

St Mary's R.C. Primary School Newsletter

Statement To Live By

The first week back Statement to live by is: 'I cooperate with others in work and play' Please talk to your child about this.

FPTA Disco!

The FPTA Valentine's Discos were great fun. A massive thankyou to our fantastic FPTA for their help planning, preparing, setting up and then running the stalls on the evening. A special thanks to Paulina Grelus and 'Celebration Station' for the beautiful balloon arch and decorations. The discos were a great success and we raised over £500 for school funds to use towards subsidizing school trips this year. And of course thanks to our staff for supporting too. Above all, the children all seemed to enjoy themselves!

Mental Health week and Internet Safety week this week

We always promote positive mental health for our children, and staff, in all we do, but this week in school we have also allowed the national Mental Health and Internet Safety weeks ensuring we promote the national themes of 'This is my place' and ensuring children feel that they belong here at St. Mary's. Our internet safety theme this week was around promoting safe use of AI. We will continue to ensure our children learn how to keep themselves safe in these areas.

Book Day—Friday 6th March

The children need to get thinking during the holidays about what book character they are going to dress up as on our Book Day on Friday 6th March. Also look out for other activities and a competition leading up to Book day. We look forward to this day as always! Year 5 have also been set a special Book day competition by our MP, Paul Waugh!

Upcoming dates for your diary

Parents Evenings will be 18th and 19th March—see letter coming soon for times and to book appointments

Friday 6th March Book day— children can dress up as their favourite book characters.

Tuesday 10th March Year 3 Reconciliation assembly at 9.00am

Friday 13th March EYFS Mother's Day assembly at 9.00am

Attendance and punctuality

Please see your child's half termly report card that we now issue as part of the STOC Catholic Academy Trust. Well done to those children who have above 95% attendance, as this is the target for all children. Also, thank you to the vast majority of our families who ensure their children are here on time at 8.45am ready to start the day.

Half term holiday

Please note that school closes today, Friday 13th February, at the usual time of 3.15pm and reopens on Monday 23rd February at 8.45am.

Church news

Year 4 led so well in their class mass this week. Thankyou Year 4! There will be no class mass the first week back after half term so keep a look out for updates on the next class masses. Year 3 children on the Sacramental Programme, please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is on **Wednesday 11th March at 6.00pm**. There will be a special Reconciliation assembly for all Year 3 children on Tuesday 10th March at 9:10am. The children will make their First Holy Communion on Sunday 14th June at 11.15am.

Head Boy/Girl

Well done to all of our friends who won Headteachers Awards and to Y2 for their Valentines assembly. Thankyou to everyone who arranged the valentines disco yesterday it was great! Have a nice half term everyone.



13TH FEBRUARY 2026

DIARY DATES

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MASS TIMES

Services to Sunday 22 February

Monday 16 February	10am	Mass at St Mary's
Tuesday 17 February	10am	Mass at St Patrick's
Wednesday 18 February	12.00pm 6.30pm	ASH Wednesday Fasting & Abstinence Blessing & Distribution of Ashes St Patrick's St Mary's
Thursday 19 February	-	No Mass
Friday 20 February	10am	Mass at St Mary's
Saturday 21 February	10-10.30am 12pm	Confessions at St Mary's Mass at St Patrick's followed by confessions
Sunday 22 February	9.30am 11.15am	Mass at St Patrick's Mass at St Mary's

AWARDS

Headteacher Awards

Nursery - Oceana
Reception - Chimkalisi
Year 1 - Grayson
Year 2 - Nieve
Year 3 - Ella
Year 4 - Emma
Year 5 - Bodhi
Year 6 - Erin

**Winning House this week
and this half term:**
St George
Class of the week: Year 2

