



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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*In God's light, we love, learn and
grow together*

I can do things you cannot. You can do things I cannot.

Together we can do great things. (St Theresa of Kolkata)

WELCOME BACK



Welcome back to a new school year. We are thrilled to welcome our new Reception class as well as our previous children and families. The children have been looking very smart!



Thank you to everyone for making such an effort

to be on time in the mornings. Don't forget all

classes have morning work set up from 8:30am daily.

Look after each other- together we can do anything.



Dates to Note

Monday 7th Sept- Reception children begin full time. / Y5&6 Swim 8:55am

Thursday 10th Sept - Y5&6 Church

Friday 11th Sept- Y6 Visit to Holy Family

Monday 14th Sept - 4:30pm Parents Phonics meeting for Reception and Y1 parents

Thursday 17th Sept - Y3&4 Church

Friday 18th September - **ROCK KIDS** all day. Children to dress as rock stars. **CANCELLED TILL NOV**

Monday 21st Sept - Book fair this week / Cross Country Race 1 after school - Merchants playing field Spinney Crescent

Thursday 24th Sept- Y5&6 Church / Whole School Flu Vaccination / School Photographs

Friday 25th Sept- 10:00am - 11:30 MacMillan Coffee Morning

Tuesday 29th Sept - Cross Country Race 2 after school - Litherland Park

Thursday 1st Oct - Y3&4 Church

Friday 2nd Oct- World Smile Day - Wear colourful clothes and join in with activities. Bring £2 to school / Plus Clothing collection

Thursday 8th Oct- Y5&6 Church / Cross Country Race 3 after school - venue TBC

Tuesday 13th Oct- Parents meetings 1 2pm-6pm

Wednesday 14th Oct- Parents meetings 2 2pm-5pm

Thursday 15th Oct - Y1&2 Church

Tuesday 20th Oct - 9am Y1&2

Rejoice for parents

Thursday 22nd October - Y3&4 Church / Children finish at 2:30pm

**Monday 26th - Friday 30th
October- HALF TERM**

Monday 2nd November - Autumn 2 begins / Y5&6 Swim



Remember to check the website and our Instagram

@stmaryscrosby for updates and pictures



What children are learning this half term

RECEPETION: Maths – Subitising, cardinality (how many in a set and number name for quantity), ordinality (numbers in sequence) and counting- through rhymes and songs, composition, comparing - size/ mass and capacity. exploring patterns. **English/Topic** – Amazing me (All about myself, family, stages of growing and Autumn) **Phonics** – Phase 2 phonemes. **R.E.** – Creation and Covenant (The Creation Story, looking after our wonderful world and Baptism) **RSHE**- My Happy Mind - Meet your brain, Journey in Love - God loves each of us in our uniqueness (Social and emotional) **PE** – Outdoor Explorers Autumn.

YEAR 1 & 2: Maths- Place value, addition and subtraction (within 100). **English**- Zog - stories with patterns and an information booklet. **RE**- Creation and Covenant (the creation story, Nicene creed and the Our Father) **History**- The Great Fire of London **RSHE** - My Happy Mind - Meet your brain. **Art**- Drawing, tone and texture. **Science**- Animals **Computing** - systems and network **PE** - throwing and catching

YEAR 3 & 4: Maths- Place value, addition & subtraction, multiplication & division. **English**- The Tin Forest - Fiction: Folk Tale, Non-Fiction: Biography. **RE**: Branch 1 - Creation and Covenant. **RSHE**- My Happy Mind- Meet my brain, Journey in Love - How we live in love (social and emotional). **History** – The Tudors and Victorians **Art** – Fabric of Nature. **Science**- The Human Body. **PE**- (Tuesday and Thursday) - Gymnastics. **Spanish**- The People Around me.

YEAR 5 & 6: Maths - place value, addition subtraction, multiplication, and division, fractions. **English** - myths and legends, Arthur, High King of Britain by Michael Morpurgo. **Science** - bright sparks (materials, light and electricity). **RE** – Creation and Covenant – Abraham **Spanish** - my world (family, friends). **DT** - textiles, bags from sustainable materials. **Art**- Expressing Ideas , drawing. **History** - what is a census focusing on the local area. **Computing** - computer networks and systems and e-safety. **RSHE** - my happy mind, journey in love - wonder of God's love creating new life.



CONTACT DETAILS- Please inform the office if you change address or telephone number. The school must hold two contact numbers for emergencies.

School Uniform Please can we remind parents to put names on jumpers, cardigans and blazers. We have been having lots of issues with lost items. Staff will try and find lost items, when possible, but cannot be searching round classrooms or sending messages daily. It is the responsibility of parents and children.



