

Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 2nd October 2026

Edition 5

Which of the two did the will of his father?

Matthew 21:31

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have reflected on Monday's Celebration of the Word, the children have been thinking about a simple but powerful message from Jesus: our actions matter more than our words. Through a modern-day parable, they explored how it is not enough to say we will do the right thing; what truly counts is following through with our actions. The children have been encouraged to consider how they can live out Jesus' example each day through kindness, honesty and care for others. We wish you a happy and restful weekend.



Football at All Hallows

Well done to the eight Year 6 children who represented St Mary's at the football competition at All Hallows on Wednesday.

The team performed brilliantly, winning five of their seven matches. After a closely contested tournament, they finished in an impressive 4th place out of 8 teams, narrowly missing out on a higher finish due to goal difference.

We are incredibly proud of their teamwork, determination and excellent sportsmanship throughout the competition. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school and should be very proud of their achievement.

Behaviour

Although instances of poor behaviour are rare at Saint Mary's, we would like to reassure parents and carers that such behaviour is not tolerated.

Staff respond promptly and appropriately, following our behaviour and safeguarding policies to ensure that all children feel safe, supported and ready to learn.

We are proud of the positive conduct demonstrated by the vast majority of our pupils and remain committed to maintaining a caring, respectful and secure environment for everyone in our school community.

PTA Meeting

Unfortunately, no parents or carers were able to attend the PTA meeting on Wednesday. While we will continue to organise as many events and opportunities for our children as possible, the success of these often relies on the support of our school community.

We completely understand that everyone has busy lives, but without volunteers and support from parents and carers, we may not be able to offer as many additional experiences and activities in the future.

We would love to welcome any new helpers and are always grateful for any support, however big or small.

Together, we can continue to create memorable opportunities for our children.



Parents Meetings

Our Parent Meetings will take place on Wednesday 14th October and will be held face-to-face in the school hall. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into the new school year and to talk with their class teacher about their progress, wellbeing and learning.

Please note: Year 4 meetings will be held on Thursday 15th October.

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend. Working together is one of the best ways to support your child's success and ensure they have the very best start to the year.

Please sign up for an appointment via **Arbor**. We look forward to welcoming you to school and meeting with you.

Stars of the Week and Gospel Values

Nursery	Robyn	For always being so excited and eager to learn
	Ella	For always being a kind friend
Reception	Roman	For fantastic blending in phonics and when reading his book
	Cameron	For arriving at school each morning with a positive attitude and infectious smile
Year 1	Alex	For a great line drawing in Art
	Logen	For being really welcoming to our new class members
Year 2	Edith	For her creative artwork all about texture and tone
	Polly	For always making everyone feel included
Year 3	Indi	For making a great effort in all learning tasks
	Violet	For living out the school's mission statement every day
Year 4	Ella	For fantastic writing in RE when retelling the story of Abraham and Isaac
	Lexi	For always being ready
Year 5	Felicity	For always being ready to listen and learn and being a brilliant ambassador of our school
	Bella	For acts of service and always helping in class
Year 6	Erin	For super handwriting and lovely presentation
	Andressa	For showing strength and courage in her new school

Dojo winners

Year 2



ClassDojo

Harvest

This year, we are supporting Changing Lives as part of our Harvest celebrations. We would be very grateful for donations of: Cereal, Coffee, Tea bags, Squash, Tomato sauce, Sweetcorn, Gravy granules, Soup, Chickpeas, Tinned tomatoes, Jam, Corned beef, Biscuits and Sugar.

Thank you for your generosity and support. All donations will help make a difference to those in need within our local community.

Attendance

Thank you for ensuring that your child attends school **every day and arrives on time**. Your support makes a significant difference and has a positive impact on your child's learning, progress and overall wellbeing.

Regular attendance helps children build confidence, maintain friendships, and make the most of every learning opportunity. We greatly appreciate your continued partnership in helping our children achieve their very best.

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days	Equivalent Sessions	Equivalent Weeks	Equivalent Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	18 Sessions	1.4 Weeks	45 Lessons
90%	19 Days	38 Sessions	3.4 Weeks	95 Lessons
85%	29 Days	58 Sessions	5.4 Weeks	145 Lessons
80%	36 Days	72 Sessions	7.1 Weeks	180 Lessons
75%	48 Days	96 Sessions	9.3 Weeks	240 Lessons

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Academy Trust

Understanding Attendance

The School Day Consists of 2 Sessions
AM – Morning PM – Afternoon

Arriving after the AM register means you will miss your morning mark!

