



# ST. MARK'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Headteacher's Message

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back after the half-term break! I hope you all had a lovely week and managed to spend some quality family time together.

On Tuesday afternoon, our football team took part in a league event at Moorside Primary School. Although we did not win, the children played brilliantly and represented our school with wonderful sportsmanship — we are very proud of them.

Yesterday, Year 3 led our whole-school assembly beautifully on the theme of saints. They told us about many Saints, including the most recent Saint, Carlo Acutis, who was canonised on 7 September 2025. Carlo was an Italian teenager known for his deep love of the Eucharist and his dedication to using technology to share his faith. He is remembered for his kindness, humility, and service to others, showing that holiness can be lived out in everyday life. The children reminded us that we all have the opportunity to behave like the saints in our daily lives. This half term, we are focusing on how we can become holy people through the way we behave and treat others. Well done, Year 3!

Adela Ramsbottom, a member of our parish who attended our Harvest Mass and received the donations for the Shoebox Appeal, has written to tell me that the Cubs made up 84 Shoebox gifts on Tuesday evening. She has asked me to pass on her thanks to you for all your help and donations — your support truly reflects the values of kindness and service that our Year 3 children highlighted in their assembly.

To mark the Jubilee Year of Mercy/Hope, the Diocese of Salford has launched a travelling "Anchor of Hope". Each school in the diocese is invited to host the Anchor of Hope for a time, as it makes its pilgrimage around the diocesan schools. St. Mark's will be receiving the Anchor of Hope next week. We will be using the anchor as a focal point of reflection before passing it on to the next school.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to another wonderful half term together.

Kind regards,

Mrs Woodruff.



## Important Dates for next week

### Harvest Celebration Week

#### Monday 10th November

- The Anchor of Hope arrives from St. Mary's School.

#### Tuesday 11th November

- At 11:00am, we will have a two-minute silence to remember those who have died during conflicts.

#### Wednesday 12th November

- Parents meetings for Nursery, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5 to take place in the school hall.
- The Anchor of Hope leaves St. Mark's for St. Luke's School.

#### Thursday 13th November

- Parents meetings for Reception, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6 to take place in the school hall.

#### Friday 14th November

- A group of Year 1 children and Year 3 will attend Mass at St. Mark's Church at 10.00am. Parents are very welcome to join us in church.
- Year 5 will have own clothes day for having the highest attendance this week.

Class	Attendance
<b>N</b>	<b>94%</b>
<b>R</b>	<b>95.7%</b>
<b>Y1</b>	<b>92.9%</b>
<b>Y2</b>	<b>97%</b>
<b>Y3</b>	<b>95.8%</b>
<b>Y4</b>	<b>97.3%</b>
<b>Y5</b>	<b>99.7%</b>
<b>Y6</b>	<b>93.3%</b>
<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	<b>95.7%</b>

