

# St. Marie's Catholic Primary School



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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

A miracle is a sign of God's power and glory: a remarkable and amazing event that cannot be explained. Today we hear how Jesus performed his first miracle by changing water into wine.

## This week's Gospel adapted from the Gospel according to John – The Miracle of Cana



Jesus and his mother, along with his disciples, were invited to a wedding in a town called Cana. There was food to eat and wine to drink, and the celebrations carried on throughout the evening. Then Mary came to Jesus and said, "Son, there is no more wine for the guests to drink."

"Why do you ask for help when my time has not yet come?" Jesus asked, but Mary turned to the servants and said to them, "Do whatever Jesus tells you."

Nearby stood six very large water jars, and Jesus told the servants to fill them with water! "Now pour some out and take it to the head waiter," he said.

The water had been changed to wine, and after tasting it, the head waiter went to the bridegroom and said, "Sir you have certainly saved the very best wine until last!"

The celebration carried on and there was plenty of wine for everyone. Those who knew what Jesus had done were filled with wonder by this sign of his power.

**LEARNING THROUGH FAITH, LOVE AND RESPECT**

God of life, may we be inspired by the miracles that your Son Jesus performed, to do our best to make a real difference to others. Amen.

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

Pre School – The children took an active part in singing “5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer”



Year 1 - built a temple to retell the Bible story of Anna and Simeon



Year 3 - The children have been using instruments to recreate Hans Zimmer music



Year 5 - acted out some of the actions of Rainforest animals and tried some rainforest meditation



Year 6 - used '2animate' to retell "The Wedding at Cana" in Stop Motion animation for RE





## Security Gates

Thank you to those parents who have worked with us to implement the new security gate system that has begun this week – thank you for understanding that safety must come first.

Can I remind you that there is no longer access for parent vehicles on the school site. Please do **not** drive up to the vehicle gates and let your child out of the car as this blocks the drive way, delays staff, creates issues on Avondale Street and is unsafe for pedestrians when you back out of the driveway onto the road. Please allow a little extra time to park safely and legally and drop off/collect your child. Thank you in advance.



### On Friday February 24<sup>th</sup> you can break these rules!

- School uniform must be worn
  - No slippers in class
- Hats are not to be worn in the classroom
  - No nail varnish
- Temporary tattoos are forbidden
  - No face paints/make up
- Only healthy snacks to be brought from home for snack time
- Sensible hairstyles only e.g no hair dye, back combing etc
  - Water only in drink bottles
  - No teddies in the classroom

It costs 50p to break each rule and this can be paid for on Parent Pay.



## QUIZ NIGHT

You are invited to a QUIZ NIGHT on Friday February 7<sup>th</sup>

This is our first quiz night which promises to be great fun!

A chance to enjoy an evening with St. Marie's friends and join in the quiz!

Cash prize and fun games between rounds!

Join in as a couple or in a team of up to 6 people.

Please bring your own drinks and nibbles (also paper cups or plastic glasses please).

**This event is for adults only.**

Tickets £5 per person, available via ParentPay. Thank you for your continued support.

## Water Bottles

We have asked the children not to bring Stanley Water Bottles that look like this in to school –



They are very easily knocked over and spill over the children's work. Also, a reminder that only water should be in water bottles – no juice, fizzy drinks etc. We are encouraging the children to be healthy.

## **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

We provide a range of clubs for the children, and these usually change half-terminally to allow different year groups a change to participate.

The clubs this half term are -

Choir - Tuesdays 3.15pm – 4pm for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Chess – Thursdays 3.15 – 4.15pm for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Invasion Games – Thursdays 3.15pm – 4.30pm for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Multi Skills – Fridays 3.15pm – 4.30pm for Years 1 and 2

Art Club – Thursday lunchtimes for Years 4 and 5

Also, our staff will be running SATS Booster Clubs for Year 6 on Wednesday/Thursdays before school. A separate letter will go out to Year 6 parents next week.

## Other Enrichment Activities

'Well-Being Warriors' and 'Play leaders' – Year 5/6

Faith in Action Award for Year 6

Music lessons from Wigan's peripatetic teachers (keyboard, guitar, brass, vocal) for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

## Attendance Matters at Saint Marie's

Class	Attendance %
Reception	94.9
Year 1	95.2
Year 2	96.2
Year 3	94.8
Year 4	94.4
Year 5	95.2
Year 6	94.5

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

**Every day off school makes a difference.**

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

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	'Break the Rules Day'
Week beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Quiz night for Parents/ Carers 7pm
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 go to Low Bank Ground, Coniston, for the week
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 – **Esme** for always listening carefully during phonics, sharing her ideas and thoughts.

Reception – **Mia** for always trying her best and being a good friend to all.

Year 1 – **Freddie** for turning every day into a positive day!

Year 2 – **Ivy** and **James** for excellent writing skills, using noun phrases and 'sticky' words.

Year 3 – **Paul** for being really brave and getting on so well with his learning.

Year 4 – **Penelope** for working hard on her division strategies.

Year 5 – **Teddy** for working towards his target – well done!

Year 6 – **Jess** for showing resilience and giving 100% effort.



Well done children!

With very best wishes

Mrs Jackson