Why Do Sessions Matter?

Attendance is not counted by hours, but by sessions

Attendance is based on sessions, just one day off school is 2 missed sessions!

For further information, contact Natalie McNulty - Education Welfare Officer @ DLS, E-Mail: N.McNulty@olhc-act.org.uk, Tel: 07842497273

Cross Country

Well done to all of the Year 5 and Year 6 children who took part in the Cross Country event at CHS.

Cross country is a challenging event that requires both physical endurance and a positive attitude and we are incredibly proud of the effort and commitment shown by every child who took part.

Thank you for being such excellent ambassadors for our school.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who has already completed our parent questionnaire. We have received some wonderful feedback and many helpful suggestions.

If you have not yet completed the questionnaire, please use the link :

[Parent Survey September 2026](#)
– Fill in form

Learn to Play

Run by Love Music Trust
Saturday 10 October 2026 - 10am-2pm
Music Department, Sandbach School

10am-10.45am Beginner Brass Bonanza!
Open invite to anyone (young and old) who has just started or would like to try out a brass instrument for the first time!

11am-11.45am Folk Music Smash
Come and learn some great tunes. No experience necessary!

12pm-12.45pm Ukulele for Beginners

1pm-1.30pm Improvisation for the First Time

1.30pm-2pm The Big Sing!

FREE TO ATTEND - NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
Please sign up via the link

Mad Hair Day

We hope the children enjoyed taking part in Mad Hair Day!

It was wonderful to see imaginative hairstyles on display throughout the school.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing **£126**.

Thank you to all the families who supported the event.

Your contributions help us to continue providing enriching opportunities and experiences for our children.

Attendance

Nursery	97.3%
Reception	93.68%
Year 1	94.96%
Year 2	91.9%
Year 3	98.46%
Year 4	93.67%
Year 5	97.86%
Year 6	99.05%

Whole school 96.7%



Dates for the Diary

Monday 5th —Y5 swimming

Thursday 8th—Y4 Forest School and Y6 presentation about Culmington Manor Residential 3.30pm

Monday 12th—Y5 swimming

Tuesday 13th - EYFS open morning and Y3/4 cross country EBA

Wednesday 14th —Harvest Mass in school hall 9.15am, Y5/6 Girls football AHCC and Whole School Parents Meetings (Except Y4) 3pm onwards

Thursday 15th—Y6 Forest School & Y4 Parents Meeting

Friday 16th—EYFS Stay and Play session

Monday 19th—Y5 swimming

Tuesday 20th—Whole School Flu Vaccine

Wednesday 21st—Friday 23rd—Y6 Residential to Culmington Manor

Reception Places September 2027

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2027, applications must be submitted through Cheshire East School Admissions by **Friday 15th January 2027**.

Why not come along to our Open Day on **Tuesday 13th October** and see what makes Saint Mary's such a special place to learn and grow?

You'll have the opportunity to meet our staff, explore our school and discover all that we have to offer.

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN MORNING

- Is your child due to start Reception in September 2027?
- Please join us on Tuesday 13th October to visit our Reception classroom.
- 9.30am-10.30am

To Book

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📍 Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School, Belgrave Avenue, Congleton, CW12 1HT

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Early Years Forest School Session

We are pleased to be offering a Forest School session for children aged **3 and 4 years**.

Please note: Children who attend our Nursery **will not attend if they are already in Nursery on 5th November**. However, if your child is aged 3 or 4 and does **not** attend Nursery on that day, they are very welcome to join us.

All children **must be accompanied by a parent, carer or other responsible adult throughout the session**.

We would be grateful if you could **share this information with friends and family** who may be interested. We look forward to welcoming lots of children and their grown-ups for a fun and exciting Forest School experience!

Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank You for the many blessings of this week. Thank You for the opportunities we have had to learn, play, grow and support one another.

Help us to remember that our actions speak louder than our words. May we follow the example of Jesus by showing kindness, honesty and love in all that we do. Bless our children, families and staff, and help us to work together as a caring school community.

As we begin the weekend, keep us safe, happy and close to You.

Amen



Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School

EYFS Forest School

Stay & Play session for 3-4 year olds

Open to all!

Come and join us for a Forest School Stay & Play Session! There will be lots of fun and exciting outdoor activities available, as well as access to our amazing forest!

5th November 9:30-11:30

Get in touch to book a place:

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