

# St. Marie's Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

## **This weekend's Gospel – All Goodness Comes from God**

Anyone who loves Jesus and acts in his name is filled with the goodness of God. God will see this goodness and reward us with his love.



### **Good news for everyone**

Whenever we perform an act of goodness for the love of God (without looking for personal praise or for thanks), even the smallest good deed, it pleases God and sets an example for others – showing God's goodness at work in our lives.

### **Adapted from the Gospel of Mark**

One day John came to Jesus and said, "Lord, we saw a man curing the sick in your name, and because we did not know him, we told him to stop!"

But Jesus said to him, "Do not stop anyone who is using my name from doing something good. By their actions they show their love for me, and they can do no harm. Any person who acts kindly for my sake will be rewarded for their goodness in heaven."

**LEARNING THROUGH FAITH, LOVE AND RESPECT**

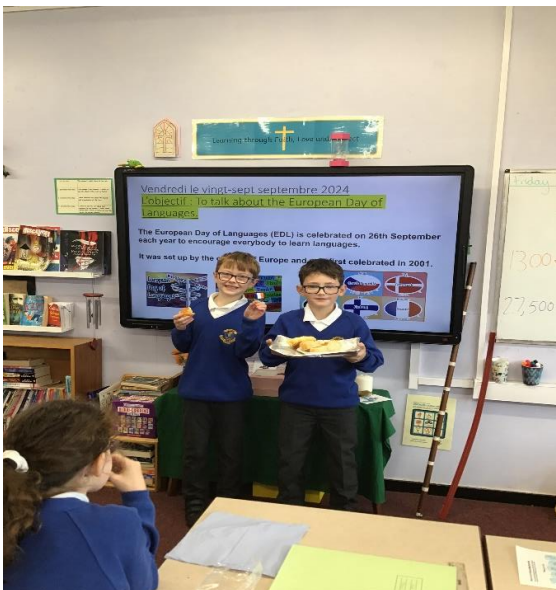
Let us pray that the spirit of God will work through our lives, so we can share Christ's love with the world.

## This week in school

### French

As you know, Madame Munum is our new French teacher for all our Key Stage 2 children. Friday was European Day of Languages, which was set up in 2001 to encourage everyone to learn languages. Madame Munum celebrated this with the children by organising for them to sample a range of traditional French fayre. The children thoroughly enjoyed their croissants, baguettes and cheese!

The children also shared with Madame Munum some of the other languages they can speak besides French. She was so impressed!



## In Pre school

There has been lots of learning and exploring.



## Year 5

Year 5 have carried out Science experiments on separating materials.



## Some Year 6 working with their Reception buddies.

Thank you Year 6 – you are excellent role models!



## Year 3 investigating light and shadow



## Reception exploring







## PTFA stands for Parents, Teachers and Friends Association.

Our whole school community is invited to be part of our PTFA.

Thank you to the parents who joined the PTFA meeting on Tuesday. There are some great ideas for future fundraising events, which raise money to benefit of all of our children at St. Marie's.

Chair Person – Mrs C Keating

Treasurer - Mrs Compton

Secretary – Mrs E Keating

## Parentkind



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Parentkind is a charity which supports school fundraising, and has partnered with Asda on their Cash pot for Schools campaign. Between 2<sup>nd</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> November

when customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose a primary school to donate 0.5% of their spend to. To take part, simply sign up for free at [parentkind.org/cashpot-for-schools](http://parentkind.org/cashpot-for-schools) or scan the QR code below:



## First Aid

A team of our support staff have completed their Paediatric First Aid training. They all passed. Well done and thank you for staying after school over a number of evenings to complete the 12-hour course. Thank you Mrs Crosby, Mrs Perrins, Mrs Picket, Mrs Sivori and Mrs Coffey.

## **Mrs O'Neill's Well-Being Words of the Week**

"Friendship is a sheltering tree."

Samuel T Coleridge

I found this quote and it made me think of St. Marie's. Our school community is made up of love and friendship and the children, staff and parents shelter and support each other.

Be a friend to all whether they are in your class, friendship group or not.

Simple things like sharing a smile, holding open the door, or an invite to play, will ensure our school family continues to thrive in love and friendship.



