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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

We pray for all families: that they may help and support each other to grow in wisdom. May they teach each other to see what really matters. Amen

## From the Gospel of Luke

### The Presentation of the Lord



The time came for Joseph and Mary to perform the ceremony of purification as the Law of Moses commanded. So, they took the child to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, as it is written in the law of the Lord: "Every firstborn male is to be dedicated to the Lord." They also went to offer a sacrifice of a pair of doves or two young pigeons, as required by the law of the Lord.

At that time there was a man named Simeon living in Jerusalem. He was a good God-fearing man and was waiting for Israel to be saved. The Holy Spirit was with him and had assured him that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's promised Messiah.

Led by the Spirit, Simeon went into the Temple. When the parents brought the child Jesus into the Temple to do for him what the Law required, Simeon took the child in his arms and gave thanks to God:

"Now, Lord, you have kept your promise,  
and you may let your servant go in peace.  
With my own eyes I have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples:  
A light to reveal your will to the Gentiles  
and bring glory to your people Israel."

**LEARNING THROUGH FAITH, LOVE AND RESPECT**

The child's mother and father were amazed at the things Simeon said about him. Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother, "This child is chosen by God for the destruction and the salvation of many in Israel. He will be a sign from God which many people will speak against and so reveal their secret thoughts. And sorrow, like a sharp sword, will break your own heart."

There was a very old prophet, a widow named Anna, daughter of Phanuel of the tribe of Asher. She had been married for only seven years and was now 84 years old. She never left the Temple: day and night she worshipped God, fasting and praying. That very same hour she arrived and gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were waiting for God to set Jerusalem free.

When Joseph and Mary had finished doing all that was required by the law of the Lord, they returned to their home town of Nazareth in Galilee. The child grew and became strong; he was full of wisdom, and God's blessings were upon him.

## Let us pray –

God of life, help us to see how important and special all your children are – no matter who they are. Teach us to treat all members of our global family with love and respect. Amen.

## Learning this week at Saint Marie's...

### Pre- School – The children have been creating "moon rocks" using playdough



Reception – have been celebrating Lunar New Year and writing and working as a team with Pre-School



Year 1 - have made potions like Mary Seacole



Year 2 – the children have spent time outside looking for habitats



Year 3 - The children have been using musical instruments in music



Year 4 - have been doing some active Maths and learning about perimeter



Year 5 - Congratulations Year 5 on earning your 'team reward'! The children enjoyed some time in the outdoor classroom toasting marshmallows



Year 6 – have been performing their own music inspired by Vivaldi



## Faith in Action

We have a wonderful, dedicated group of Year 6 children who have embarked on their 'Faith in Action' award. We are very proud of these children and the work they are doing, putting their faith into actions!



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### Important Reminder

Parents and Carers – once again, please do not try to use the vehicle gates at school. Also, do not park in the driveway to pick up/drop off your child.

This is for the safety of everyone.

Also, can I ask that you are respectful to our neighbours when parking and walking past parked vehicles.

Thank you

### Children's Mental Health Week

Next week we will be raising awareness of children's mental health at school. This will start with an assembly on Monday and finish with a guest speaker on Friday. Throughout the week teachers have planned various activities. If you would like information about supporting your child's mental health, please join us on Wednesday morning 8.45am – 9.15am for tea/coffee. Mrs O'Neill is running this informal parent drop in.

## Uniform reminders

Our school uniform is important. Can I please remind parents:

- school shoes should be worn on non-P.E days
- long hair should be tied back
- no earrings are permitted.

Thank you for supporting us in maintaining our high expectations with uniform.

## Internet safety Day

We will celebrate this on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. This year's theme is, 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'. The focus is on teaching children and young people how to identify and avoid scams, and highlights available support.

We encourage you to have conversations at home about spotting, responding to, and reporting online scams. You may like to use one of these prompts to start a conversation with your child:

- What's your favourite thing to do online?
- Have you ever seen a scam online? How did it make you feel?
- What signs would you look out for to spot a scam?
- What advice would you give to your friends about scams?
- Who would you talk to if you saw a scam online?
- What more can I do to help you feel safe online?

More details from Mrs Waterworth will be sent out via Parent Pay next week.



## Jubilee Year

Every 25 years, the Catholic Church has a Holy Year of Jubilee. 2025's Theme will be 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Pope Francis has called the global Church to celebrate the Jubilee together, with deep faith, lively hope, and active charity. In this very special year, we are all invited to journey together as pilgrims of hope, putting faith into action to build a better world for everyone.



The children enjoyed wearing brightly coloured tops and finding out what the Jubilee emblem represented.



## Cathedral Mass

There will be a special Mass at the Cathedral in Liverpool on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. We hope that some of our families will join us there, along with our family from across the Liverpool Archdiocese.

The Mass is a celebration of Jack Traynor who went on pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Liverpool Archdiocese in 1923. He had been injured in the war and suffered from injuries and epilepsy, but whilst in Lourdes he was miraculously cured.

This is the 71<sup>st</sup> miracle to happen at Lourdes and Jack is the first person from England to have been cured at the shrine.

This will be a special Mass. Please join us with your family if you can and let the office know that you will be meeting us there.

This is a historic moment and visiting the Cathedral together is so fitting as Pope Francis calls us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope' in this Jubilee Year.



## PTFA Quiz Night

We have had to postpone the Quiz Night due to lack of response.

## School Website

Please do have a look at our school website and your child's class page on it. There are lots of photographs and information so that you can find out what exciting things have been happening in class.

## Attendance Matters at Saint Marie's

Class	Attendance %
Reception	95.3
Year 1	95.1
Year 2	96.4
Year 3	95.0
Year 4	93.8
Year 5	95.3
Year 6	94.5

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

We will be rewarding good attendance at the end of each half term.

Attendance during one school year	Equals approximately this many days absence	Which is approximately this many weeks absence	Which is approximately this many lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11 ½ weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13 ½ weeks	270 lessons

Every day off school has a negative impact.

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

Week beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent information drop in 8.45 – 9.15am
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 go to Low Bank Ground, Coniston, for the week
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term Week
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Holy Communion meeting for Year 4 at school 5.15pm – 6pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday – Father Joseph visits school 2pm. All welcome
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Communion meeting for Year 4 at school 5.15pm – 6pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Afternoon/Evening. More details to follow
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Communion meeting for Year 4 at school 5.15pm – 6pm
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 go on their residential visit to the Anderton Centre
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter



## This week's Golden Book children:

Pre-School – **Hermione** for arriving in pre-school with a lovely smile and being ready to learn.

Reception – **Jamie & Jackson** for a wonderful positive attitude to work and for excellent phonics progress.

Year 1 – **Matilda** for lovely maths work up to 20.

Year 2 – **Mia** for excellent writing of a traditional tale.

**Olivia** for great work all week.

Year 3 – **Stylianios** for superb maths work and an awesome attitude to learning.

Year 4 – **Bella** for an amazing attitude and fantastic writing.

**Paige** for always setting a wonderful example and trying hard in all lessons.

Year 5 – **Brooklyn** for super effort with her writing – well done!

Year 6 – **Thomas** for fantastic effort in English and overcoming barriers.



Well done children!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

**With very best wishes**

**Mrs Jackson**