

St. Marie's Catholic Primary School

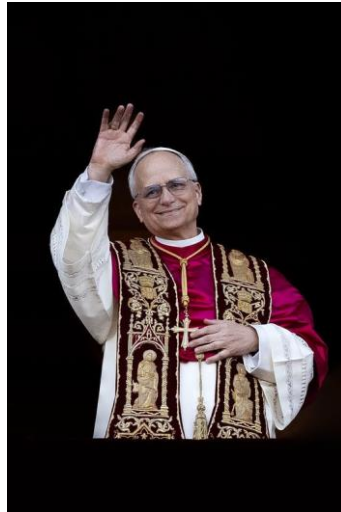
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NEWSLETTER

9th May 2025

Dear Families,



Pope Leo XIV

Heavenly Father,
We thank You for the gift of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo.
Guide him with Your wisdom, strengthen him with Your grace,
and protect him as he shepherds Your Church in truth and love.

Amen

This Week's Gospel – from John

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'

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God of all, help us to listen to your voice and to care for one another as you care for all people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Special Sunday Mass

Please save the date – **Sunday 22nd June** at 11am

Mass at St. Marie's Church on this date will be a family Mass. All children, families and staff are warmly invited. The children will be involved in the Mass. The Year 4 children who will have made their First Holy Communion earlier in the month are invited to wear their special clothes again.

Library Celebrations



Thank you to Mrs Aspinall, Mrs O'Neill and the children from school who took part in Standish library's 60th anniversary celebrations last weekend.

Congratulations!



Well done to Eva and Ronnie who are the proud owners of the Wigan Warrior's Rugby shirts that we raffled this afternoon in the Golden Book assembly. Thank you everyone for supporting us with the raffle which has fund-raised for our new P.E jackets.

V.E Day Anniversary



The children have learnt about the significance of V.E Day through an assembly with a prayer for peace. The children had a presentation from the GIFT team. We dressed in red, white and blue and the day ended with a traditional sing song.

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May – the month of Mary

In May especially, we celebrate Mary, our heavenly mother. The children will be saying the Rosary with the teachers and are welcome to bring their own Rosary beads to school if they wish.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

PTFA News



Summer family Picnic - Sunday May 18th 12.30- 2pm

We are delighted to invite you all to our family fun picnic afternoon!

This event (weather permitting!) will hopefully be a wonderful opportunity for our school families to gather and enjoy a picnic and some fun activities on the school field.

The cost is **£5 per family** which includes a treasure hunt, some free games and one free turn on the bouncy castle! (extra turns can be purchased on the day). There will also be a 'summer fun gift' tombola and a lucky dip. Tea, coffee, soft drinks and lolly ices will also be available to purchase.

It is events like these that help us to raise much needed funds for school. So far this year, the PTFA have subsidised all school trips, purchased chess sets for the Chess Club, bought a sound system/microphone set and are buying a new gazebo and Boat Bench for the new Peace Garden.

In the future, we are also hoping to raise enough money for a Trim Trail to continue to enhance the outdoor area for the children.

Tickets for the picnic will be on sale until Wednesday May 14th.

Friday May 16th

There will be a non-uniform day for the children on Friday 16th May, where the children can come in their own clothes. We ask for contributions towards the tombola which can be anything related to summer fun activities for example, bats, balls, skipping ropes, small games, beach games, yoyos, colouring books, pens or some sweet treats. Please send your contribution into school on May 16th if you can.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you on the 18th May.

Spellings and Reading

A reminder about spelling and reading homework. We ask parents to support their children to learn their weekly spellings (Year 1 – Year 6) and hear them read their school reading books as often as you can. If you have any of the school reading books at home that your child has finished with, could you please send them back into school as we have a number of books missing. Thank you. If you have any queries regarding your child's spelling or reading, please speak to the class teacher.

30 Gold Stars

Another group of children celebrated getting 30 Gold Stars! We changed the 'hot chocolate treat' to ice pops in the staff room instead!



Other news this week...

Reception – had a great time at Smithills Farm learning about different lifecycles. They enjoyed a tractor ride, feeding and riding the donkeys, watching the cows being milked and meeting lots of baby animals in the pet corner.



Year 1 – looked at clouds. They found shapes and thought about Jesus' Ascension to Heaven.



Year 2 – celebrated VE Day.



They joined with the Year 5 children to pray the Rosary.



Year 3 - Year 3 have been looking for magnetic and non-magnetic materials



Year 4 - Year Four led the Rosary for Year One.



Year 5 - Year 5 used balloons to investigate the forces of air resistance and gravity.



Year 6 – Year 6 have been making Grammar Wallpaper



A special mention for Year 6

We wish our Year 6 children the best of luck with their SATS tests which begin on Monday. They have worked so hard and now it is time to shine! Remember children – just do your best, that's all we ask from you. We are proud of you.

Dates for your diary - any highlighted dates show new information that has been added since last week's newsletter.

Monday 12 th May	Year 6 complete their SATS tests this week
Friday 16 th May	Non-uniform day - contributions for the tombola welcome Treat for Year 6 class
Sunday 18 th May	PTFA summer picnic 12 -2.30pm
Monday 19 th May	Year 3 and 4 group football competition
Tuesday 20 th may	'Bright Sparks' work with Year 6 in science with their topic of electricity
Wednesday 21 st May	Road Safety session with Year 6
Friday 23 rd May	Sports day (weather permitting) Year 2,3,4,5,6 starting at 9.15am Pre School, Reception, Year 1 starting at 1.30pm Break up for May holiday 3.15pm

Attendance Matters at Saint Marie's

Class	Attendance %
Reception	95.0
Year 1	94.5
Year 2	97.0
Year 3	94.9
Year 4	94.0
Year 5	95.4
Year 6	94.3

Our school target is 96.5%. Please be mindful of not booking holidays in term time. Well done Y2!



This week's Golden Book children:

Pre-School – **Ada** for settling into life at St Marie's so well

Reception – **Sofia** for having a great week and being very chatty to everyone

Year 1 – **Finn** for using all of his writing skills

Sebbby for singing his counting in 5's song

Year 2 – **Mia** for a very settled week and sensible, mature choices

Year 3 – **Layla** for working really hard in maths lessons

Sebastian for a great week

Year 4 – **Sasha** for working hard to improve her times table scores

Year 5 – **James** for always being ready to learn

Teddy for excellent effort all week

Year 6 – **Orla** for super determination

Florence for great revision

Alex for great revision



Well done children!

With very best wishes, Mrs Jackson

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