



ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER 17.01.25

SCHOOL NEWS

What a wintery start to the term!

We have made the most of the snow whilst it has been with us and children of all ages have enjoyed building and playing outside these past two weeks. We are so lucky with such huge grounds, meaning we could still play in snow that had not even been walked on this week.

We have built an igloo and too many snowmen to count and even had a snowball competition, aiming at different targets against a wall. Not only did we have fun but we have worked on our team building skills as well as showing respect to one another in the many projects we completed.



Y4 have made an excellent start with their series of swimming lessons this term and they represented the school really well whilst they were in the community.

The RSPCA have been in school this week working with all our classes, helping children to understand how to care for and respect many common pets. Children have learnt so much about how to look after the animals and look after themselves when around animals.

The competition for healthy eating has now been launched by Miss Hodgkinson and this is open to children of all ages, supported by Aldi, with the chance to win a shopping voucher at the end of the month when the new store in Bacup opens!

Our Young Voices Choir is now in its final stages of preparation with just 3 weeks to go before their big concert at the Co-op Live Arena in Manchester on Friday 7th February.

Important Dates

- Tuesday 21st January – Meeting for Y5 parents regarding the merging of the two classes – separate letter sent out.
- Wednesday 29th January – Mini First Aid Y1 & Y5 pupils
- Thursday 29th January – ‘Healthy Plate’ Competition dead line – all entries in by today
- Thursday 30th January Team GB or Paralympic GB Medallist Assembly in school! – details to be confirmed
- Monday 3rd February – Children’s Mental Health Week
- Monday 3rd February – Parents’ Forum Meeting 2:45pm – ‘Attendance and punctuality’. All welcome.
- Friday 7th February – Wear Your Scarf (safety, caring, achievement, resilience, friendship) day
- Friday 7th February – Numbers Day
- Friday 7th February – Young Voices Choir at Co-op Live Manchester
- Friday 14th February – Break up for Half term (1 week and 1 day)
- Monday 24th February – Training day for staff – children still on holiday today.
- Tuesday 25th February – School reopens for children.

Star Award

Nursery – Finley
 Reception – Esme
 Year 1 – Bella & Jacob K
 Year 2 – Evie-Faye & Joe-Lee
 Year 3 – Carter
 Year 4 – Lily A & Lola
 Year 5 – Baazel & Lily D
 Year 6 – Brandon & Eva

It didn’t go unnoticed

Yaseer, Sienna, Layton, Logan, Aleeah

Bronze awards

Well done to these children, they have received their Bronze awards for 50 behaviour points. They have followed all 3 school rules consistently: be ready, be respectful, be safe.

Michael, Koby

Attendance

Well done to the following children for their 100% attendance!

Rowan G, Lilly A, Aria, Lola, Amelia, Marshall, Lily D, Lexie, Yaseer, Maria, Ellie, Yazeed, Aria-Rose, Piper, Isaiah, Evie-Faye, Lucas, Logan

Remember attendance as a school should be higher than 96% to ensure that children make the best progress.



House Points

This year the children have been collecting house points for their fantastic effort, behaviour & attitude. Please see how each house are getting on.

	This week	Running total
St Joseph	229	229
St Teresa	291	291
St Bernadette	293	293
St Francis	273	273

Safeguarding

We continue to prioritise safeguarding at St Marys. Please see a non-exclusive list of websites that can provide additional support to safeguard your children.

www.citizensadvice.org.uk For General Advice

www.netmums.com For general advice on parenting issues and local events happening

www.shelter.org.uk Housing and debt advice

www.net-aware.org.uk Keeping your child safe online

www.entitledto.co.uk Benefits Calculator - check you are receiving everything you are entitled to.

If you need any further support please contact Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Love or Miss Cunningham.

Health

Please remember that children are not permitted to bring nut products into school as we have some children with allergies.

Children will be provided with a slice of toast each morning on the arrival to school.

Both KS1 & KS2 now have a piece of fruit at break times.

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Supporting children through key workers