St Mary's R.C. Primary School Newsletter

2nd October 2026

Statement To Live By

Our Statement To Live By next week is "I know what to do if I see anyone being hurt . Please talk to your child about this.

Macmillan Coffee Morning and Foodbank appeal

Today we held our Annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. As always it was a great success thanks to the generosity of our wonderful parents and community here at St. Mary's. Thanks to everyone who donated cakes, especially the delicious home made cakes!. And a big thank you to everyone who came and supported and donated so generously. We raised a whopping £449.36 for Macmillan. Wow what a huge donation. Thanks again!

Rochdale Foodbank appeal

Our GIFT Chaplaincy Team are also appealing for food donations of non perishable foods for our local foodbanks. But also, just as importantly, if any of our families are struggling financially, and would benefit directly from any of our food donations, then please talk to Mrs Ruane in the strictest confidence. Please send in any donations by Friday 9th October.

Applications to our school and Nursery

The online application process to apply for Reception places for September 2027 is open from 14th September and closes on 15th January 2026. We will hold 2 Open Evenings for parents to come and have a look around our school on **8th October and 4th November from 4.00pm to 5.30pm** no booking required. Parents can also come on these dates to look at our Nursery. We had our first sessions for parents to visit this week and the next one is **12th October between 1.30-2.30pm.** As these are during the school day, parents will need to contact the school to book a place. We still have a few places in our Nursery if you know of anyone who wants to apply. Just tell them to pop into the office for an application form.

October is the month of the Rosary

We invite children to bring in Rosary beads during the month of October to use in prayer in class and assemblies.

Applications to High School—Year 5 and Year 6

This is the time of year where our Year 6 children and their families start applying for secondary schools. Please check each secondary schools website for more information and read each schools admissions policy so you are aware of the criteria and likelihood to be accepted at each school before you apply.

Safeguarding our children—PLEASE UPDATE CONSENT

We love celebrating and sharing the wonderful learning, achievements and special moments that happen at St Mary's. Photographs and videos help us to do this, both within school and, where consent has been given, through our website, social media and newsletters. Please ensure your photo consent preferences are up to date on Arbor – we completely respect every family's choice. We ask parents and carers to make an informed choice about consent, and the potential risks associated with sharing images online, taking account of current online-safety guidance from organisations such as the UK Safer Internet Centre and NSPCC. We always take great care when using children's images and their safety, privacy and wellbeing will remain our highest priority.

A Healthy School

Aswell as promoting having healthy bodies, we also strive to help our children to have healthy minds. Next week they will particularly focus on thinking about their mental health, especially on Friday. On Friday we will combine promoting positive mental wellbeing with also supporting Little Pink Borough. Children can come to school wearing pink (or any bright colours!)

Church news

There will be no school/class mass next week. Parents of children in Year 3 are asked to complete the resister of interest slip for the Sacramental programme—First Holy Communion preparations. If you have lost the letter please ask Mr Jenkins or at the office.

Head boy and girl weekly message

We all enjoyed Macmillan Coffee Morning and raised £449.36!!!

We had a great time at Robinwood, thank you to everyone who made it happen. Well done to year 6 for winning class of the week and all the class champion winners. Have a nice weekend :)

DIARY DATES

Friday 9th October - Support Little 'PINK' borough - Wear pink or something bright and make a cash donation

Parent's Evening 14/10 & 15/10 -

Information on how to book will be sent via arbor on Monday 5th October

MASS TIMES

Services to Sunday 11th October		
Monday 5th October	10.00am	Mass St Marys
Tuesday 6th October	10.00am 1.30pm	Mass St Patricks Start of year mass St Teresa of Calcutta Academy— St Patricks
Wednesday 7th October	10.00am	Mass at St Marys
Thursday 8th October	-	No Mass
Friday 9th October	10.00am	Mass at St Marys
Saturday 10th October	10.00-10.30am 12.00pm	Confessions St Mary's Mass at St Patricks followed by confessions
Sunday 11th October	9.30am 11.15am	Mass St Patricks Mass St Mary's

AWARDS

Class Champion awards

Nursery - Luca

Reception - Nellie

Year 1 - Darren

Year 2 - Leo

Year 3 - Matthew

Year 4 - Esme

Year 5 - Evelyn

Year 6 - Bodhi

Winning House : St Patrick's

Class of the week: Yr 6

