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NEWSLETTER

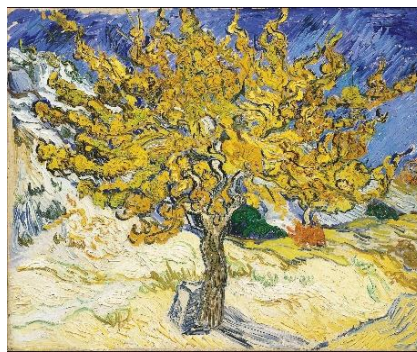
3rd October 2025

Dear Families,

This week's Gospel is from the Gospel of Luke ...

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.'

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."



Faith and love are everything, and nothing is more precious than these. Let us pray –

God of light,

help us to see that even with the smallest amount of faith, we can do anything you ask of us.

Amen.

LEARNING THROUGH FAITH, LOVE AND RESPECT

This week's news at St Marie's

Pre-School - this week the children have been reading 'The Rainbow Fish'. They have enjoyed reciting "sharing is caring" from our Golden Sun Rules and created their very own special rainbow fish.



Reception - have been on an autumn walk to look at 'Gods Wonderful World'.



Year 1 – have ordered the alphabet.



Year 2 - the children had a great time using the apparatus in P.E. this week.



Year 3 – the children have been following instructions to make their own woolly mammoth.



Year 4 – In R.E. we have acted out the story of Abraham and Isaac to show Abraham's faith in God.



Year 5 – In science the children designed and tested two different filters in order to compare which was best.



Year 6 – the children did a fantastic job leading the Harvest celebration in church.



Harvest/Family Fast Day

Thank you to those families who joined us for our Harvest celebration in church today. I am sure you will agree that the children read very well and sang beautifully.



Thank you to all who donated food for our collection for **The Brick**. Volunteers from The Brick will be visiting us next week to collect our baskets of food and speak to the children.

We appreciate your support and kindness.

The children were invited to swap their usual lunch for soup today. The idea behind this is eating something simple yet healthy and raising awareness of those who are not as fortunate.

The children absolutely loved the soup! Thanks to cook Louise!





Cook Louise used pears that the Year 1 children harvested from our school garden, to make a lovely pear sponge.





October is the month of the Holy Rosary

All the children will be 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 Book Fair

The Book Fair will be in school next week. It will take place in the hall after school until 3.45pm each day. This is an ideal opportunity to encourage your child with their love of reading. Books are reasonably priced and the school library will benefit from free books depending on the amount raised through purchases.

Please find attached a QR code to log in to order and pay for books. You will need the school post code to log in with – this is WN6 0LF.

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**Scan the QR code to pay for your books online
or visit bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay**

Lunch Boxes

Parents/Carers - could you please ensure that food inside the children's lunch boxes is cut up appropriately (grapes/tomatoes cut into quarters for example). Please see the link to the information below from the **Food Standards Agency**.

 [Early-Years-Choking-Hazards-Table FINAL 21-Sept-2021.pdf](#)



World Mental Health Day - Friday 10th October

Next Friday we will be highlighting the importance of looking after our mental health. The children will have a special assembly, there will be lots of extra activities at lunchtime for the children to enjoy and they are invited to wear a yellow accessory or item of clothing with their uniform if they wish.

Labubu Dolls

We ask that the children do not bring these to school as they are a distraction.

If the children need to recognise their school bag easily, we ask that they have just one key ring on it for easy recognition.

Thank you.

This week's Golden Book Children



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

Reception – **Esme** for growing in confidence and chatting during carpet time and with the adults in class

Year 1 – **Louie** for showing kindness to others

Year 2 – **Ezra** for settling in so well and being a hard working member of Year 2

Year 3 – **Robyn** for really trying when coming into school

Year 4 – **Stylianios** for wonderful creative writing and setting an excellent example to others with his behaviour and attitude

Year 5 – **Pearl** for always working hard and being ready to learn – super, well done!

Year 6 – **Esme** for listening to advice, making edits with her writing and doing excellent arithmetic

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	99.1
Year 1	95.8
Year 2	97.6
Year 3	97.7
Year 4	98.8
Year 5	96.5
Year 6	96.8

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 6 th October – Friday 10 th October	The Book Fair will be in school Mrs Baxter takes a team to the 'Kid's Cup' Football tournament
Wednesday 8 th October	Mrs Baxter takes a group for a PE inclusion afternoon
Monday 13 th October	Treasure Hunt in church for children and families of Year 4 making their First Holy Communion this year. 6pm
Friday 17 th October	Black History Celebration Day PTFA Hot Dog Friday (£1.50 per hot dog – available soon 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
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	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
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