



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,

As we come to the end of another busy week, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support. It has been a week full of exciting learning across the school, and it has been wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic in their lessons.

During our celebration assembly, we were delighted to award many certificates for excellent learning and to recognise pupils for earning house points. Congratulations to the House of Lourdes, who were this week's overall house point winners, and to St Bernadette Class for achieving the best attendance — a fantastic effort.

Looking ahead to next week, there will be a Year 6 parents' meeting regarding SATs on Monday 19th January at 2:30pm. We hope our Year 6 parents are able to attend, as the meeting will provide useful information and an opportunity to ask any questions.

On Tuesday 20th January we are having our termly 'Book Look'. This is an opportunity for parents alongside their child to have a look at their learning after school. The children always love sharing what they have been doing with their parents. Please do come along.

This term is a busy one with lots of events planned, so please continue to check the school website and weekly newsletters for updates. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you all a wonderful weekend

Best Wishes
Mrs Yuen

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New Play Equipment



We are excited to share that our new play equipment has now been installed on the field. Year 6 were lucky enough to be the first to try it out and had a fantastic time exploring the climbing, balancing and coordination challenges. The children showed great enthusiasm and teamwork, and it was wonderful to see how much they enjoyed the new addition.

Key Dates

Lent Term 2026

INSET Day: Monday 5th January 2026

Term starts: Tuesday 6th January 2026

7th January – Young Voices Concert Y5+6

19th January – Y6 Parents SATs meeting 2.30pm

20th January – Zumba whole school event

20th January – Book Look for Parents 3.30-4pm

21st January – Eco Assembly Presentation

21st January – Sports Festival at Benham

3rd February – New age Kurling Competition

13th February – Fit Fence whole school Event

Half Term:

Monday 16th February 2026-Friday 20th February 2026

18th February – Ash Wednesday

16th March – Rise Theatre whole school event day

27th March – End of term

Art in Year 3 - Ammonite



The children have been looking at the fossils' shape, pattern and form. Then demonstrating how to enhance form and texture in their drawings using techniques such as hatching, cross-hatching and shading.

Governor Vacancy

We currently have a **vacancy for a Parent Governor** on our Governing Body serving St Mary's and St Gregory's Catholic Primary Schools.

Parent Governors play a vital part in the strategic leadership of the school. Working as part of a committed team, governors support its continued improvement and ensure that every child has the best possible educational experience.

If you, have skills you feel could benefit its governance, and are willing to commit time and energy as part of a team, we would love to hear from you.

For further information about the role and the application process please contact the school office for a conversation with Mrs Yuen -Executive Headteacher or Mrs O'Neill Chair of Governors **by 16th January.**

Rev Roger leads Collective Worship



The children always love Reverend Roger visiting and retelling the stories of the bible through drama. The children are always keen to volunteer and follow the stage directions to support the retelling. This week the theme was 'Fishers of men' They were casting out their nets – Reverend Roger explained that as a fisherman, casting his net out into the water, Jesus was asking them to cast the gospel message out to people and try to catch men's hearts.

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