



St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Workington. CA14 5LN



## Newsletter January 2026

*"Children are a gift from the Lord, they are a reward from Him." Psalm 127:3*

### OUR MISSION

At St Marys Catholic Primary School,  
we love one another by showing respect and caring for each other.

We always try our best and take pride in ourselves because each one of us is special to God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year. It has been wonderful to

welcome the children back to school; they have returned refreshed, settled, and ready to learn.

The Spring term may be a short one, but it is already jam-packed, with lots of exciting learning opportunities and wonderful events planned for your child/children. An updated "Whats on / Key dates" is attached to this newsletter, regular updates will be shared.

After-school clubs have started and there is good attendance!

A reminder that dance has moved to EYFS and Key Stage 1 this term, therefore the following classes need their kits **every Tuesday** – Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2.

WELL DONE to our Year 2 team who won the Dodgeball competition yesterday - We are very proud of you all!

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another successful and enjoyable term ahead.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Douglas



### A New Year Prayer

Loving God,

As we begin this new year together,  
we thank You for the gift of our school  
community.

Bless our children with curious minds, kind  
hearts,  
and the courage to always do what is right.

Guide our staff and families as we walk this  
journey together.

Help us to grow in faith, hope, and love,  
following the example of Jesus in all that we  
do.

May this year be filled with learning,  
laughter, friendship, and peace, and may  
Your light shine in our school each day.

Amen

### SWIMMING

Year 4 are swimming this week –  
w/c 12<sup>th</sup> January and therefore  
require a fresh swimming kit  
each day. All jewellery needs to  
be fully removed and long hair  
tied back.

### DANCE (Tuesday)

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and  
Year 2.

### PE DAYS

Reception: Tuesday & Friday

Year 1: Tuesday & Friday

Year 2: Tuesday & Thursday

Year 3: Wednesday & Friday

Year 4: Friday

Year 5: Monday & Friday

Year 6: Monday & Friday

### Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place  
towards the end of the Spring  
term on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

However, if you need to speak  
to your child's class teacher or a  
member of the SLT Team  
beforehand, appointments/  
telephone calls can be made  
by contacting the school office  
on 01946  
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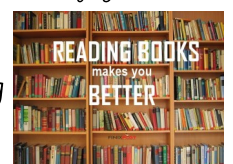
### The Year of Reading

This year, our school is proudly taking part in  
*The Year of Reading*. We are committed to  
promoting a love of reading and helping every  
child develop strong reading skills.

Further information will be shared from our  
Reading lead Miss Heron, in the meantime we  
kindly ask for your continued support at home  
by encouraging your child to read **every day**.  
We recommend **at least 10-15 minutes per day**  
for younger children and **20 minutes per day**  
for our older / KS2 children.

Regular reading makes a huge difference to  
confidence, comprehension, and enjoyment.

Thank you for supporting  
your child on their reading  
journey!



## What's on / Key dates

### **JANUARY 2026**

- 07/01/2026 Children return to school  
12/01/2026 Year 4 swimming all week  
12/01/2026 Year 5 Rugby sessions in school  
19/01/2026 Year 5 Rugby sessions in school  
20/01/2026 Wonder Dome Day - Whole school  
22/01/2026 Year 6 at Mass - 10am start  
26/01/2026 Year 1 & 2 - Rugby sessions in school - PE kit required  
26/01/2026 Year 5 & Year 6 - Sports with Chris H  
28/01/2026 School Council litter pick  
28/01/2026 Year 5 & 6 Real life author workshop in school  
29/01/2026 Year 5 at Mass - 10am start

### **FEBRUARY**

- 02/02/2026 Year 5 & Year 6 - Sports with Chris H  
02/02/2026 Year 1 & 2 Rugby sessions in school - PE kit required  
03/02/2026 Year 5 Singing workshop @ St Josephs  
05/02/2026 Year 4 at Mass - 10am start  
06/02/2026 National wear red day to support Heart disease  
09/02/2026 Childrens Mental health week in school  
09/02/2026 Year 5 & Year 6 - Sports with Chris H  
09/02/2026 Year 1 & 2 Rugby sessions in school - PE kit required  
12/02/2026 Year 3 at Mass - 10am start  
12/02/2026 Reception visit Curwen Hall  
12/02/2026 Year 2 visit to the Fire station  
13/02/2026 FINISH FOR HALF TERM BREAK (Normal time: 3.30pm)  
23/02/2026 Year 1 & 2 Rugby sessions in school  
24/02/2026 KS2 table tennis competition (selected children will be notified)  
24/02/2026 Reception class - sports with Reece - PE kits required  
25/02/2026 Ash Wednesday service in the hall - whole school. (All children will receive their ashes)