## **Bright Beginnings**

We are very excited about our new 'Play and Stay' baby/toddler group. Bright Beginnings will start after the October half term holidays. Mrs Sivori is looking for any toy donations. If you think you have something that would be suitable and it is in good condition, could you please send a photograph of it to Mrs Sivori using her email - [hsivori@saintmaries.org.uk](mailto:hsivori@saintmaries.org.uk)

We have limited storage room and want to make sure that we do not double up on similar toys.

Thank you for your kindness.

## **Open Days – 28<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> October**

Please pass the message on to families you know who have a child starting Reception in September 2025. We invite them to come along and join us at our open days. We are holding individual tours of the school – they can choose a time slot online via

[www.saintmaries.wigan.sch.uk/event\\_booking](http://www.saintmaries.wigan.sch.uk/event_booking).

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

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 topic enrichment day 'World War Two'
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	The whole of <b>Key Stage 2</b> will walk to church for Harvest. Please send your child with a waterproof coat
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	The Year 6 GIFT team and staff will recognise 'Family Fast Day' by having soup and bread for lunch
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Miss Shaw to take selected Year 6 to football competition
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	The Book Fair will be in school. Please pop in at pick- up times if you would like to view and buy any books
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Arts Celebration Fundraiser for parents to view and buy art work and enjoy the children singing. Tickets available now on Parent Pay priced £3.50. Key Stage 2 – 9am and Key Stage 1 2.30pm. Please try and join us if you can
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	First session of Year 4 Sacramental Programme begins in church 6 –7pm (Please send in the forms as soon as possible)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 invited to St. Peter's High School to watch a musical
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 Trip to Liverpool to learn about The Titanic for their History unit
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Football competition for girls with Miss Shaw (Year 5/6)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening for R, Y1, Y2, Y4, Y5Y6 on Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October



October (times to be confirmed)	Parent's Evening for Y3 on Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Hot Dogs for sale (PTFA)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET Day (only teachers in school)

## Attendance Matters

Attendance is extremely important at St Marie's. Here are the figures for last week.

Class	Attendance for last week	Lates
Reception	94.3%	
Year 1	96%	1
Year 2	93.5%	
Year 3	92.2%	2
Year 4	94.4%	4
Year 5	92.5%	5
Year 6	93.9%	

**Our school target is 96.5%. Our average this week was 93.9%**

A reminder – holidays in term time will be unauthorised. All families have been sent the information from Wigan Local Authority about absences and Educational Penalty Notices.

Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Research shows that children who miss fewer days of school do better.

## This week's Golden Book Children

**Pre School** – Noah for always being ready to learn with a smile. Noah loves to share his knowledge of dinosaurs.

**Reception** – Daniel for trying really hard to listen carefully when we are doing our learning on the carpet.

**Year 1** – Esme for doing her work and cooperating so well.

Sofiia for being so caring.

**Year 2** – Sienna & Ernie for great learning all week in all lessons.

**Year 3** – Penny for always saying please and thank you and giving 100%.

**Year 4** – Sophie for effort in all lessons and trying hard in Maths.

**Year 5** – Jacob for making an effort in class to answer questions and write lots.

**Year 6** – Oliver for developing confidence in Maths.

**Well done children!**

## Live Simply

All Key Stage 2 will be walking to St Marie's Church on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October to begin our Harvest Week. Volunteers to help us with the walk are very welcome.

We would like to support a local charity this Harvest. Next week, we will be setting up baskets in the entrance hall and would like to invite each class to donate items that can go to supporting our local food bank 'The Brick'.

Pre-School Reception	Tins
Year 1 Year 2	Packets e.g. soup packets, noodles etc
Year 3 Year 4	Toiletries
Year 5 Year 6	Pasta/cereals/rice

\*Please feel free to donate any items. These are just suggestions, so we have a variety of items.

## LIVING IN SOLIDARITY

Friday is 'CAFOD Family Fast Day' – To show solidarity, the staff and members of the GIFT team will be choosing to Live Simply and sharing soup for our dinner.

## RECYCLED UNIFORM

We still have a good selection of donated school uniform for you to reuse. Look out for them on display on the playground and help yourself!



Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

*Mrs Jackson*