

# Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 13th March 2026 Edition 24

**Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water.'**

John 4:10

Dear Parents and Carers

This week the children reflected on the Gospel of the Woman at the Well. We thought about how Jesus took the time to speak to the Samaritan woman, when she felt lonely and full of shame. We were reminded that Jesus is always here for us and loves us unconditionally. During the season of Lent, we turn back to God and say sorry for our sins.



## Mothers Day

Thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising our Mother's Day gifting event. With your wonderful donations of gifts and £1 contributions on Arbor, every child in school has been able to take a gift home to give to their mother or relative to celebrate Mothering Sunday.



Thank you for your generosity and support. We hope the gifts are enjoyed and all Mums get the opportunity to rest and be a little bit spoilt this Sunday!

## Wizard of Oz

Children from Year 4 and 5 were invited to watch The Wizard of Oz at All Hallows on Monday. To say it was fantastic is an understatement! The children thoroughly enjoyed it and represented Saint Mary's wonderfully well.



## Y5 and Congleton Choral Society

Y5 children had a wonderful time performing with a professional orchestra along with Congleton Youth Orchestra and Congleton Community Choir.

The concert was held at Congleton Town Hall and was held in conjunction with pupils from two other primary schools : Marfields and Marton.

This was a project to explore the wonders of the Earth and Nature through Music and the children have been practicing with workshops for weeks with



Congleton Choral Society—  
we thank them for this wonderful opportunity.

## Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform for school, Ties can be purchased on Arbor. Also school shoes rather than trainers and no earrings or jewellery to be worn.

PLEASE LABEL so lost items can be returned!

On **Thursday 19th** after school, there will be a table of second hand, donated and unnamed school uniform available. Please come and take what you need, bring a bag!

## Parents Evening

Thank you to all those parents who have books a parents evening appointments for Wednesday 18th March. **These meetings will be virtual via Teams.**

We are looking forward to sharing information about the progress your children are making.

## Parents 'Book look' drop in

Thank you to all those parents who came to look at their children's work after school on Thursday. It is wonderful to be able to share their work with you and the children are always very excited about you coming to see their work.



## Stars of the Week and Gospel Values

Nursery	Arlo	For trying so hard in Phonics and writing
	Cameron	For being a kind friend
Reception	Logen	For being a helpful member of the class
	George	For good manners
Year 1	Emmanuel	For great work in phonics
	Kai	For being a kind friend
Year 2	Nyima	For working very hard in her Maths
	Oliver	For amazing Maths progress
Year 3	Eddie	For completing his English work to a high standard. Well done Eddie
	Kiera	For always showing kindness and respect to others
Year 4	Anmiel	For an increased effort in his learning and book work
	Edith	For thinking of other people's feelings
Year 5	Timothy	For great enjoyment, engagement and work when studying the Tudors
	Lucy	For being kind, helpful and a great ambassador for Saint Mary's
Year 6	James	For amazing progress in reading
	Molly	For perseverance with revision

### Dojo

### winners

### Reception



### Talking point - International Women's Day

This week in school, we have been learning about International Women's Day and why it is celebrated around the world. Take a few minutes to talk together as a family about these questions: Why do you think it is important to celebrate women's achievements? Can you name a woman who inspires you? This could be someone famous or someone you know personally (a family member, teacher, or friend)

What qualities make someone a good role model?  
Celebrating respect, equality and inspiration for everyone.

### Attendance

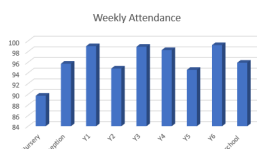
We strive for excellent attendance at Saint Mary's. If your child is unwell and they are need to rest and recover at home we completely understand, but the table below shows the impact of a lower attendance.

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

### Attendance

Nursery	89.71%	Year 3	98.89%
Reception	95.71%	Year 4	98.26%
Year 1	99%	Year 5	94.55%
Year 2	94.81%	Year 6	99.2%
		Whole School	95.9%



### 'Lots of Socks'

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March we are inviting all children to celebrate diversity and inclusion by taking part in World Down Syndrome Day.

We are encouraging children to come to school with bright, coloured or odd socks.

They will also have the opportunity to buy a gingerbread sock for £1, please pay via Arbor for this under 'Shop'.



## 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 in this table. 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

## Dates for the Diary

Mon 16th—Y4 swimming

Tues 17th—Y5 attend Mass in Church, Y1 & Y4 Big Lent Walk and Y4 Tattenhall Residential Parent's Meeting at 3.15 pm

Weds 18th—Y4 LMT lesson, Online Parents Meetings and FHC class after school 3.15pm - 4pm

Thurs 19th—Y3 Forest School and Y5 Jodrell Bank Trip, Y6 Crucial Crew visit and School Uniform table 3.15pm

Fri 20th—World Down Syndrome Day, Y2 Music Performance for parents at 11am and Y5 LMT lesson

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

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

Mon 13th April—Back to school

## 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. [Donate - Donation amount - JustGiving](#)



## Congleton Easter Activities

Thank you to all those that attended the session held by Springboard, an initiative being run in Congleton.

Linda and Emma came in to school on Wednesday to share ideas about how you can support your child but they also have a wealth of adult courses available free!

Please follow the link if you are interested.

### [Congleton » Springboard](#)

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March—Easter Treats Day in Congleton town centre

30<sup>th</sup> March – 11<sup>th</sup> April—Easter Hop Around the Shops (trail around the town centre)

Full details and posters have been emailed.

## Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of our mothers and all the women who love and care for us.

As Mother's Day approaches, we also thank you for Mary, our Mother, who shows us love, kindness and faith every day.

Bless our mums, grandmothers, carers and all who care for us.

Help us to follow Mary's example by being loving, patient and helpful to others.

May we show our love and gratitude not just today, but every day, remembering Mary's care for Jesus and for all of us.

Amen.

