

# Newsletter

## St Mary's Catholic Primary School

November 2024



This is such a busy and exciting time in school! Please note all the dates in your diary so you don't miss anything. Ahead of the holidays, we would like to wish all our children and their families a wonderful Christmas break.

I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work over this term and hope that everyone has a safe and peaceful Christmas.

**School closes on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**

*Come and join our Winter Market!*

Get into the festive spirit, enjoy a delicious hot chocolate and cake whilst you have a nosey around the winter market ... there will be lots of items to buy made by our children, lots of games to have a go on including hook a bag, wine and water stall, guess the name of the giant bear ... the list goes on! You can also win prizes on our tombola and the children (or adults!) can have their face painted and visit Santa in his grotto (pre booked tickets only).



Please collect your child/children from their usual home time collection points at 1:20pm. Then you can enter the Winter Market through the main entrance of school together.

*St. Mary's Winter Market*  
*Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December*  
*1:30-4pm*

*ho ho ho*  
*Visit Santa!*  
*(ticket only)*

- Face painting*
- Tombola*
- Refreshments*
- Lots of games*
- & products to buy*

*Come and join us!*

The poster features a background of snowflakes and a row of green Christmas trees at the bottom. A cartoon Santa Claus is on the left, and a list of activities is on the right.



### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December -  
2:30pm EYFS parent's phonics  
workshop

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December -  
Y1 & 2 at the Panto!

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December -  
Winter market 1:30 - 4pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December -  
2pm Curriculum Showcase

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 6pm -  
School choir at the Christmas carol  
concert at the Grainger Centre

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December -  
1:10 - 5:00pm - Reception parent's  
evening

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December -  
9:30am - Y1 & 2 Nativity  
2pm - Y5 & 6 Nativity

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December -  
9:30am - EYFS Nativity  
2pm - Y3 & 4 Nativity

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December -  
9:15am - Christmas mass  
Christmas dinner

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December -  
Christmas jumper day & party day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December -  
1:30pm - Carols around the crib  
2pm finish



In school, staff and the children have been looking at our current Mission Statement, we have collated our thoughts and created a new Mission Statement that we feel reflects our mission at St Mary's. Our old Mission Statement has been the same for a long time and we felt we needed to have another look and refresh for where our school is now.

#### Current Mission Statement

At St Mary's, we walk together with Christ, to achieve our potential,  
helping one another to love, care, smile and learn.  
Let your light shine

#### New Mission Statement

At St Mary's, we provide an enriching education,  
where we nurture a love for learning.  
By following in Jesus' footsteps, we inspire everyone to live  
with compassion, respect and a strong sense of purpose.  
Together - we walk this path of faith.

You will have received a Google Form - I would really like to gather  
your thoughts or any suggestions for our new Mission Statement.

Thank you, in advance, for taking the time to share.

*School reopens after Christmas on  
Monday 6th January*



**Thank you for your amazing  
donations...we raised £137.81 for The  
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

### **Postcards Home go to...**

**Well done to the following children who have been nominated for 'Star of the Month' for  
their consistent hard work and positivity towards their learning.**

Filip (Nursery), Carter (Reception), Clayton (Year 1), Eloghosa (Year 2),  
Rosie (Year 3), Christiana (Year 4), Gabriel (Year 5), Karina (Year 6)

