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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

In this week's Gospel, only one of the people healed says 'thank you'. This week let us think about the importance of saying thank you to each other and to God.



This week's Gospel is from the Gospel of Luke

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.'

When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.'

Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.'

And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

LEARNING THROUGH FAITH, LOVE AND RESPECT

God of grace and mercy,

We give You thanks for all the wonderful things You have done for us. May we turn to You with thanks and praise.

Amen.

This week's news at St Marie's

Pre-School - the children have enjoyed exploring the garden, they found lots of different vegetables - their favourite was the pumpkin!



Reception - have been creating patterns in maths.



Year 2 - have been celebrating their wonderful topic homework. Well done everyone!



Year 3 – the children have been making links between The Creation story and Psalm 8.



Year 4 – visited the Book Fair to find books that they would like to read for pleasure.



Year 5 – learned what we mean by 'sin'. They found out it is like missing the target of loving God.



Year 6 – have been learning how to measure angles using a protractor.



Well done to some of our children who attended the 'Penatholon' Bowling event. Out of the 22 schools who were in the competition, St Marie's were the overall winners with the highest score! They were presented with medals and the winners' trophy after the event. A special mention to Eva who had the highest score of the afternoon. We are so proud of you all!



Well done to the football team who played in the Kids' Cup. We are really proud of how you played as a team and supported each other. Out of 6 games the boys won 1, drew 3 and lost 2.





October is the month of the Holy Rosary

All the children are involved in saying the Rosary each week during this month. Reception children are being helped by their buddies. Children are welcome to bring their own Rosary beads in if they wish.

The Brick

Tom from The Brick came into school to talk about the wonderful work that The Brick do for people in our local community. Tom collected all the food and toiletries that the children brought in. Thank you for all your support.



PTFA Message from Mrs Keating (Chairperson of the PTFA)

Dear Parents/Carers - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

This year we are hoping to raise funds for a TRIM TRAIL to further enhance the outdoor areas of the school. The trail would be on the grassy area near the outdoor classroom and accessible for all year groups. This is a very ambitious project. We have had some initial discussions about possible fundraising ideas but desperately need your help! If you are able to offer help or support in any of the suggestions below, please contact me via the school office.

Any local businesses who might offer financial support/sponsorship?

Any exciting fundraising ideas?

Any offers of help?

This is a big and exciting project and it may take a few years to raise the capital but we can do it! Any offers of help and support, no matter how small, would be greatly appreciated. We have our next PTFA meeting on **Friday 17th October** at 9am in school and you are all very welcome. If you are unable to attend but have some suggestions, please get in touch and I can add these to the agenda for discussion at the meeting.

Many thanks in anticipation.

Carolyn Keating (chairperson St Marie's PTFA)

A Trim Trail Design idea -





We raised awareness of Mental Health in school today. The children had a special assembly and got involved in lots of fun activities at lunch time.



Below - our Well-Being Warriors for 2025/26. Well done children!



Week of Prayer for Peace

Next week from the 11th October – 19th October, will be a special week of prayer for peace in our Parish of Our Lady of the Annunciation and St. Bernadette's. There will be a Prayer Service on Monday 13th October at 7pm at St. Bernadette's Church - all welcome.

In our school, we will hold a special reflection for peace on **Tuesday 14th** in the school hall. Each class will pray for peace in our world, in our school, in our homes and in our hearts.

Families are welcome to join us at 9am when the first class come into the hall. Parishioners and staff will lead the reflection and it will last about 10 -15 minutes, after which the class and families will leave and the next class will come in. Father Joseph will be with us to bless us all.

Please join us in praying for peace.

Our Novena Prayer

Blessed Mary, mother of God, Queen of Peace.

We turn to you in this time of great need and ask you to give us peace:

in our world, our Community, our Parish, our School, our Homes and in our Hearts.

Loving heavenly Mother, we ask this in confidence,

just as you taught us to trust in your Son, Jesus,

who came to bring peace to all.

Amen.

(Please note the change of date from last week's Parent Pay message – from Monday 13th to Tuesday 14th)

Phonics

There will be a Parent Phonics Workshop on Tuesday 21st October for parents who would like to find out more about phonics, how we teach it and how you can help your child at home.

The sessions are 9am and repeated at 5pm. All welcome.

Number Day 2025

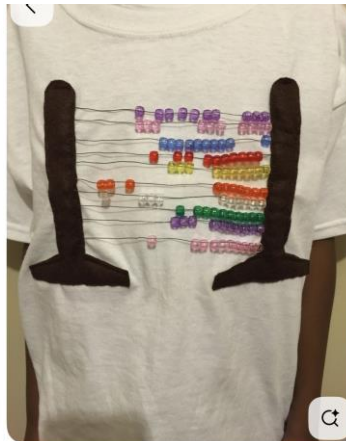
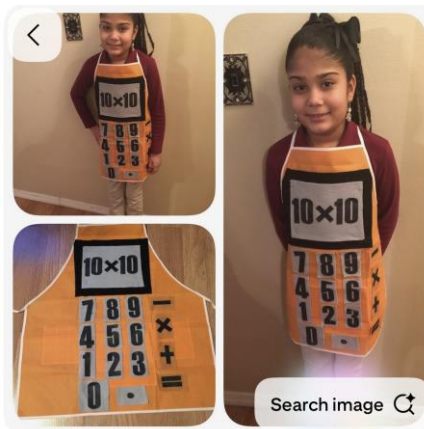
Number Day at Saint Marie's

On Monday 3rd November, we will have a 'Number Day' to launch our new approach to teaching/learning times tables.

