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"Faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains"

Newsletter Date: 16/01/2026

Dear parents and carers,

The children have had a week without interruptions thankfully and Class 1 will be returning to their class room hopefully on Tuesday. They have done brilliantly in the studio and we're so grateful for all your support in this.

This week we had Ofsted inspectors in on Tuesday and Wednesday. We are one of the first wave of schools to be inspected under the new 'Report Card' framework. We are proud of the children and thankful to all staff, Governors and parents and carers who have contributed to the inspection. The report card will be available hopefully before February half term.

Remember we have lots of pre loved uniform in the entrance to look through and more in storage if you can't find your child's size. It's that time when things go missing and items bought for September start to become too small or worn so please use this resource to help to do our bit for our families and also for the environment.

Thank you to the parents and carers who joined Class 1 for their Stay and Pray on Tuesday. Please look out for your class coming up!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to more of the Spring Term.

God bless,
C.Boden

Attendance award:

- ♦ Gold— Class 4
- ♦ Silver— Class 6
- ♦ Bronze - Class 2

Important

- ♦ Reminder to pre-order school dinners for the Spring term.
- ♦
- ♦ Year 3 swimming now Wednesdays



Stars of the Week



Our Faith at St Mary's

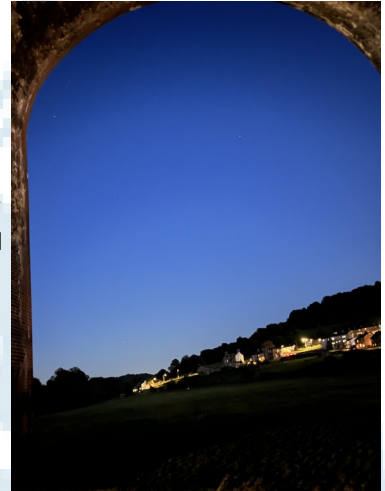
Our Mission runs through everything we do at St Mary's, therefore our children will be focusing on each value weekly, beginning with Gratitude, Respect., and this week, Happiness. In our Celebration next week, as we have Mass this week, we will be awarding a Value Award for showing special care with each value weekly. You can encourage your children to show gratitude each day, which helps with our wellbeing and mental health also.

Watch this space for dates for Family Worship, Stay and Pray, class and school Masses, and our soon to be confirmed Mini Vinnies and GIFT Chaplains, and find out about the work they do for our community and our world and why it is important to serve others.

Well done to our Humility Value Award winners this week! We are very grateful to you and to all of our families for supporting our values in school and out!

Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join in prayer and action for our common home. At St Mary's we are holding a very special event to celebrate the Season of Creation! We would like children and families to send in their photographs taken in our beautiful Parish that show the awe and wonder we have for God's world. Our Parish of Mary, Queen of Martyrs includes the most beautiful, awe inspiring nature, with the work of human hands maintaining this. There will be a prize for the winning photograph, and we would love to frame the photographs and even have a calendar to celebrate the Season of Creation in our wonderful Parish.



Values

Living life to the full and loving God and one another we have and give:

Gratitude

Respect

Oppportunity

Wonder

Trinity

Humility

through

Forgiveness

Always **C**ompassionate

Integrity

Truth

Happiness

Our GIFT Team have been busy leading lunchtime prayer and worship through Advent, for which we are incredibly grateful. For anyone wanting a quiet, reflective space to pray, the GIFT Team are incredible at facilitating this and guiding our children.



Date and Time	Event	Details
21st Jan	Class 3 Stay and Pray	3-3.30pm, come to main entrance, see details below
25th Jan	Yr 3 Sacramental Programme	Mass at St Mary’s Church 9.15am
28th Jan	Class 6 Stay and Pray	3-3.30pm, come to main entrance, see details below
3rd Feb	Class 5 Stay and Pray	3-3.30pm, come to main entrance, see details below
10th Feb	Class 5/6 Stay and Pray	3-3.30pm, come to main entrance, see details below
13th Feb	Finish for Half Term	3.25pm
23rd Feb	INSET	School Closed
24th Feb	School Re-opens	Doors open 8.45am
25th Feb	Book Fair arrives	
26th Feb	Class 4 Stay and Pray	3-3.30pm, come to main entrance, see details below
6th Mar	Class 1/2 Stay and Pray	3-3.30pm, come to main entrance, see details below
8th Mar	Yr 3 Sacramental Programme	Mass at St Mary’s Church 9.15am
10th Mar	Class 2 Stay and Pray	3-3.30pm, come to main entrance, see details below
17th Mar	Let’s Go Sing Performance	Choir and Year 3—Blackburn Ice Rink—book tickets from Jan 12th
2nd April	Finish for Easter	3.25pm
20th April	School Re-opens	Doors open 8.45am
20th April	School Re-opens	Doors open 8.45am
4th May	Bank Holiday	School Closed
10th May	Yr 3 Sacramental Programme	Mass at St Mary’s Church 9.15am
16th May	Yr 3 First Holy Communion	St Mary’s Church 10am
22nd May	Finish for Half Term	3.25pm
1st June	School Re-opens	Doors open 8.45pm
17th July	Finish for Summer	1.15pm

