

Weekly Newsletter

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And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear and the dead are raised up and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

Matthew 11:4-6

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children started the week reflecting on the meaning of 'rejoice' in Celebration of the Word led by Mrs Burrow. The week has continued to provide opportunities to rejoice as we have celebrated and shared our Christmas Nativities and Carol Concert. The children were incredible and we are so proud of every one of them.



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 months turn even colder.

Thank you in advance.

Nativity Performances

Well done to all the children who took part in the nativity performances, they were fantastic! A huge thank you to all the people who came to see the performances and kindly supported school by buying raffle tickets. A whopping £380 was raised for school funds which will help to provide materials and experiences for the children.

School Buildings fund

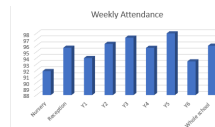
As a Catholic Academy, 10% of the cost of building works and major repairs must be met by the Diocese instead of public funding. The Diocese relies on contributions from our parishes and school communities.

Every year, we ask parents to contribute towards the school buildings fund in order to support the Diocese in keeping the Catholic school well maintained. A £5 contribution per child is suggested, but you are free to give more or less than this.

Please visit your Arbor system, under 'Shop', School Buildings to donate.

Attendance

Nursery	91.89%	Year 4	95.65%
Reception	95.67%	Year 5	98%
Year 1	94%	Year 6	93.46%
Year 2	96.3%	Whole School	96%
Year 3	97.31%		



St Mary's Facebook page

Please join, follow and share our Saint Mary's Catholic School Facebook page.

You will find lots of useful information and photos of events on there too.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/16p2FtC4XD/?>

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.



Celebration Circle

On Thursday, we held our second Celebration Circle. One child from each class was invited to have a Christmas tea party with Miss Butterfield to celebrate their hard work this half term. The children enjoyed cakes and Christmas activities and were given a selection box as a special Christmas treat. We hold our Celebration Circle's each half term. We are looking forward to seeing who is chosen next half term!



A Message of Thanks and Christmas Wishes

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding half term, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all our families for your continued support and partnership. Your encouragement at home, involvement in school activities and ongoing commitment to our school community play a vital role in helping our children grow, learn and flourish.

The past half term has been filled with many achievements, special moments and opportunities for learning and this would not be possible without your cooperation and trust.

We are extremely grateful for the positive relationships we share with our families and for the strong sense of community that makes St Mary's Catholic Primary School such a special place.

As we enter the Christmas season, we reflect on the message of hope, peace and love at the heart of this special time.

We are reminded of the words from Scripture: ***"Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."*** (Luke 2:14)

We wish all our families a joyful and restful Christmas, filled with happiness, togetherness and God's blessings. May the New Year bring renewed hope, good health and many reasons to smile.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year and continuing our journey together.

Children's Liturgy—Volunteer's needed

Do you feel you would like to help support young children on their faith journey? Our Children's Liturgy group are seeking helpers to join guiding the children in fun activities, Liturgy and discussions at Sunday Mass 10:30am St Mary's Parish Centre, just once a month.

If you would like to join our informal group, please give your details to the school office or email the parish stmarysrc.congleton@gmail.com

Dojo winners

Year 1



Dates for the diary

Monday 5th January—Back to School

Wednesday 7th—Young Climate Warriors Assembly Y3/4

Thursday 8th—Y5 Forest School

Friday 9th—KS2 trip to New Vic Theatre to see The Little Mermaid

Monday 12th—Y4 Swimming and Y6 SATS parent meeting 3.30pm

Loving God,

As we come together at the end of this school term, we thank You for all we have shared — for our learning, our friendships and the care we show one another.

We thank You for our families, our teachers, our school community and for the love and support that surrounds us each day.

At this special time of Christmas, we remember the birth of Jesus, the light of the world, who brings hope, peace and joy to all.

Bless our homes with love and laughter during the holidays. Keep us safe as we rest and spend time with those we care about.

Help us to remember those who may find this time difficult and show us how to be kind, generous and thoughtful to others.

As we look forward to the New Year, guide us to grow in faith, kindness, and understanding. May we return to school ready to learn, to help one another and to follow Jesus in all that we do.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

