

16th January 2026



St Mary Magdalen's CPS

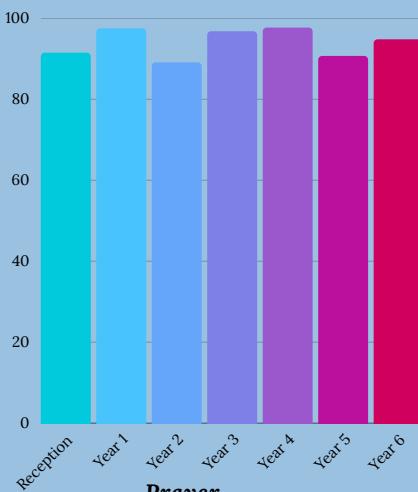
Genesis 2-3, "By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done."



Nurturing hearts & minds

Yesterday I was fortunate to spend the day at the Archdiocese of Liverpool where Headteachers from across the 230 schools in the Archdiocese came together to talk about 'data'. It sounds like the worst day ever for many people, except I really enjoy numbers! I was extremely proud to be able to share the 'numbers', percentages and statistics for our school and share the work that we have been doing to try and make sure that every child achieves their very best before they leave our school. I am really pleased to share that our school is doing really well and although there is much more to data, our numbers are looking really good from the assessments that teachers make very regularly. But I realised yesterday, that our strength is not in the data on a piece of paper but in the relationships that we have with our children and knowing them to be much more than a number. For me that is what makes our school a very special place.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK: **94.2%**



Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You for giving us the opportunity to help us to be a positive light in our community. May our words and actions encourage others to be their best selves, making the world a kinder place for everyone.

Amen.

British Values: Individual Liberty

The 1 Billion acts of kindness campaign shows how some individuals choose to use their influence to spread positive messages. People are free to express themselves, while also considering others when sharing their views.

REFLECTION

Being well-known can give people a louder voice, but we all have the ability to think carefully, make our own choices, and influence others in a small but meaningful ways.



As our last newsletter explained, 2026 is the National Year of Reading in the UK. We are asking every family to make a commitment to their children to read with them. We are really noticing that every family that make that commitment, their children truly do make the best progress. Reading at home should not be a chore though - and we know there are times for both parent and child, it may feel like it. Please try to find a way to make it special time for you both. Giving a few minutes of your day to your child to read together is a gift that is immeasurable. There are some great tips on this website: <https://literacytrust.org.uk/parents-and-families/>

If you know someone who would like to be a reading volunteer, please let us know!

Today in our assembly, Year 5 have shared with us about the RSPB Birdwatch which we are asking everyone to take part in between now and Monday 26th January. Over the course of an hour, we just need to count birds in our garden, in a park or even on the way to school! Mrs McGar will share a QR Code for registering your findings! What a great excuse to be outside!

Your name	Blackbird	House sparrow
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 More than 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 More than 10
	Black-headed gull	Magpie
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 More than 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 More than 10
	Blue tit	Robin
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 More than 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 More than 10
	Carolin crow	Song thrush
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 More than 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 More than 10
	Chaffinch	Stuning
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 More than 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 More than 10
	Coal tit	Greenfinch
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 More than 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 More than 10

Turn over for more birds to spot.

Core Value Role Models this week....



Y1: Mila



Y2: Harley



Y3: Hannah



Y4: Mya



Y5: Katie

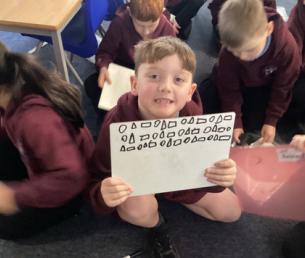


Y6: Leo

**Assembly Theme:
RSPB
Birdwatch**

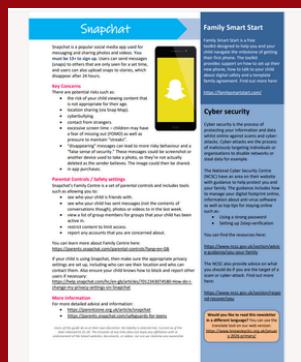


Our Week in Photos....



Online Safety :

January's Online Newsletter is packed full of useful information to help your child online! Every child is learning how to use hardware and software safely - as we are - so this monthly newsletter, written by Knowsley's technical support, who look after our IT provision, is invaluable.



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Y4
Y2
Y6

Reception 2026:

Our strength is in the school community and your recommendation, as a parent, is appreciated. Closing date is the end of January for applications to LCC for Reception places - if you know of anyone, please support our school.

Our Nursery has places available for 3yr+

Dates for your Diary

- 9/10 Feb Y6 Bikeability
- 13/Feb finish for Half term
- 19/Mar Let's Go Sing concert - Y4 - Blackburn Ice Arena
- 24/25 Mar Parents' Evening
- 1/Apr 10am Easter Mass
- 2/Apr 9:15 Three Trees Easter Reflection Y5
- 2/April School finishes 1:30

House Points this week & half term:

