

# St Marie's Catholic Primary School

*Learning through faith, love and respect*



*Headteacher's Weekly Newsround  
End of week 7, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023*



*Term 2023*

*Break The Rules Day ...a huge success. Approximately £420 raised !!!  
Thank you PTFA for such a fun activity  
The quote most heard on the day, "Can we do it again!"*



## Wellbeing Thought for the week

Mrs O'Neill's Thought for the Week.

**"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver."**

**Ghandi**

**Our health is so important to lead a happy life; physical health and mental health go hand in hand. During the cold, dark months it can be difficult to stay motivated. Try finding a routine that works for you, maybe get wrapped up and go for an evening walk or play your favourite music and have a kitchen disco! A simple act like this every day can improve mood and help you stay in the green zone.**

**Health = Happiness!**





# Celebrating Wigan Warriors

Wigan Warriors celebrate their grand final win over Catalans



St Marie's celebrate their grand final win. We have lots of rugby fans at St Marie's



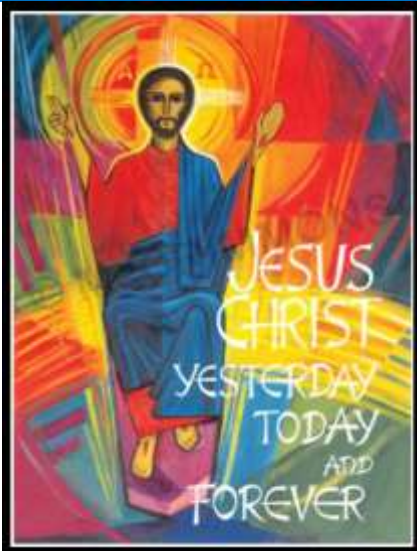
## *Sunday Gospel Message for the week ahead* *'LOVE'*

**Liturgical Year and Cycle:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Cycle A

**Key Scripture:** Matthew's Gospel 22:34-40

**"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in God's Law?"**

**Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You must also love your neighbour as yourself."**



In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that our love for God is also made known through the way that we love others. Whenever we love and care for one another we can be sure that God is with us.

### *Reflection Time*

Choose a special way in which you will show your love for God and for each other during next week. Perhaps you can be peacemakers, pray for others, look for a chance to help out, show and tell somebody how much you love them, do a random act of kindness and treat somebody better than they would be expecting.

Let Us Pray,  
 Dear Lord Jesus, help us to love others as we love ourselves.  
 Please help us to see that other people have needs too,  
 and to love you through loving them.  
 Amen




### Autumn Term Week 7 Attendance Overall attendance = 95.4%

Our school target is set at 96.5 %. This is improving and getting closer to our target. Thank you for your support and partnership working together for the best education for the children. As we move into the next Autumn term let us work together to achieve our excellent attendance standards.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	95.3%	95.2%	98.0%	89.3%	95.6%	96.3%	95.6%

## Dates for your diaries

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Thinking Schools assembly with the children. Adventures in Metacognition-Learning To Learn at St Marie's. The final stage of our Thinking Schools accreditation – one of our School Development priorities
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Deadline date for High School applications
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	St Marie's OPEN DAYS
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Word of mouth is a very powerful way of celebrating and recommending our school. Please pass on the OPEN DAY dates
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	SEND coffee morning
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Skillwise Football Afterschool Club for Year 5 & 6 girls
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 / 4 team for Inclusion Festival, Wigan Youth Zone
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Enrichment visit to Maritime Museum, Exploring Titanic
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Balance Bike training sessions for Reception and Year 1
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	PSHE enrichment National Antbullying Week Theme = Make A Noise About Bullying <a href="https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/">https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/</a>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	National Nursery Rhyme Week
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Holy Communion Preparation Session 1 in <b>St Marie's Church at 6.00pm</b>
Wk beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PARENT CONSULTATION SESSIONS – booking information to follow soon
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Mrs Styles and a group from the GIFT team will visit St Teresa's Church for a retreat day, with the other Catholic Cluster Schools
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	PTFA need donations sending into school of Christmas Jumpers and Nativity costumes. Thank you
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Holy Communion Preparation Session 2 in <b>school at 5.15 pm</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Holy Communion Preparation Session 3 in <b>school at 5.15 pm</b>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	8.15 am – 9.15 am Costume and Christmas jumper sales with PTFA 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm Costume and Christmas jumper sales with PTFA
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 / 4 team for Multiskills Competition at Deans Trust
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	ADVENT MASS in St Marie's Church for Year 3,4,5,6 children

	Starting at 9.30 am. All families are welcome to attend
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	School Choir singing at Standish Christmas Markets. A wonderful family, local event
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	PTFA organised event ADVENT FESTIVE WALK AROUND STANDISH ending at school for refreshments, stalls, singing ....
DECEMBER	As part of Life Simply and our support for CAFOD we will encourage the children not to send Christmas cards but to donate to school Christmas Card and buy a CAFOD gift
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	First Reconciliation Service for Holy Communion preparation children and their families in St Marie's Church at 6.00pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Choirs at Christmas Year 5 and school choir
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 mini performance <i>Bombs and Blackberries A World War Two play</i> – to showcase our talented Expressive Arts curriculum
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity – times to be confirmed
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity – times to be confirmed Preschool and Reception Nativity
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Knights of St Columba Christmas Carol Service in St Marie's Church for all our families to attend. The 3 local schools and adult choir form Church will participate and retell our wonderful Christmas story in song and prayer. Starts at 6.00pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Wear your Christmas jumper or Christmas festive item for cook's delicious Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA Key Stage One Christmas Event – Tea With Santa Wear party clothes to school
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Computer Explorers visit for an assembly about Afterschool Clubs
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA Key Stage Two Christmas Event – Christmas Disco
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Enrichment visit to a Live Theatre Performance
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term. School and Preschool close at 2.00pm
	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	INSET TRAINING DAY – no children attend school on this day
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Welcome to the new SPRING term starting at 8.45 am