

Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 9th January 2026

Edition 16

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we have seen His glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is wonderful to have everyone back at school and get back to our normal routine despite the closure on Tuesday. Thank you for all of your understanding and support whilst ensuring everyone was safe during the bad weather. As we celebrated the Epiphany this week, we are reminded of God's light and glory and because of Jesus, we can see the glory of God and step into a new beginning at the start of this new term.



Mini Vinnies Request

Our Mini Vinnies have requested donations of spare hats, scarfs and gloves to be brought into school in the New Year.

These items will be kept in school and given to children who have forgotten theirs as the weather gets colder.



Thank you in advance.

Talking point - Spanish

At Saint Mary's as part of the Modern Foreign Language (MFL) curriculum, we offer Key Stage 2 children the opportunity to learn Spanish.

Although not compulsory, we also expose our younger children to Spanish vocabulary too. They answer the register in Spanish and have learnt some simple words.

Why not talk to your child about if they think it is important to learn how to speak a different language and why.



Young Climate Warriors Assembly



Thank you to Erika from Young Climate Warriors for coming to speak to our Y3 & 4 Pupils to help them understand more about climate change.

The children were really inspired to think about what changes they could make to help the planet.

This was a really important focus and links so closely to our work Catholic Social Teaching work.

Attendance

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| Nursery | 87.25% | Year 4 | 94.02% |
| Reception | 94.97% | Year 5 | 99.38% |
| Year 1 | 94.23% | Year 6 | 96.1% |
| Year 2 | 94.34% | Whole School | 96.00% |
| Year 3 | 94.55% | | |



Nursery

We have Nursery places available—children are able to start Nursery the term after they are 3. If you are interested in registering a place for your child please call in to the office to get a form.

Dojo winners

Year 5



ClassDojo

Spring Learning

As we begin our new term, the children will be covering new topics. Please feel free to look at our class pages on the school website to see what your child is leaning this half term.

Stars of the Week and Gospel Values

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| Nursery | Isabella | For an amazing start to Nursery |
| | Aoife | For being so helpful to others |
| Reception | Scarlett | For her positive attitude towards learning |
| | Lily | For being kind and patient |
| Year 1 | Ryan | For working really hard on his writing and sounding out in phonics |
| | Emmanuel | For showing kindness and respect |
| Year 2 | Sofia | For always being ready to learn |
| | Nyima | For her great attitude to learning |
| Year 3 | Olivia & Kiera | For both settling in so well and being fantastic role models |
| | Jowan | For showing respect and kindness to others |
| Year 4 | Zuzanna | For reading every day during the Christmas holiday! |
| | Tyler | For being an inclusive friend this week |
| Year 5 | Tiana | For excellent presentation of all her work |
| | Muhammad | For starting 2026 with a great attitude |
| Year 6 | Charlie | For great work during computing |
| | Daryl | For a caring and positive attitude |

Application for Reception places for September 2026

Please remember that the closing date to make an application for your child to start primary school in September 2026 is **Thursday 15 January 2026**.

Please contact the school office if you have any difficulties with the process.

Dates

Monday 12th—Y4 Swimming
 Monday 12th—Y6 SATS parents evening at 3.30pm
 Tuesday 13th—Y5/6 Basketball competition at CHS
 Wednesday 14th—Y5/6 Athletics at EBA
 Wednesday 14th—Y4 Love Music Trust Strings session
 Thursday 15th—Y4 Forest School
 Thursday 15th—Parent book look 3.15pm
 Friday 16th—Y5 Love Music Trust Brass session
 Sunday 18th—Family Mass at St Mary's Chapel 10.30am
 Thursday 5th Feb—Young Voices Concert
 Wednesday 18th March—Online Parent meetings (Virtual)

Funds for Gardening projects

Before the Christmas break Mrs Pinto, Governor, applied for a community grant from Mission Green. The application was successful and the grant will cover the cost of tools and other equipment for both garden club and Reception/nursery.

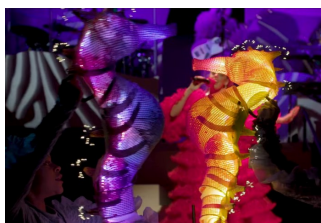
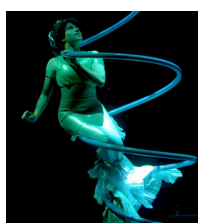


**A huge thank you to
Mrs Pinto!**

Little Mermaid Trip

The KS2 children were treated to a fantastic performance of The Little Mermaid at the New Vic Theatre today.

Panashe said, "I loved how it felt like you were under the sea. The mermaids really looked like they were swimming underwater."



Penalties for unauthorised absence

| Timeline | One child | Two children |
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| Paid within 21 days | £80 per parent | £80 per child = £160 per parent |
| After 21 days and before 28 days | £160 per parent | £160 per child = £320 per parent |
| After 28 days | You will be summonsed to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance | You will be summonsed to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your children's regular attendance |

Holidays in term time

Please remember that taking your child out of school without the school's authorisation may result in the school requesting the Local Authority to issue a fixed penalty notice to each parent / carer for each child.

Please be aware that only a few days of absence can impact significantly on a child's attendance percentage and consequently the child's education and learning.

Penalties are as per the table shown.

WINTER WATER SAFETY FOR KIDS

STAY AWAY FROM FROZEN WATER
Ice can be thin dangerous.

ALWAYS PLAY WHERE ADULTS CAN SEE YOU
Never go near ponds or lakes alone.

WEAR WARM CLOTHES
Hats, gloves, and boots help keep you safe and warm.

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE FALL IN, GET HELP
Call an adult or emergency services, don't try to rescue them yourself

DANGER THIN ICE

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Loving God,
thank you for the gift of a new year.
As we begin 2026, help us to grow in kindness, courage and faith.

Guide our students, families and staff to make good choices, to care for one another, and to always try their best.

May our school be a place of learning, peace and joy, where everyone feels welcomed and valued.

Bless our year ahead and keep us in your loving care.

Amen.

