

Last week our school proudly took part in the **Michael Rosen Poetry Day**, a celebration of creativity and language inspired by one of Britain's most beloved poets. The children immersed themselves in Rosen's playful approach to poetry, exploring rhythm, rhyme, and the joy of words. Using Rosen's work as inspiration, the pupils embarked on a deliciously fun challenge: writing their own poems about **food!** From scrumptious snacks to mouth-watering meals, their verses were bursting with imagination and humour. This activity not only encouraged a love of poetry but also gave the children a chance to express themselves in a creative and engaging way. One pupil wrote:

*"Pizza on my plate,
Cheese like a golden gate,
Tomatoes dance and swirl,
It's a tasty world!"*

Each year group has a poem they are practising to recite at the end of term. Please do ask your child about it. Reciting poetry is beneficial for children because it improves language skills like vocabulary, articulation, and reading fluency, while also boosting memory and focus.





PTA Christmas Fair

Friday 5th December 2025

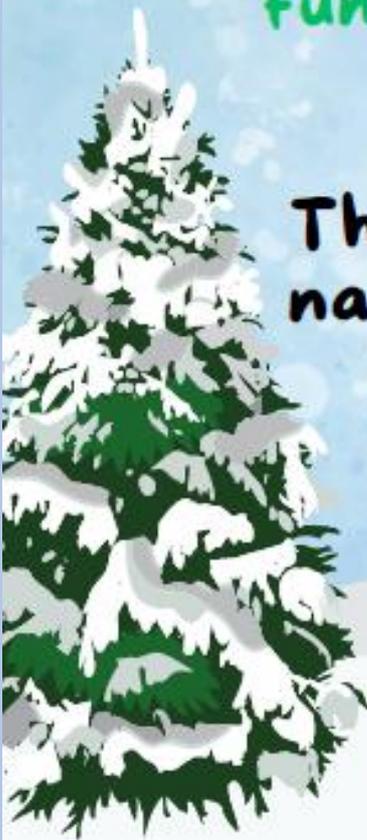
3.30-5pm in the school Hall

Helpers Needed

Come and join in the festive fun and make a difference for the children.

The office are collecting names- please add yours to the list!

Can you help with the set up from 1pm or help with a stall?



Non-Uniform Day



On Friday 28th November 2025

All pupils are invited to attend school in non-uniform in support of the Diocese Caritas **'Love Christmas Campaign' 2025**. We ask for a monetary donation (at least £1) or a donation of an item from the suggested list, in exchange for wearing non-uniform.

Suggested list of items:

- Hand cream
- Bath /Shower gel
- Small fruit cake/ Individual Christmas pudding
- Shortbread / festive biscuits
- Puzzle book
- Scarf
- Gloves
- Notebook / pen
- Fleecy blanket

All donations will be used to fill bags of kindness. This year we are supporting

AgeUK Northamptonshire.