



St. Mary's Catholic Academy

March 2025

Messenger



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new half term - a very busy half term!

Lent is the most important time for the school and Church. We are doing a number of things to fully prepare children for Easter. The Lenten prayer services will begin next week, with the first one on Tuesday 11th at 9:05 led by Year 6. These always prove to be a very reflective way to prepare ourselves for the season of Easter. You are all most welcome to attend. Next Sunday (16th March) is a whole school family mass, at St Mary's church at 10:00. You are all warmly invited to attend. It would be lovely to see as many of our children and families there to support our parish.

Last week, we invited in representatives from the Father Hudson Society who talked about the 'Good Shepherd Appeal'. Please look out for the envelopes that will come home with your child for your donation. All donations will go to a very worthy cause.

Last week, Evie, Aubree, Leah, Charlie, Luca, Jenson, Ruby J, Ruby M and Philippa had an amazing time at the cross-country tournament event at Sneyd Academy, giving it their all. We're incredibly proud of each and every one of them! Well done, everyone!

Last week the school underwent a Catholic Schools Inspection. The children were a credit to the school and the inspectors were very impressed with their enthusiasm for RE and the overall behaviour in our school. We will share the report with you once it has been published.



Inspired by the account of Jesus' temptation in the desert, this week's Gospel invites us to explore the Jubilee themes of slavery and freedom through the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

"And Jesus answered him, it is written that you shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve."

Luke 3:16

"THIS MORNING,
HE WAS WORRIED
ABOUT SCHOOL...
BUT LOOK AT HIM
NOW!"



If your child is absence from school

Please telephone the school on
01782 234820,
or email office@stmarysnewman.co.uk
no later than 9.30am

Thank you



Its important that we hold up to date information on
our pupils.

**Did you know that you are able to make
changes to contact details on Arbor yourself?**

All you need to do is log into the account and make
the changes, we will receive notification of those
changes and approve.

SPRING TERM

School close on Friday 11th April

SUMMER TERM

School opens to pupils Monday 28th April

MAY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED – 5th May

Half term Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

School closes Friday 18th July

[Click here for term dates](#)

2025/26 dates are available on our website

We will soon begin our Lenten Prayer
Services in preparation for Easter.
Each class will have the opportunity to
prepare and lead a Prayer.

Our first Prayer Service will be held on
Tuesday 11th March by Year 6 at 9.05am.

Please click on the link below for further dates and times:
[click here to view prayer services](#)



Y3 RECORDER FESTIVAL

12.30-1.30pm

Wednesday 19th March 2025

Victoria Hall, Hanley.



We are offering free workshops this
term with the Family Hub;

We still have places available

Tuesday 11th March– The day the
crayons quit.

Well done to all the children
who represented St Mary's at
the cross country tournament.

We had 3 pupils in the top 5;
1st Charlie
4th Philippa
5th Leah

An amazing achievement well
done!

We raised £580.00 from the Valentines disco, thank you for your continued support. All funds raised this academic year will be funding the school library.



Please click on the link below to view this terms menu's:
[new menu here](#)

Donation request

Do you have any masonry paint which you no longer need?

If so, Mr Murphy would be able to use it for school purposes. Please drop it off at the school office.

Thank you



A reminder that our stay and play sessions are every Tuesday @2pm. The session is FREE

Parents and children aged (2-4 years old) are welcome to join us.

This term's curriculum is uploaded to your child's class page under ½ termly curriculum.

Please click on the link below which will take you through to our website.

[Class page here](#)

Our next family mass is 10am on Sunday 16th March

School Masses will take place on a weekly rota basis— led by Whole school, EYFS, KS1 or KS2.



All of these Masses take place on a Wednesday morning at 9.25am (*unless otherwise stated*).

We encourage all parents, grandparents and members of the parish to support these Masses where possible.