Catholic Life and Wednesday Word

Please try to attend Mass at one of our parish/local churches. St. Mary's - Sunday 11:15am, St Helen's - Sunday 10.00am, Ss Peter & Paul's - Sunday 10.30am, St Joseph's - Sunday 11.15am

This week's Wednesday Word is all about Jesus and being welcomed into the family of the Church. Please take some time to read the Wednesday Word on our Learning > Catholic Life page on our website. Pope Francis's monthly prayer intention for September is to look after God's creatures: Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to all those children who have agreed to take part in the traditional Harvest Festival on **Sunday 20th at 11am at St Mary's Church**. All families are welcome to come along and join in with the mass.



HOLY COMMUNION

Children in Years 4-6 who have not made their Holy Communion and wish to make it this academic year have two options.

Option 1 is to contact their own Parish and begin preparation classes with their Parish Priest.

St Peter and Paul's have their Parents Welcome meeting on 20th November 3.45 pm, 21st November 3.45 pm or on 4th December at 5.30 pm. You only need to attend one.

Option 2 is to wait until next half term and register interest with school who will liaise with Father Derek on making it in St Mary's Church. Mrs Scott will be in touch with families after half term if this is the preferred choice.

Extra-Curricular Clubs this half term

Tuesday –Lunchtime-Netball & Miss Veever's Cross Country. Y3-6. After school multi-skills Y1-6 & Spanish

Thursday - After school football with Mr Ambrose /

Clubs to come this term after school

Mrs Dunleavy – Choir Thu after school

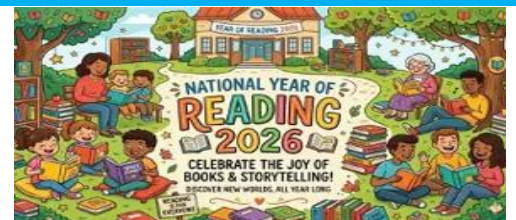
Mrs Hooper- Book Club Y3-4 Thu after school

Miss Robb Y5&6 School Newspaper Thu after school

Miss Lloyd Reception fun phonics Tue after school

Mrs Scott Holy Communion preparation tbc

During this Autumn term, we will be looking at *reading in the community* as part of the National Year of Reading. Letters will go out next week for some exciting things happening. **WATCH THIS SPACE**





We will be having a clothing collection on Friday 2nd October. We will collect the donations from Tuesday 29th September, not before as there is no space for storage. The money raised will be added to the school fund which directly benefits the children. Items they collect are all clothes, shoes, bedding, towels, teddies, unwanted gifts, jewellery and accessories, bags and belts.

SICKNESS

A reminder to all parents that it is ALL schools' policy as advised by NHS England that if your child vomits or has diarrhoea, they must remain at home for 48hrs after the last episode of sickness. They will not be allowed back into school until then. This is to stop the spread of germs and virus to other staff and children.

APPOINTMENTS

Please can parents try and arrange dentist, doctor or other appointments after school. If this is not possible, school will require evidence of the appointment, or your child will incur an unauthorised mark. Attendance is important and many children are missing their legal entitlement. Too many unauthorised marks may result in a fine from Sefton.

HOLIDAYS

Since the start of term (7 days) school have had 10 children on holiday or requesting leave. Please be aware, no holidays are authorised, but you must inform school of your child's absence.

LATE BOOK

If you arrive to school late and the gate is closed, you must accompany your child into school and sign into the late book. This is then monitored by the headteacher and director of primary for the academy.

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY: 2026-27 (data will begin in Oct newsletter)

Sefton council class any child below **90% as persistently absent**. Our whole school target is **96%**. It is so important that children attend school as much as possible.

Important that children attend school as much as possible:						
DARK GREEN- Very Good (96%+)	GREEN – Good (95-95.9%)	AMBER- Slight Concern (94.9-90.1%)	RED- Below the acceptable level- Classed as persistently absence level (below 90%)			
WHOLE SCHOOL -						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

Teaching Assistant Level 1 at St Mary's Catholic Primary School

! WE ARE HIRING !

We are looking to appoint a part-time TA1, Monday to Friday 9:30am-2:30pm 22.5hrs a week. If you think you or someone you know might be interested, look on the school website under Vacancies.

HOMEWORK

As a school the homework for all children will be to read their book at home at **least four times** a week. Reading can be your child reading to you, or you reading to your child. The childrens diaries need to be signed. Spellings and Timetable Rockstars are also weekly. Class teachers may set different homework at different times throughout the term to help the children in their learning.

Our homework policy is on the website if you require futher information.