

Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 20th March 2026

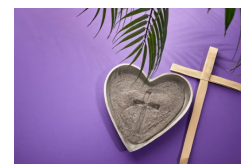
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Jesus spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then He anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam". So he went and washed and came back, seeing.

John 9:6-7

Dear Parent and carers,

The warmer weather has been a welcome change this week, it feels as though spring has finally sprung! It has been another busy week with lots of exciting things happening.



Assessment Week

This week has been assessment week and children have been completing end of term assessments for reading and maths as well as phonics.

These assessments help to inform teachers and identify any common errors that they will need to address.

A huge well done to all the children, who have approached this week with resilience and determination.



St Patrick's Day

On Tuesday, the school joined together for an assembly to learn all about St Patrick's Day.

We discussed what a Saint is and learnt about St Patrick's life as well as looking at how St Patrick's Day is celebrated around the world.

The children considered how there are many different traditions that are celebrated around the world and how we show respect and tolerance of these.



Jodrell Bank

Year 5 had a superb day at Jodrell bank on Thursday on a beautiful sunny day.

Mrs Milner and staff were so proud of how well Y5 behaved, there were amazing ambassadors for St Mary's.



Crucial Crew

Year 6 enjoyed their trip to Crucial Crew on Thursday at Macclesfield Rugby Club.

They learnt all about potential dangers and risks as they get older as well as how to keep safe on the internet.



Parents Evening

Thank you to everyone to attended online parents evening this week. We are always keen to update you on your child's learning. We will sending end of year reports in July.

Lenten Fundraiser

Our Big Lent Walk has started this week and will continue over the coming weeks. If you have not yet sponsored us and are able to do so please use the link below to donate.

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Stars of the Week and Gospel Values

Nursery	Roman	For taking excellent care of our ducklings
	Darcey	For always being kind to others
Reception	William	For his excellent effort in handwriting
	Alexandra	For excellent contribution to lessons
Year 1	William	For trying hard in all his assessments
	Griffin	For thinking of other people's feelings
Year 2	Abigail	For trying hard in all her assessments
	Mary	For persevering in everything she has done
Year 3	Jaymin	For working hard during his assessments
	Olivia	For hard work, respect and lovely manners
Year 4	Emily	For exceptional effort in her assessments this week
	Reggie	For being supportive during our 'Big Lenk Walk' this week
Year 5	Nila	For super singing and excellent effort in the Town Hall concert
	Blake	For being a great ambassador for St Mary's when visiting church and Jodrell Bank
Year 6	Edith	For great participation in our Crucial Crew school trip
	Sam	For great teamwork in P E

Dojo winners

Year 1



St Mary's Catholic Chapel

Friday 20th —Stations of the Cross 7pm

Sunday 22nd—Children's Liturgy 10.30am

Tuesday 24th—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults; this is the Catholic Church formal process for welcoming and forming new adult members into the church, preparing them for Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please come along at 6pm if you are interested.

World Down Syndrome Day



Thank you to everybody that supported 'Lots of Socks' Day in support of World Down Syndrome Day.

Through your generous donations, we have been able to donate **£144** to the Cheshire Down Syndrome charity.

The children have really enjoyed wearing their crazy socks and eating their gingerbreads in support of a wonderful charity.

Thank you to Miss Small for organising this event.



Attendance

We strive for excellent attendance at Saint Mary's.

If your child is unwell and they are need to rest and recover at home we completely understand, but the table below shows the impact of a lower attendance.

Children will miss valuable learning time and typically will not as much progress as their peers who are in school every day.

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

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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 @ DML
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EYFS—Incredible Eggs

EYFS have been thrilled to have duck eggs from *Incredible Eggs* in the classroom. Children have been observing the eggs, learning new words like *hatch* and *chick* and making predictions about when they would emerge.

When the ducklings started hatching, the children watched in awe, seeing life grow and change right before their eyes. This hands-on experience has supported learning in understanding the World, Communication and Personal Development, while teaching care, patience and curiosity.



Netball Success

Well done to our amazing netball team who got through to the semi final of their tournament on Thursday.

Incredible team spirit and skill!



Learning about Lent

It has been wonderful to see the children so captivated by the Easter story.

There has been some wonderful work taking place throughout school as the children reflect on Jesus' time leading to his crucifixion.

EYFS enjoyed creating their own Last Supper.



School dates for the Diary

Mon 23rd—Y4 swimming

Tues 24th—Y2 & Y3 Big Lent Walk

Wed 25th—Y4 LMT lesson, Y5/6 Netball at All Hallows, FHC class after school 3.15pm - 4pm

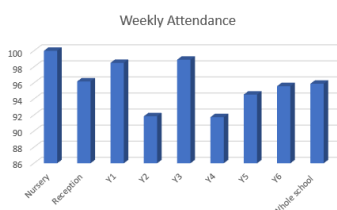
Thurs 26th—Rock Steady Concert for Parents 9.15am, Y3 Forest School

Fri 27th—Y5 LMT lesson. Break up for Easter Half Term

Mon 13th April—Back to school

Attendance

Nursery	100%	Year 3	98.89%
Reception	96.19%	Year 4	91.74%
Year 1	98.5%	Year 5	94.55%
Year 2	91.85%	Year 6	95.6%



**Whole School
95.9%**

Prayer

Loving God,

We thank You for our school community and for the gift of each new week. Bless our children as they learn and grow, our families as they care and support one another and our staff as they guide with patience and dedication.

Help us all to follow the example of Jesus, showing kindness, respect and love in all we do.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen.