

Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 9th October 2026

Edition 6

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes'?"

Matthew 21:42

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another exceptionally busy and rewarding week at school.

Our main focus has been the CSI inspection, which took place on Wednesday and Thursday. We were delighted to welcome the inspection team and to have the opportunity to share all that makes our school community so special.

Most importantly, it was a privilege to demonstrate how Christ is at the centre of all that we do, guiding our learning, relationships and daily life. We are incredibly proud of our pupils, staff and wider school family for the warmth, confidence and faith they showed throughout the process.



Breakdancing

Our Breakdancing Enrichment Day was a fantastic experience for all of our children.

Throughout the day, each class took part in an exciting breakdancing session where they learnt a variety of new moves and techniques. The children showed great enthusiasm, creativity and determination as they challenged themselves to try something different. It was wonderful to see everyone joining in with such energy and confidence. There were plenty of smiles as the children practised and perfected their routines!

A huge thank you to Miss Owen for organising this enjoyable opportunity and giving the children such a memorable day.



Dojo winners Year 5



Parents Meetings

Our Parent Meetings will take place next 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 next Thursday 15th October.

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

Stars of the Week and Gospel Values

Nursery	Annie	For keeping our Nursery tidy and safe
	Alanna	For settling in so well to Nursery
Reception	Abraham	For making great progress with his reading and phonics
	Toby	For always showing care and concern for others
Year 1	Alayah	For settling into Year 1 amazingly and trying her best at everything
	Eila	For really thoughtful answers in RE
Year 2	Ryan	For building amazing sentences for his story writing
	Gracie	For always being a helpful member of our class
Year 3	Abigail	For impressing our visitors with her amazing religious knowledge
	Oliver	For making a wonderful effort to create a peaceful classroom
Year 4	Ben	For excellent participation in assembly
	Tilly	For excellent reading with adults
Year 5	Rome	For working incredibly hard this week especially with his handwriting and presentation
	Harriet	For always responding with kindness to others
Year 6	Muhammad	For sharing his super ideas and fantastic presentation of his RE work
	Tiana	For thoughtful contributions to RE lessons

Parent Surveys

Thank you to all parents and carers who took the time to complete the survey for the Catholic Schools Inspectorate this week.

The Inspectors were really pleased with the amount of replies they received.

Attendance

Nursery	91.28%	Year 3	98.46%
Reception	93.68%	Year 4	93%
Year 1	91.67%	Year 5	100%
Year 2	94.29%	Year 6	96.19%

Whole school 96.5%



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, Biscuits, Tinned tomatoes, Jam, Corned beef and Sugar. Thank you for your generosity and support.

All donations will help make a difference to those in need within our local community.



Secondary School applications

A reminder for parents of children due to start secondary school in September 2027, applications for secondary school places must be submitted through Cheshire East Admissions by **31st October 2026**.

We encourage families to apply in plenty of time to avoid missing the deadline.

Taking Holidays during 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. The penalties are shown below.

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 for unauthorised absence		
Timeline	One child	Two children
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

Thanks to our Governors

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise and thank our wonderful governors. On Tuesday, they attended a full Governing Board meeting to discuss, review and plan continued improvement for the school. In addition to this they have also been actively involved in supporting our school during the inspection process.

What many people may not realise, is that governors undertake this role entirely on a voluntary basis. They give up evenings, attend meetings, visit school regularly and invest a significant amount of their own time as they are passionate about ensuring the very best outcomes for our children. Their dedication, support and commitment to our school are greatly valued and on behalf of our staff, pupils and families, I would like to offer our sincere thanks.

Reception Places September 2027



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

01260 274690
admin@saintmaryscongleton.co.uk
Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School,
Belgrave Avenue, Congleton, CW12 1HT

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

Why not come along to our Open Day on **Tuesday 13 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.

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You for loving each one of us and for being the strong foundation of our school. Just as Jesus is the cornerstone, help us to keep Him at the centre of everything we do.

Help us to be kind to others, to include everyone and to remember that every person is special to You. Give us courage to make good choices, work hard and show Your love through our words and actions.

As we learn and play together, help us to grow in faith, friendship and understanding. May our school always be a place where Your love shines brightly.

Amen.



Dates for the Diary

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)

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

Thursday 22nd—Y5 Forest school

Friday 23rd—EYFS Autumn Welly Walk at Congleton Park. School closes for Half Term

Monday 2nd November—Back to School

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!

