



Dear Families,

The beginning of Lent

During Lent we spend 40 days trying to come closer to God, so that we are ready for Easter. We try to pray more and share more.

This week's Gospel – from Luke

Jesus returned from the Jordan full of the Holy Spirit and was led by the Spirit into the desert, where he was tempted by the Devil for forty days. In all that time he ate nothing, so that he was hungry when it was over.

The Devil said to him, "If you are God's Son, order this stone to turn into bread."

But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, 'Human beings cannot live on bread alone.'"

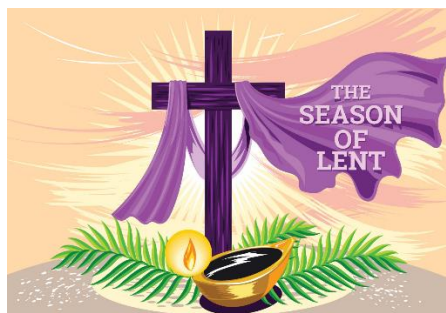
Then the Devil took him up and showed him in a second all the kingdoms of the world. "I will give you all this power and all this wealth," the Devil told him. "It has all been handed over to me, and I can give it to anyone I choose. All this will be yours, then, if you worship me."

Jesus answered, "The scripture says, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!'"

Then the Devil took him to Jerusalem and set him on the highest point of the Temple, and said to him, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down from here. For the scripture says, 'God will order his angels to take good care of you.' It also says, 'They will hold you up with their hands so that not even your feet will be hurt on the stones.'"

But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

When the Devil finished tempting Jesus in every way, he left him for a while.



God who walks with us and knows what it is to be hungry, teach us to support each other and to work together to overcome the problems in our world.

Amen.

World Book Day



There was a fantastic atmosphere in school on World Book Day as the children found out about different books and authors - and had lots of fun! Thank you to parents for supporting the children with their creations and for sending in some brilliant videos of the children reading/acting out scenes from stories.

Pre-School



Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



Well done to the winners of the competition – turning a paper plate into a mask or badge to represent a book or character! The winners were awarded with books. They were –

Pre-School - Esme

Reception – Phoebe

Year 1 – Sofiiia

Year 2 - Ivy

Year 3 - Florence

Year 4 - Elisabeth

Year 5 – Esme

Year 6 – Rory

Reading Workshop

Thank you to those parents who came to the reading workshop lead by our staff on Wednesday. We hope you found it useful to find out more about phonics and the new ways we are teaching reading in school.

British Science Week



British Science Week will take place next week. Miss Shaw and the teachers have planned different activities. There will be visitors in school who will be speaking to the children about their roles in science and Year 5 will be visiting a science show at Standish High School.

A reminder about Birthday Treats

When it is your child's birthday, they may come to school in their own clothes rather than school uniform. Everyone in school will know it is their birthday and wish them well.

Please **do not** send sweets/cake in with your child. We are promoting healthy eating and also there are children in school with allergies. Thank you for your cooperation.



Celebrating International Women's Day

A team of Year 3 and 4 girls played in a football tournament yesterday and also met some of Wigan Athletic Woman's first team. The children represented out school brilliantly. Well done girls! We are very proud. Thank you to Mrs Whittle and Mr Keating for supporting the team during the day.





Clubs

As always, there are a wide variety of extra clubs for the children to get involved with either at lunch times or after school. This half term –

Mondays

Netball for Year 5/6 after school

Computer Club for Year 1 and 2 after school

Spanish for Key Stage 1 at lunchtime

Tuesdays

Choir for Years 3-6 after school

Dance Club for Years 3 and 4 at lunchtime

Wednesdays

Fun Box Jo – 'Sing and Sign along' for all Years at lunchtime

Thursdays

Netball for Years 3 and 4 after school

Chess for Years 2 -6 after school

Art Club for Years 3 and 4 at lunchtime

Newspaper Club for Year 5 at lunchtime

Fridays

Drama Club for Year 3 and 4 at lunchtime

Bench Ball for Year 1 and 2 after school

Wellbeing Warriors Club runs daily at lunchtime, as does the Playground leaders Group.

In addition, staff are running SATS Booster classes for our Year 6 children on Wednesdays and Thursdays before school beginning at 8am.

Saint Marie's Easter Bingo!

Family Easter Bingo will be on Tuesday 1st April at 6pm.

