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April 2025 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,

Headteachers Message:

Reflecting on the last half term, it's incredible to see how packed and exciting it has been! From the wonderful celebrations of **World Book Day** to the fascinating experiments on **Science Day**, and the important discussions on **Mental Health Day**, our school has been buzzing with activity.

Our curriculum has been filled with amazing learning experiences, and we've captured many of these moments in photos and updates on Twitter and our school website. Be sure to check them out to see all the wonderful activities happening at **St. Mary's**!

Reception and Year 1 Phonics

School use Little Wandle to teach your children their sounds. Little Wandle have now produced Flashcards to use at home to support your children to become fluent readers. If you are interested in purchasing please follow the link below

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<https://collins.co.uk/collections/little-wandle-letters-and-sounds-revised-phonics-flashcards>



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Come and Join Reception Stay and Play! As part of our commitment to involving parents and carers in their child's learning and development, we invite you to our 'Stay and Play' sessions on Wednesday mornings. Each session will begin just before school starts at 8:50 am and run until 9:45 am. You don't need to stay for the whole session—stay for as little or as long as you like.



A variety of activities will be available for you to share with your child, and we encourage you to try as many as possible across different learning areas. We understand that some parents may have work commitments, but grandparents, childminders, and well-behaved siblings are all welcome. School staff will also be present, ensuring that all children have an adult to interact with.

The sessions will take place on the following Wednesdays:

- 7th May
- 21st May

We look forward to seeing you there! 😊

Science Week at St. Mary's was a thrilling adventure for our children! They delved into fascinating experiments, from exploring minibeasts and worms to discovering the wonders of static electricity and learning how to separate materials.

A huge thank you to our Parent Support Group for funding this incredible experience. Be sure to check out the photographs to see how captivated our pupils were as they transformed into scientists for the day!

Whole School Assembly with the MAD Science Team – pupils were captivated !





Reception Class enjoyed exploring water experiments. They found out about floating and sinking, absorption and explored how pepper, sugar and washing up liquid react on the surface of the water. They have also explored toothbrushing and practise brushing their teeth for 2 mins.



Year 1 transformed into brilliant scientists for World Science Week!

They embarked on an exciting journey investigating worms—observing how they move, discovering their eating habits, and examining them up close with magnifying glasses. It was a fantastic hands-on exploration of nature that captivated their curiosity.



Year 2 was absolutely thrilled as they cared for and observed chicks hatching!

An amazing nine chicks hatched, and the joy from the pupils as they witnessed new life appear was truly a privilege to observe. This incredible experience sent ripples of anticipation and wonder throughout the entire school.





As part of British Science Week, **Year Three had a fantastic afternoon creating model teeth** using marshmallows while learning about their functions. This hands-on activity helped them understand the importance of each type of tooth in a fun and engaging way.



Year 4 Bug Explorers had an amazing time in their Science workshop all about bugs! They used microscopes to examine different parts of bugs, tried special glasses to understand how bugs see, and even created their own bug models. It was a fun and educational experience that sparked their curiosity and creativity. 🐞🔬

Year 5 had an incredible science workshop, diving into the fascinating world of astronauts! They learned about the various skills needed to survive in space, from managing zero gravity to understanding the importance of teamwork and problem-solving. It was an inspiring and educational experience inspiring our pupils as future scientists



Finally, Year 6 explored electricity and experimented with friction and its effects. They learned about Charles-Augustin de Coulomb, the scientist who made significant contributions to our understanding of electrostatic forces and friction. Fun was had by all.

World Book Day Fun !

Pupils had a fantastic time celebrating **World Book Day** by dressing up as their favourite characters. The day showed just how fun reading can be and helped spark a love of books among our pupils. Well done to everyone for getting involved and making this another memorable whole school event!





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EXTERNAL ASSESSMENTS:

External assessments include: Phonics in Yr1, Phonics resits in Yr2, Times Table Check in Yr 4 and SATs in Yr6. Please be assured that all of the above assessments are carried out in a safe and supportive environment. To reduce unnecessary pressure on our younger children, the assessments are presented as activities and 'special work'. Children, in all relevant classes, are already familiar with these types of activities and questions from work completed in class.

Year Six SATS are a more formal series of test papers; however, school staff can make reasonable adjustments in line with the guidance, where appropriate. **This year's Y6 SATs will take place from Monday 12th May –Thursday 15th May 2024. Please make every effort to avoid booking any holidays or appointments during this period. Full attendance is essential. Year 6 will be invited into school early on these days for toast and juice, allowing them time to socialise and settle.** We will send more details closer to the time. We will also be arranging an end-of-the-week afternoon treat in recognition of all their hard work – details to follow.

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 3** with 97.6% attendance!

