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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

This weekend's Gospel – The Children's Friend

In this week's Gospel Jesus shows us that everyone is important. Jesus has time for us and cares for us all. **Jesus is open to everyone.**

Jesus hears our prayers and offers his blessing to every person. Being open to Jesus helps us to be more open to one another.



Adapted from the Gospel of Mark

People would often bring children to Jesus to be blessed by him. One day, the disciples sent the children away to let Jesus get some rest. But seeing this, Jesus scolded his disciples and said, "Let them come to me, and do not stand in their way. Anyone wishing to enter the kingdom of God, must first become like one of these little children." Then taking them in his arms, he blessed each one of them.

A prayer to say with your children

Lord Jesus, friend of little children, you are always ready to listen to what we have to say, and to take care of us in the grown-up world. As we grow up, help the special trust and friendship we shared with you as little children grow within us, and draw us ever closer to you.

Amen.

LEARNING THROUGH FAITH, LOVE AND RESPECT

This week in school



Harvest

Key Stage 2 walked to church on Monday where the Year 6 GIFT team (GIFT = Growing in Faith Together) celebrated Harvest with collective worship. Thank you for the lovely readings and prayers children. It is so important to remember that like the mustard seed, even if we are small we can grow and do great things.

Thank you to our school community for joining us.



Thank you to everyone who has sent in donations for 'The Brick'. We have a wonderful selection of packets and tins which will go to this charity which supports the homeless in and around our local area.



Jane and Leo Styles visited school on Friday and presented a CAFOD assembly for the whole school to help the children understand the importance of living simply and thinking of others who are less fortunate.



Our GIFT team and our staff swapped their lunches for soup and bread on Friday as it was 'Family Fast Day' and an opportunity to think about eating simply and remembering others who do not have as much as us.



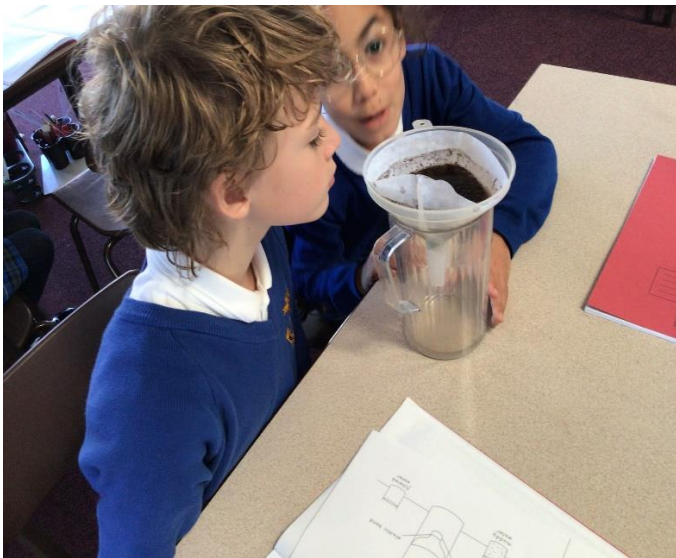
Other news

Year 6

Year 6 had a special visitor to class on Monday to help them understand what it was like to live in World War Two. A fantastic experience for the children to deepen their understanding!



Year 5 experimenting



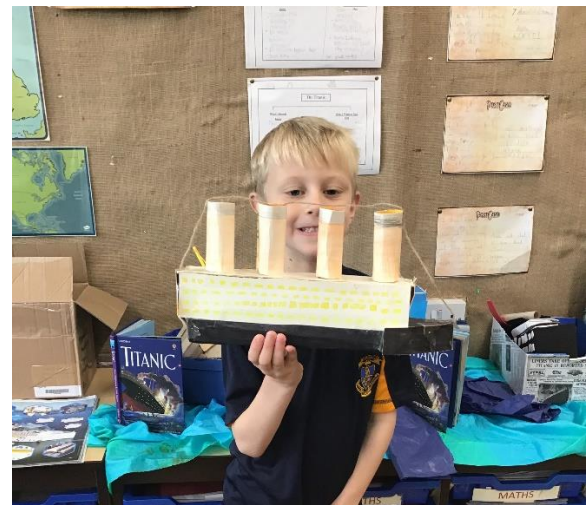
Year 4 exploring sound



Year 3 creating wonderful art work



Year 2 have been very creative this week!