All masses can be found on our website under the calendar tab;

[calendar here](#)



Save the date



Spring Term 2025

Monday 10th march - Friday 14th March	Science Week
Thursday 13th March	English/reading morning and evening 9-10am & 5:30 - 6:30pm
Tuesday 18th March	Reading watch me learn - 9am
Friday 21st March	Y6 Inspire workshop - Lent
Thursday 27th March	Foundation stage - Mother day activities 1.30pm
Thursday 27th March **	Mother day breakfast
Thursday 27th March **	Y1 Mothers day Liturgy 9am
Monday 31st March	Academy Photography - FS graduation and leavers photos
Friday 4th April **	Y2 inspire workshop - Easter garden
Tuesday 8th April	Foundation stage Easter bonnet parade 2:30pm
Thursday 10th April	End of term assembly 1.45pm
Friday 11th April	Stations of the Cross Liturgy
Friday 11th April	School closes

** Date change



Awards



We would like to congratulate all of the children who have received awards

Year	Headteacher	Reading	Maths	Goldfinch
Nursery	Ovie	Tavleen	Colby	Logan
Reception	Ava	Oscar	Fleur	Flynn
Year 1	Noah	Reeve	Reggie	Evie
Year 2	Isaac	Nela	Kirsten	Arlie



Celebration Assemblies have moved to a new time of 9.05am, you can view these on our website calendar:

[click here to view the calendar](#)

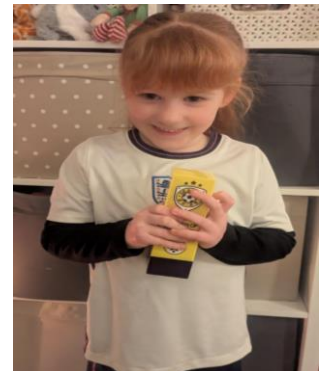
Please remember to bring in any certificates as we love to celebrate achievements in our assemblies!



We are excited to share with you that Charlie has signed as an Under 10 player at Stoke City Academy. Please join us in congratulating him on this fantastic achievement.



Well done to Layla who received player of the match for her football skills.

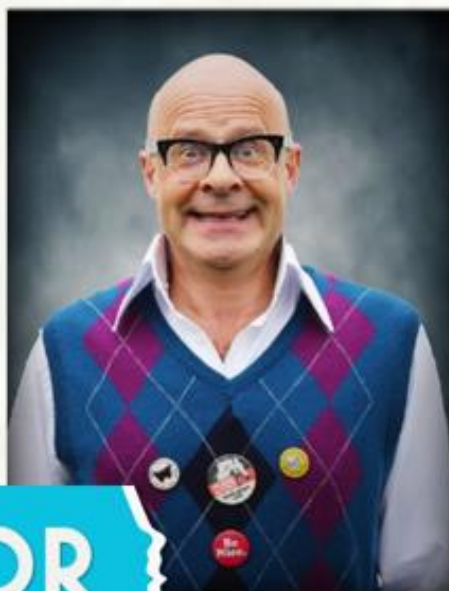


Well done to Albie-Jack, Reggie and Roman who play for Milton Mavericks.

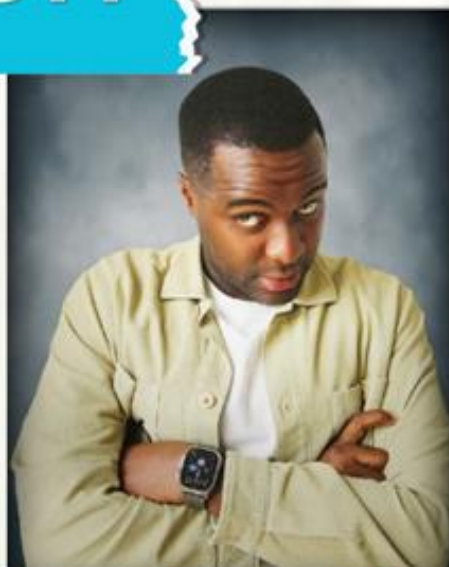
Their team were the Winter festival winners!



Well done to Jacob passed his orange grading for Mixed Martial Arts !



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JUNIOR BAKE OFF

**... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES
9-15 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING
SERIES!**

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SUNDAY 23RD MARCH**

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