

# St. Marie's Catholic Primary School

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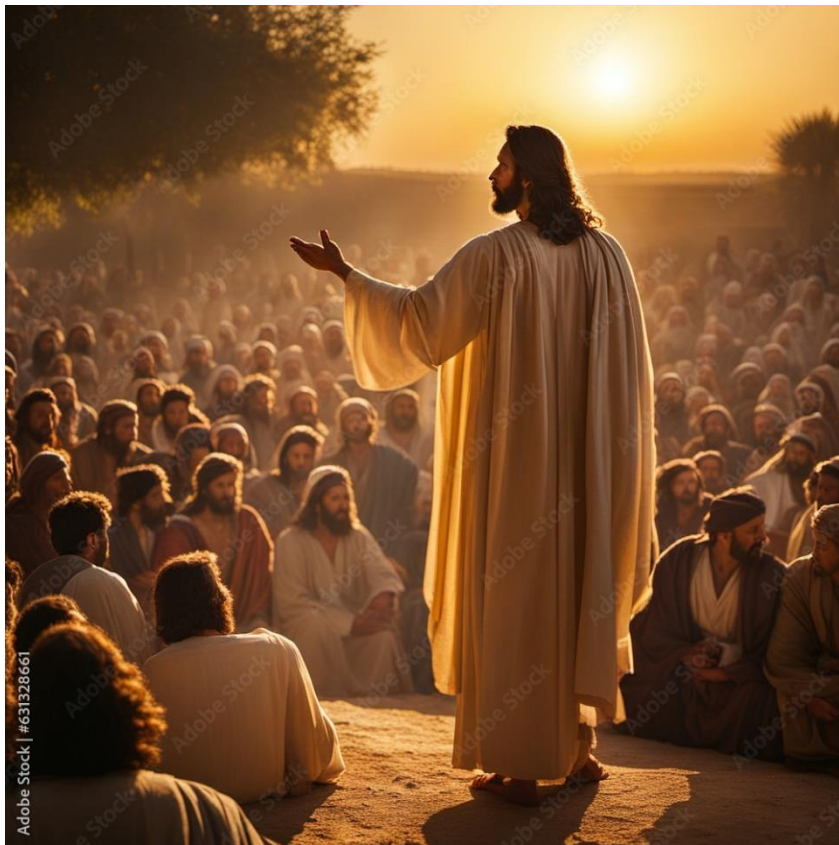
NEWSLETTER

14 February 2025

Dear Families,

## This week's Gospel – from Luke

A large crowd of people had gathered to listen to Jesus who sat down and began to speak: "Happy are the poor, for their riches are stored in heaven. Happy are the hungry, because God will take care of their needs. All who weep and are sad will know only joy and laughter. Be happy when people are cruel or unkind because you follow me, for your reward will be great in heaven."



God of love, open our hearts to others, that we may bring comfort to those who are sad, and share what we have with those who are in need. Amen.

**LEARNING THROUGH FAITH, LOVE AND RESPECT**

## Low Bank Ground

This week our Year 6 children spent the week at Low Bank Ground in Coniston. They have made us all so very proud. Their behaviour has been exemplary, their 'have a try' attitudes and how they have supported and cared for each other has been wonderful to see. The children have tried many new activities including ghyll scrambling, canoeing and abseiling inside the cave. Their confidence, independence and self - esteem have developed over the week. They have made so many happy memories – memories for life. Well done Year 6! You have achieved great things this week!

Thank you to the staff for their hard work and dedication to our children as always!





## Other news this at Saint Marie's...

**Pre- School** – have been creating a rocket using 2D shapes. The children wrote a list of what they would take to the moon!



**Year 1** - wrote to the doctors and nurses to say thank you.



**Year 2** – have been sewing to make a square for a Kantha Quilt.



**Year 3** - made clay pots inspired by Ancient Greek pottery.



**Year 4** - have been creating prints in the style of the Bayeux Tapestry.



**Year 5** - In 'To Know You More Clearly' R.E work, the children have been thinking about Jesus' teachings as described in the Gospel of Matthew. While learning about the 'Our Father', they explored through drama what it might mean to be a 'Father' and why Jesus asks us to call God 'Father'.



## 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.

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.



## Attendance Matters at Saint Marie's

Class	Attendance %
Reception	95.5
Year 1	95.1
Year 2	96.4
Year 3	95.1
Year 4	93.7
Year 5	95.8
Year 6	94.6

**Our school target is 96.5%. Please be mindful of not booking holidays in term time. Every day off school has a negative impact. Year 2 class were rewarded today with an extra playtime for having the best attendance overall, and certificates have been given out to children across school who have 100% attendance so far.**

## **Saint Marie's Easter Bingo!**

Back by popular demand – Family Easter Bingo!

Save the date – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 6pm.

All families welcome. Tickets on sale soon.



## **Reading Workshop**

We all know the importance of reading for children. Studies show that there is a link between reading frequency, reading enjoyment and attainment.

At St. Marie's, we will be holding an informal workshop for parents on how to support your child with reading.

This workshop will cover phonics, the new strategies we are using as a school in our reading lessons and tips on how to help your child with reading at home. Tea and coffee will be served.

This will take place in the school hall on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30pm. All parents/carers are invited. If parents do not have any child care, we will look after the children and provide activities whilst parents are in the workshop. It will last approximately 30 – 40 minutes.

Thank you for supporting your child with their reading.



## **Anderton Centre Visit**

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, we will hold a meeting for the Parents/Carers of the Year 4 children who will be going on the residential visit to the Anderton Centre. The meeting begins at 5.30pm. Important information and forms will be given out and there is a chance to ask any questions.

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

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
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Workshop for parents– how to help your child with reading/Phonics 4.30pm – school hall  (we will look after the children if you need to bring them)  Meeting for parents of children in Year 4 going on the residential to the Anderton Centre  5.30pm – school hall
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 about appointment times 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
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	PTFA Easter Bingo for children and their families 6pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter





## This week's Golden Book children:

Pre-School – **Kairos** for beautiful singing at group time.

Reception – **Jackson** for showing enthusiasm in his writing.

Year 1 - **Reeva** for trying hard in all subjects all of the time.

Year 2 – **Jacob** for great maths.

**Theo** for great knowledge and verbal answers.

Year 3 – **Otis** for fantastic maths work.

Year 4 – **Elsie** for excellent answers in English.

**Anjaleena** for always being a wonderful role model and giving excellent effort in all areas.

Year 5 – **Jewel** for super maths work and writing.



Well done children!

Have a lovely weekend everyone and a great half term break.

We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

**With very best wishes**

**Mrs Jackson**