Year 1 like to solve puzzles



Reception learning with their friends



Pre-School learning through play





Books

Mrs Hawkins has organised a Book Fair which will arrive this Monday and be open from Tuesday to Friday. There is the opportunity to buy books at great prices. The book Fair will be in the entrance foyer. Please do come and support your child's experience of reading for pleasure. Reading is one of our priority areas this year at Saint Marie's.

Open Days – 28th, 30th & 31st 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.

Parents' Evening

Teachers would like to meet Parents/Carers and discuss how your children have settled into their new classes. Time slots are available to book on Parent Pay for 10 minute appointments in school.

Monday 14th October – Pre School and Year 3

Wednesday 16th October – Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6



Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. We are praying the Rosary at lunchtimes in our library with the children if they want to join in. They can bring their own Rosary beads if they have them.

Clubs

As well as our after-school sports clubs, choir and computing club, next week Chess Club with Mr Farley will begin on Tuesday lunchtimes and Reading for Pleasure Club will begin on Wednesday lunchtimes with Mrs A Smith. Some of our older children are also organising a dance club at lunchtimes. Thank you for giving up your time everyone.

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

Monday 7 th October	Miss Shaw to take selected Year 6 to an inter school football competition
Tuesday 8 th – Friday 11 th 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 th 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 th October	First session of Year 4 Sacramental Programme begins in church 6 –7pm (Please send in the forms as soon as possible)
Monday 14 th October	Year 4 visit Chester Grosvenor Museum to learn about the Romans (separate letter)
Monday 14 th October	Year 6 invited to St. Peter's High School to watch a musical (separate letter)
Tuesday 15 th October	Year 2 Trip to Liverpool to learn about The Titanic for their History unit
Tuesday 15 th October	Football competition for girls with Miss Shaw (Year 5/6)

Tuesday 15 th and Wednesday 16 th	Artist in school working with groups
Wednesday 16 th October (times to be confirmed)	Parents' Evening for R, Y1, Y2, Y4, Y5Y6 on Wednesday 16 th October Parent's Evening for Y3 on Monday 14 th October
Wednesday 16 th October	Hot Dogs for sale (PTFA)
Friday 18 th October	INSET Day (only teachers in school)

Attendance Matters

Attendance is extremely important at St Marie's. Here are the figures for last week (23 -27/9/24).

Class	Attendance for last week
Reception	93 %
Year 1	99 %
Year 2	97 %
Year 3	92 %
Year 4	96 %
Year 5	94 %
Year 6	96 %

Our school target is 96.5%. Our average for the week beginning the 23/9/24 was 95.8%

An important letter was sent out to schools this week regarding vaccinations, please take the time to read the attached letter.

This week's Golden Book Children

Pre School – Frederick for settling into pre-school and engaging happily in play.

Reception – Cooper for trying so hard to sit and listen during our learning, and for being kind to his friends.

Year 1 – Sebby for being a wonderful friend to a special buddy in Y1.

Year 2 – Isabella C for listening carefully and trying her best all week.

Year 3 – Lucy for beautiful handwriting and giving great answers in class.

Year 4 – Pearl and Zach for excellent effort in all lessons and clear explanations.

Year 5 - Rose for always being on task, and working hard and supporting her class mates.

Year 6 – Nathan for contributions for shared writing.

Well done children!

Mrs O'Neill's Wellbeing words of the week

“Fall in love with life”

We all have places to be, work to do, chores to complete etc. The easy option is to grumble and complain your way through, but how about switching your mindset and finding the joy in the mundane?

Fall in love with your life. Wake up early, buy your favourite coffee, go for walks, eat good food, wear what makes you feel confident, and listen to your favourite music. Purposefully create these small moments that make you fall in love with your life.

Next Friday we will have a Mental Health Awareness day.



Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Best wishes

Mrs Jackson