Well done Year 3, keep up this magnificent achievement !

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS:

Class photographs will take place on the morning of **Tuesday 20th May**. Please can all pupils wear full school uniform (no summer dresses). The photographs look very smart if **all** pupils are wearing their blue shirts and school ties.

In addition, the **Year 6** pupils will also have a very different but special type of photograph taken, as a memento of their last year at St. Mary's. **This photograph will also be taken on Tuesday 20th May.**

THEMED LUNCH DAYS:

What a fantastic themed Disney lunch our pupils enjoyed! The catering staff truly excelled, going above and beyond with decorated cakes and fruit—even the Mac and Cheese had Mickey Mouse ears!

Don't miss our next themed Roald Dahl lunch will be on Thursday 22nd May. Please look for further communication as we return after the Easter holiday.





LIVING OUT OUR CHRISTIAN VISION:

EASTER SERVICE:



Year 4 will lead the School Easter Service on **Friday 4th April at 9:30am**. 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.



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 compassion as one of the values which help us live out our core value: Love one Another

Mother Katy and Father Paul have continued to lead Circle time where pupils have thought about the 'wow' moments of life.

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

https://www.stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk/serve_file/25479658

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



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. School Council will send the next challenge this week ready for Easter. This challenge will ask children to, plant seeds or take care of plants and flowers around you

CITIZENSHIP

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

We celebrated Children's Mental Health Week in school with a wide variety of assemblies and lessons looking at ways we can keep our minds healthy as well as our bodies. The week ended with a rainbow of colour across the school as children came to school dressed in rainbow colours.



St Mary's Church



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



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 21st 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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ST. MARY'S SUPPORT GROUP NEWS:

The next meeting for the Parent Support Group is on Thursday 3rd April at 7:00pm in the North Star. Please come along; all new ideas and new members are warmly welcome.

YOU raised an incredible £2974.60 at the sponsored Pancake Flip! A

huge thank you to every pupil for taking part and to all their sponsors for their generous support. This amazing amount will go a long way in helping us add or improve outdoor play equipment for our pupils to enjoy.

Thank you !



The next events for the Support Group are:

- **Easter Raffle** drawn on 25th April at the Musical Evening – tickets available at the Easter Service or at the school office.
- **Musical Evening – Friday 25th 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 per child

150 CLUB DRAW

Winning numbers at the last 150 club draw: 116, 134, 146, 130, 50, 115. Congratulations to all the winners. The next draw will be on Friday 4th April 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.

SPORTING SUCCESS AT ST MARY'S

Inclusion Handball Competition St. Mary's pupils showcased excellent sportsmanship and teamwork in their matches at Crompton House. The team was particularly strong in attack, scoring many goals throughout the tournament. St. Mary's achieved 2nd position, narrowly missing out to St. James Thornham. Well done to the team! 🏆👏



Girls Football Tournament - Tuesday, 25th February 2025

The girls football team participated in the Crompton House cluster tournament, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship and teamwork. St. Mary's finished in second place, playing against several schools. Congratulations to all the girls for their fantastic performance—they were excellent ambassadors for St. Mary's!





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EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT HALF TERM:

Tuesday:	Infant Fun Club	12:00 – 12:30pm
	Junior Fun Club	12:30 -1:00pm
	Football (Yr 2)	3:30 – 4:30pm
Wednesday:	Choir (Y3 – Y6)	3:30 – 4:30pm
Thursday:	School Band	8:30 – 9:00
	Anna's Dance (Rec* – Y2)	3:30 - 4:15 (letter to follow *Reception to get priority)
Friday:	Gymnastics	3:30 – 5:00

FORTHCOMING DATES:

Tues 22 nd April:	Farewell Worship for Mother Katy – In school 9:10am. Parents welcome to attend
Fri 25 th April:	School Musical Evening at St Mary's Church 7:00pm start. Performers arrive 6:45pm
Mon 28 th April:	Y5 at Castleshaw with our friends from Broadfield
Wed 30 th April	New Reception Welcome Evening
Wed 7 th May	Reception Stay and Paly 8:50 – 9:45am
Mon 12 th May–15 th May	Y6 SATs week
Wed 14 th May	Reception visit to Smithills Farm
Tues 20 th May	Class Photographs
Wed 21 st May	Reception Stay and Play 8:50 – 9:45am
Wed 21 st May	Yr 5 Use of Social Media workshop with Ellen Weeldon
Wed 21 st May	Y6 Robinwood meeting 6pm
Thurs 22 nd May	Roald Dahl Theme Day lunch
Fri 23 rd May	TT Rockstars Day with themed non-uniform day and chocolate donation for the Summer Fair (details to follow)

Mental Health Quote



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

Kind regards,

P.A Hartley

Headteacher