

# St Mary's R.C. Primary School Newsletter



## Statement To Live By

Next weeks Statement to live by is: 'I try to love others as I love myself' Please talk to your child about this.

## **Happy New Year!**

We would like to wish everyone a very happy, healthy, and peaceful 2026. The children have all made a great start back this week and are so settled and ready to get learning again. We look forward to what the year ahead will bring!

## Bad weather and caretaker post

It has been quite an eventful start to the new year weather wise! It has also been an extra challenge this week with no caretaker! Please note, we had a relief caretaker one day this week, who came wearing a 'security jacket'. This person was only supporting us as a relief caretaker, and was not a security guard! We hope to have a new caretaker appointed and ready to start very soon. In the meantime, please bear with us as we have more possible bad weather. We will always make any decisions around gate/entrance closures in the best interests of the safety of our children, staff and all visitors coming into our school grounds. Please take extra care during the winter season and always ensure your child comes to school well equipped with a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves etc. We also advise that the children always have spare socks in their bag if their feet get wet, and ideally send in wellies/boots to change into when it's very wet/snowy. Fingers crossed the wintry weather improves quickly!

## Spanish day

We started this new year with a Spanish day which was very enjoyable for all. Our children learnt about Spain and the feast of the 3 King's which is a very big celebration in Spain, as well as putting into practice their Spanish speaking. They are getting very good now. Well done everyone!

## **The Christmas Fair—thankyou!**

Following our Christmas Fair and Christmas raffle, just before Christmas, the FPTA made a whopping profit of £1475 We are so grateful to them for their hard work and dedication to our children. Santa dropped by to give every child a selection box and also left each new class toys on the last day. He told us that FPTA helped him here by sending him some money to help to buy all these gifts. Thanks so much, we couldn't do so much of the treats we provide without your support. We continue to appeal for continued and new helpers for our FPTA.

## Upcoming FPTA event: Teacher for the day

Tickets are now on sale for the upcoming teacher/Teaching Assistant for the day competition. This is always a really exciting day for those lucky enough to win, but also for everyone in each class. Don't miss out on getting your tickets. You have until 20th January to get them!

## Correct Uniform

The majority of our children look so smart in their uniforms this week. Can we just remind parents about ensuring children are wearing correct uniform in school, including a tie, correct shoes and only small plain stud earring, hoop earrings are not allowed. Also, earrings must be removed on PE days. If ears are newly pierced, parents need to send in plasters to cover them for PE. Thank you.

## Attendance

It is that time of year where there are lots of different viruses and bugs going around. We ask parents to use common sense here and keep their child off school if they are clearly ill and not well enough to be here. We do however, ask that parents also use common sense and send their child into school if they only have a slight cough/cold, or feel a little under the weather. We will always contact parents if we feel their child needs to go home.

## Church news

There was no whole school mass this week as Father has not been very well. We hope he makes a speedy recovery and ask you to keep him in our prayers. Class mass will resume when Father is feeling better.

## Head Boy/Girl

We have had a great first week back in school after the Christmas break. We all enjoyed Spanish day on Tuesday. Well done to all the class champion winners. Have a nice weekend everyone!

10TH JANUARY 2026

## **DIARY DATES**

**Teacher for a day tickets on sale now until 20/01 £1 per ticket from class - Draw 21st Jan**

**Teacher for a day 23/01**

## **AWARDS**

### **Class Champion Awards**

**Nursery - Orla**  
**Reception - Emilia**  
**Year 1 - Isabella**  
**Year 2 - Blake**  
**Year 3 - Julia**  
**Year 4 - Charlotte**  
**Year 5 - Harry**  
**Year 6 - Oscar M**

**Winning House this week:  
St Patrick's**  
**Class of the week:  
Year 2**