Stay and Pray 2026

We welcome families to join us in our class worship. Come and join in with the worship that the children in the class have prepared for their families and their classmates! Come to the main entrance and you will be shown to class to sit with the children and join in.



Jan 2026

Day	AM/ Lunch	After School	After School
Monday	GIFT Team and Mini Vinnies Lunch		Choir
Tuesday	School Council Lunch	Glow in the Dark Dodgeball (KS2)	
Wednesday	8.20am Fundamental Movement Nurture Club (lunch)	Quiz Club (KS2)	Yr 6 Maths Booster
Thursday	Nurture Club (lunch) Fashion Club (lunch)	Circus Skills Yoga club	
Friday	8.20am Dance and Movement		

- ♦ Yr 6 Maths Booster—letters will be sent home for specific pupils
- ♦ Fundamental Movement Skills—book on Parentpay
- ♦ Dance and Movement Club—book on Parentpay
- ♦ Circus skills
- ♦ Yoga
- ♦ Dodgeball

Email:

officeteam@st-marys-langho.lancs.sch.uk

- ♦ Medical appointment evidence
- ♦ Parentpay
- ♦ Milk orders
- ♦ Club information

Email:

bursar@st-marys-langho.lancs.sch.uk

- ♦ Finance
- ♦ Admissions
- ♦ Pupil Premium
- ♦ Concerns and feedback

Medication in School

All medication for children must be signed in through the school office, a medical administration form must be completed.

To report an absence:

Dial the school number 01254 247157 Option 1 and leave a recorded message.

Absences must be recorded each day of the illness.

Please note a child may not return to school until 48 hours following the last episode of sickness and/or Diarrhoea

Term Dates 2026

2026 SPRING TERM

Reopen: Monday 5th January

Half term: Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

INSET Day (School closed to all pupils): Monday 23rd February

Easter Holiday: Friday 3rd April – Friday 17th April

2026 SUMMER TERM

Reopen: Monday 20th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May

Half Term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

Summer Holiday: Early closure on Friday 17th July

Holidays in term time

Where possible, parents should try to avoid taking their child on holiday during term time. There are 175 non-school days each year during which holidays can be taken without impacting on a child's learning.

Holidays can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and must be requested in advance.

One week missed from school is the same as missing around 25 hours of learning which can't be repeated.

- 90% attendance may sound OK but it is the same as missing a month off school each year. Over the course of a school career, this would add up to a whole year missed! Your child would also be classed as a Persistent Absentee.

Every School Day Counts!

Term Dates 2026/7

2026 AUTUMN TERM

Reopen: Thursday 3rd September

INSET Day (School closed to all pupils): Friday 23rd October

Half Term: Monday 26th October- Friday 30th October

Christmas Holiday: Early closure on Friday 18th December

(Number of openings: 71)

2027 SPRING TERM

INSET Day: Monday 4th January

Reopen: Tuesday 5th January

Half term: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

INSET Day (School closed to all pupils): Monday 22nd February

Easter Holiday: Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April

(Number of openings: 52)

2027 SUMMER TERM

Reopen: Monday 12th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May

Half Term: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Summer Holiday: Early closure on Wednesday 21st July

(Number of openings: 67)



**GIRLS
ONLY!**

RISHTON CRICKET CLUB **GIRLS DYNAMOS CRICKET!**

STARTS SATURDAY 18th APRIL 2026

10-11AM **Course of 8 weekly sessions**

PERSONALISED DYNAMO SHIRT INCLUDED

For girls aged 8-11

ENROL FOR FREE WITH CODE 77IOZ

****Must enrol by 08.12.25 for free place due to
ECB funding, limited places available,
please sign up early to
avoid disappointment****



**Contact: Lara Slater 075 303 603 15
or message the club facebook page**

Join Our Half Term Adventure Club

Waddow
ACTIVITY CENTRE

Activities include:

Zipline
Jacob's Ladder
Crate Challenge
Tree Climb
Bushcraft Skills
Arts & Crafts



16th - 20th February 2026
9am - 3pm, £25 per day

(includes breakfast)