### **MARCH**

- 02/03/2026 Year 5 swimming all week  
02/03/2026 Mrs Wright - whole school visit - meditation  
03/03/2026 Reception class - sports with Reece - PE kits required  
05/03/2026 World Book Day (more info to follow)  
09/03/2026 Year 3 swimming all week  
10/03/2026 Year 5 Singing workshop @ St Josephs  
10/03/2026 Reception class - sports with Reece - PE kits required  
12/03/2026 Year 3 at Mass - 10am start  
12/03/2026 Year 5 visiting St Bees High School - Science workshop  
16/03/2026 Year 2 swimming all week  
17/03/2026 Reception class - sports with Reece - PE kits required  
17/03/2026 Year 2 Class assembly @ 9am - All Year 2 parents welcome.  
19/03/2026 Year 4 at Mass - 10am start  
23/03/2026 Year 1 swimming all week  
23/03/2026 Parents Evening  
24/03/2026 Year 3 and 4 football tournament (Children selected will be informed)  
24/03/2026 Reception class - sports with Reece - PE kits required  
24/03/2026 Year 5 @ St Josephs watching their end of term performance (during school time)  
24/03/2026 Parents Evening  
26/03/2026 Stations of the Cross assembly in school  
27/03/2026 End of term Easter Mass in school - whole school  
27/03/2026 Easter Fayre (More info to follow)  
27/03/2026 FINISH FOR EASTER BREAK

**APRIL**

- 13/04/2026 Children return to school  
13/04/2026 Year 3 & Year 4 - PE with Chris (PE kits required)  
14&15 Year 2 residential to Hawes End (More information to follow)  
20/04/2026 Year 3 & Year 4 - PE with Chris (PE kits required)  
28/04/2026 Year 5 Singing workshop @ St Josephs  
28/04/2026 Year 1 & 2 - Rainbow Kicky Rounders (Children selected will be informed)

**MAY**

- 05/05/2026 Helen Haraldsen - Author workshop in Year 2  
05/05/2026 Y3 & 4 Rounders tournament (Children selected will be informed)  
11/05/2026 Key Stage 2 SATs week  
15/05/2026 Provisional Sports Day (more info to follow)  
19/05/2026 Year 1 & 2 Football (selected children will be notified)  
22/05/2026 FINISH FOR HALF TERM (Normal time - 3.30pm)

**JUNE**

- 01/06/2026 Children return to school  
01/06/2026 Year 6 swimming all week  
01/06/2026 Year 4 Multiplication check week  
03/06/2026 MnM theatre production – Pinocchio – whole school  
05/06/2026 Year 6 & Reception - PE with Ben (PE kits required)  
06/06/2026 Year 6 Confirmation at Our Ladys church (those children involved will be informed)  
08/06/2026 Reception swimming all week  
08/06/2026 Year 1 Phonics screening week  
09/06/2026 Reception - Multiskills (Children selected will be informed)  
12/06/2026 Year 6 & Reception - PE with Ben (PE kits required)  
13/06/2026 Year 3 First Holy Communions at Our Ladys church - More info to follow  
15 & 16th Year 6 residential to Hawes End  
16/06/2026 Y5 and Y6 Football competition (those children selected will be informed)  
18/06/2026 Year 6 visiting Branthwaite Scout Camp  
19/06/2026 Year 6 & Reception - PE with Ben (PE kits required)  
22/06/2026 Year 2 visit to Stockswood  
23/06/2026 Year 5 and Year 6 Tennis tournament (children selected will be informed)  
26/06/2026 Year 6 & Reception - PE with Ben (PE kits required)  
29/06/2026 Class group photographs  
29/06/2026 Mrs Wright visit to Year 6 - "Moving on" - Transition work  
30/06/2026 Dance showcase at the Carnegie (more info to follow)

**JULY**

- 01/07/2026 Dream Big Workshop - Year 6  
02/07/2026 Year 5 residential to Muncaster Castle (more info to follow)  
06/07/2026 Mrs Wright visit to Year 6 - "Moving on" - Transition work  
07/07/2026 Key Stage 2 Sats results day  
09/07/2026 Year 6 Leavers Mass at church - 10am start  
08 & 09 Key Stage 2 - Summer Show (both afternoon performances – more info to follow)  
14/07/2026 Year 6 Leavers Mass in church – all parents, carers and extended families welcome.  
15/07/2026 Class move up morning  
16/07/2026 Reception graduation ceremony - 10am start  
17/07/2026 Year 6 Leavers assembly – 10am in the school hall  
17/07/2026 FINISH FOR SUMMER TERM (1.30pm finish - all children MUST be collected by an adult)