



17th October 2025

# St Mary Magdalen's CPS



Nurturing Hearts & Minds



Romans 12:4-5: "For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

## Black History Month - Djembe Drumming



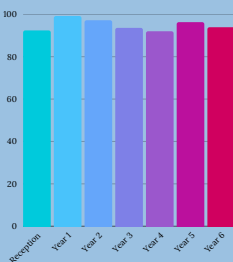
A HUGE THANK YOU to all the PTFA members who organised the Halloween discos on Wednesday evening - they were excellent. Thank you parents for entering into the spirit of it all too - the outfits, and particularly make up, were great. It was a lovely evening. Thank you to Miss Stothert, Becky, Miss Hunter and Mrs Peppard who all stayed to help with 'crowd control' too!



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### ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK:

94.9



### British Values: Rule of Law.

The United Nations was created after the war, to help countries follow rules and keep peace. Just like in our own lives, rules can bring people together and guide us to live safely and fairly.

**Reflection:** The UN has worked for 80 years to try and keep peace between nations, but peace doesn't only happen in far-away countries. It can start in our classrooms, playgrounds and homes.

### This week's prayer:

Dear God,

Thank You for the peace we feel inside and around us. Help us to be kind and treat others with respect. May we always remember to think about peace before we speak or act. Amen.

Today as our final event on the Black History Month calendar this year, Year 1-6 have enjoyed the Djembe Drumming workshop. I am delighted to share that our school has just secured an order of 16 djembes for us to use going forward, thanks to our commitment to music development.

Wednesday we held our first 'Sporting Experience Days' of this academic year with Dave from South Ribble and we all had a try at handball! (Photos on page 2)

Thank you to the parents who attended the Writing workshop on Thursday morning - we have sent our feedback for the sessions and would really like to hear from parents who haven't attended too! Parents' Evening bookings are live on Parentmail - we look forward to seeing you all next Wednesday in the School Hall! Each appointment is a short introduction to the class teaching staff and the expectations of the year, as well as how your child has settled and anything you can help with at home. If you need a longer session going forward, please let us know and additional meetings will be set up.

Finally, next Friday (24<sup>th</sup> October), we will hold our annual Harvest day - we come into school wearing something bright to cheer up the dark days with our school uniform - please donate if you can (£1) for the charity Mary's Meals and a tin for the local Foodbank. Mary's Meals are collecting 10p coins - 10p provides a hungry child with a nutritious breakfast - so a donation of 10ps could make a wonderful difference for a day to multiple children! 'St Mary Mags' reaching out locally and across the world to help others - *nurturing hearts & minds*! Please visit <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/> for more information. We will close next Friday for 1 week for our annual October half term (3:20pm). A reminder that our 2026/2027 holidays are now available on the school website.

### Core Value Role Models this week....



Y1: Kimberley



Y2: Charlotte



Y3: Evie



Y4: Jonah



Y5: Ace



Y6: Precious

## Assembly Theme: Windrush

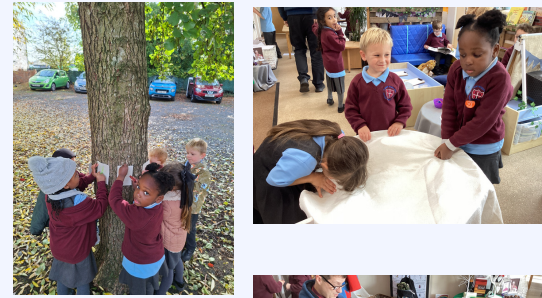


## Our Week in Photos....

### Year 3



### Reception



### Year 6



### Year 5



### Year 4



### Year 1



**Sports :**  
Well done to our Y5/6 girls' football team who took part in their first ever tournament on Thursday!

**Vacancy :**  
We are looking for a **WELFARE ASSISTANT**  
11:50 - 1:05pm every day -  
supervising on the playground  
All training given!

### Year 2



### Online Safety :

October's newsletter is available on our website [click here](#) and includes a WhatsApp, YouTube and the risks of AI on our mental health - please take a look!

Please do be vigilant at home - be aware of what they are doing 'online' and talk to your child!



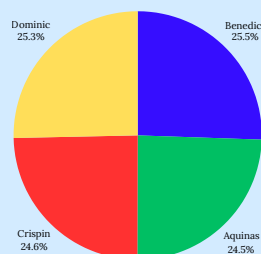
## Dates for your Diary

22/Oct Parents' Evening (settling in meeting)

24/Oct Wear something bright with uniform for Mary's Meals & Foodbank (Harvest)

24/Oct 3:20 - finish for half term

## House Points for this half term



### Reception 2026:

We are already thinking ahead to next September, but aware of the low birth rates locally. If you know of any families who would like to come and look around our lovely school, please do signpost them our way! Our strength is in the school community and your recommendation, as a parent, is appreciated.