All families are welcome. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.** Tickets are on sale via Parent Pay and will cost £3 per person which includes your bingo cards.

There will be a tuck shop of goodies so that you can buy drinks and treats during the evening.

We are asking for donations of Easter Eggs as prizes for the Bingo. Could any donations please be brought to the school office. Many thanks for your generosity!



Attendance Matters at Saint Marie's

Class	Attendance %
Reception	95.7
Year 1	94.8
Year 2	96.7
Year 3	95.0
Year 4	94.4
Year 5	95.5
Year 6	94.4

Our school target is 96.5%. Please be mindful of not booking holidays in term time. Every day off school has a negative impact.

Other news this week at Saint Marie's

Pre- School – have been exploring 2D shapes on the sticky easel.



Reception - have been dressing up as Superheroes, and all superheroes sometimes need a rest!



Year 1 - have been identifying digraphs and trigraphs in words



Year 2 – have listened to the parable of the lost sheep



Year 3 - had a lovely time at Liverpool World Museum.



Year 4 – enjoyed sharing their paper plate designs.



Year 5 - had a wonderful visit to the World Museum, Liverpool. After looking around the exhibitions, they took part in a mummification workshop where they prepared a body for an Egyptian burial!



Year 6 – have been looking at how finches' beaks evolved to suit their habitat. Which 'beak' was best for picking up each "food?"





The PTFA have organised a fundraiser. Children can make special Mothers' Day goodie bags with the PTFA at lunchtimes leading up to Mothers' Day. These are priced at £2.50 and will be available to purchase on Parent Pay.

Parents' Afternoon/Evening

This is a chance to meet with your child's class teacher in school to discuss progress. Appointments are 10 minutes long and can be booked by going to the school website, Key Information then Event Booking. Please look down the list carefully for your child's class. Your child's exercise books will be available for you to look through after your meeting.

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

Monday 10 th March	Holy Communion meeting for Year 4 at school 5.15pm – 6pm
Tuesday 11 th March	Retreat Day for a group of Year 5 children
Wednesday 12 th March	Parents' Afternoon/Evening
Thursday 13 th March	Year 5 go to Standish High School's Science Show with Miss Shaw
Friday 14 th March	Year 3 go to Mass at church. Families welcome. 9.30am
Monday 17 th March	Holy Communion meeting for Year 4 at school 5.15pm – 6pm
Tuesday 18 th March	Year 4 give a drumming performance to parents in the school hall 9am
Friday 21 st March	Year 4 go to Mass at church. Families welcome. 9.30am
Monday 24 th March	Year 4 go on their residential visit to the Anderton Centre

Tuesday 25 th March	Reception educational visit to Liverpool- 'Imagine That' role play experience
Friday 28 th March	Special Mothers' Day Assemblies for families presented by – Year 1/Year 2 at 2.30pm Pre School/Reception at 9.30am
Friday 28 th March	Year 5 go to Mass at church. Families welcome. 9.30am
Tuesday 1 st April	PTFA Easter Bingo for families 6pm
Tuesday 1 st April	Year 5 Lenten Collective Worship for families 9am
Wednesday 2 nd April	Easter Reflection by Year 3 and 4 in school hall 9.10am Families welcome to watch
Thursday 3 rd April	Year 6 Lenten Collective Worship for families 9am
Friday 4 th April	Year 6 go to Mass at church. Families welcome. 9.30am
Friday 4 th April	Hot Dog Friday run by PTFA Break up for Easter 3.15pm

Mass during Lent

Throughout Lent, each of our Key Stage 2 classes will go to Mass at St. Marie's Church. If any parents would like to walk with us from school, please notify your child's class teacher. Families are also welcome to meet us at church. Mass begins at 9.30am on Fridays for the next four weeks.



This week's Golden Book children:

Pre-School – **Albie** for showing kindness and encouraging his friends to join in with his games.

Reception – **Tommy-Lee** for trying hard to chat at the right times.

Suzie-Lily for trying hard in phonics.

Year 1 – **Martha** for showing friendship to all.

Year 2 – **Jerome** for excellent behaviour and joining in more in discussion time.

Year 3 – **Bonnie** for always going over and above with homework tasks!

Karsten for great questioning on the trip.

Year 4 – **John** for being a kind helpful friend.

Year 5 – **Jacob** for working hard to complete more maths.

Year 6 – **George** for great questioning and a positive outlook.



Well done children!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

With very best wishes

Mrs Jackson