All children are invited to come to school dressed up as a number/something to do with maths, and there will be special maths activities during the day.

We will hold a workshop for parents on helping your child with times tables after school at 3.15pm. You are welcome to come into the workshop with your children after you have picked them up.

Some ideas for dressing as a number -



This week's Golden Book Children



Pre-School – **Ada** for coming into pre-school with a smile

Jesse for using his imagination during “Fire Engines” pretend play

Reception – **Eli** for always knowing when to be kind and caring to others

Year 1 – **Henry** for wonderful behaviour and attitude to work

Year 2 – **Macey** for trying really hard in all areas

Martha for putting her hand up and giving great answers

Year 3 – **Reuben** for being a kind friend and working hard in every lesson

Year 4 – **Poppy** for kindness. She always helps others in the classroom

Year 5 – **Nancy** for excellent writing and great effort

Year 6 – **James** for great ideas in his writing

Well done children!



Attendance

Attendance at school is hugely important to us.

There is some very useful information on this NHS website about when to keep your child off school and when not to -

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Our attendance target is **96.5%**

This week our attendance was –

Class	Attendance %
Reception	98.6
Year 1	95.4
Year 2	96.6
Year 3	97.5
Year 4	98.0
Year 5	95.9
Year 6	97.0

Parents - please be mindful of not booking holidays in term time – they will be unauthorised. When a child has 5 school days of unauthorised absence, Wigan will issue a Penalty Notice of £80 (per child per parent) which rises to £160 for a second unauthorised absence.

Dates for your diary

Here are some important dates for this term. Anything highlighted in yellow is a new date that has been added since the last newsletter -

Monday 13 th October	Treasure Hunt in church for children and families of Year 4 making their First Holy Communion this year. 6pm Special service for Peace at St Bernadette's Church in Shevington 7pm
Tuesday 14 th October	Prayer Reflection for Peace. Families invited to join us at 9am in the school hall
Friday 17 th October	Black History Celebration Day

	PTFA Hot Dog Friday (£1.50 per hot dog – available on Parent Pay)
Week beginning 20 th October	Geography Mapping week across school
Monday 20 th , Wednesday 22 nd , Thursday 23 rd October	Open days for prospective parents to view our school in action. Please encourage anyone you know who may be interested, to visit the school website for further information
Tuesday 21 st October	Phonics workshop for any interested parents. 9am and repeated at 5pm. All welcome
Wednesday 22 nd October	Choir sing in a concert at St Peter's High School 6.30pm
Friday 23 rd October	INSET day – just teachers in school
Monday 27 – Friday 31 October	October half term break
Monday 3 rd November	Number Day Parent Workshop 3.15pm -Times tables Session in school for Year 4 doing Holy Communion 5.15pm
Thursday 6 th November	Parents' Evening
Friday 7 th November	Individual photographs for all children and siblings
Monday 10 th November	Session in school for Year 4 doing Holy Communion 5.15pm
Tuesday 11 th November	Year 6 lead our Remembrance Liturgy in church at 10.30am. All children will walk to church and all families are invited to join us there. The teachers will be asking for volunteers to help walk the children to church
Wednesday 12 th November	Parents of our SEND children are invited to a coffee and information meeting at 9am in school. This

	meeting's speaker will be from the Family Hub.
Monday 17 th November	First Reconciliation in church at 6pm for Year 4 making their First Holy Communion
Monday 1 st December	Advent Mass in school 9.30am. All children and families invited
Wednesday 3 rd December	Choirs at Christmas concert
Saturday 6 th December	Standish Markets - Choir singing
Tuesday 9 th December	Key Stage 1 Nativity 2.15pm (Year 1 and 2) Knights of St Columba service at church 6.30pm - Choir singing
Wednesday 10 th December	Pre-school and Reception Nativity 9.30am in school
Thursday 11 th December	Key Stage 1 Nativity (year 1 and 2) in school 9.15am Key Stage 2 Christmas Disco 3.15pm
Friday 12 th December	Children's' flu vaccines
Monday 15 th December	Key Stage 1 Tea with Santa 3.15pm
Friday 19 th December	Break up for Christmas 2pm

Other useful dates

Low Bank Ground Residential for Year 6 - week beginning 2/2/2026

Diversity Week – beginning 9/2/2026

60 Anniversary celebrations of St Marie's School 21/4/2026

SATS for Year 6 – week beginning 11/5/2026

Anderton Centre Residential for Year 4 – 4-5/6/2026

First Holy Communion for Year 4 – 20/6/2026

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Best wishes, *Mrs Jackson*