

— 13th February 2026 —



St Mary Magdalen's CPS

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”



Thank you to all of our parent helpers and staff who helped with the school disco preparations and the event itself on Wednesday – it was really lovely thank you and I know that the children all enjoyed it!

Year 6 have been very active this week with Bikeability on Monday and Tuesday. Our 2-day course enables all pupils the opportunity to firstly read on the school playground and practice their handling skills, and then to be taken out onto the local streets for those who have adequate handling skills. Year 6 were very enthusiastic and a credit to themselves and our school. Hopefully, this will now give them confidence to ride with their friends and families! A plea to Year 5 parents to be ready for this time next year and to build up your child's confidence beforehand! Year 2 have been out and about with a visit to Avenham Park. Nursery have been along the greenway. The fresh air is great for our mental health and at this time of year it can be difficult, but hopefully half term will allow for some local walks!

It was lovely to welcome Year 4 parents to our Prayer and Liturgy session on Monday afternoon. Year 4 have continued today by leading our assembly. Their theme was Ash Wednesday and Lent – which start next Wednesday, during half term. Lent is the season of preparation for Easter where our Church asks us to reflect on our commitment

through fasting, giving and prayer. As Online Safety Day was earlier this week, Miss Greaves, our Computing lead teacher, would like us to share what we do to help children learn to be safe online:

- All year groups have regular half-termly lessons. Subjects include: Screen Time Awareness (educating pupils on balancing screen use with offline activities) and Critical Thinking Skills (teaching pupils to question online information and recognise misinformation).
- Our staff/governors receive regular updates and training
- robust filtering and monitoring system within school. There are regular audits to ensure our systems are secure from cyber threats.
- regular reminders to children about safe use of devices
- Children know how to report any concerns
- Participation in regular national events such as Safer Internet day, etc.
- Our 'Online Safety' webpage has great advice –
- our parents' monthly online safety newsletter contains articles and guidance for popular games, apps and websites,
- guidance for setting up Parental controls
- opportunities to attend parent webinars twice a year

As we move through Children's Mental Health awareness week into our half-term break, this is taken from one of my favourite songs, Tonnta, by Amble:



*"We don't belong to the same boat
It's the storm we share
We all belong to the one road
It's up to you to get there"*



[Tonnta means 'waves' in Irish]. As a staff, we are always incredibly grateful for the support that we receive from our wider school community – we all travel the road together. So wherever we are from, we are all welcome in our school, and we hope that, in God's love, we will all flourish along the journey, even with the waves, secure in the family of St Mary Mags!

Assembly Theme:



Nurturing hearts & minds

Year 5 internet safety.



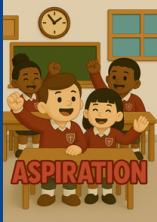
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Core Value Role Models this week...



Y1: Gemma



Y2: Anawin



Y3: Kristopher



Y4: Ehlen



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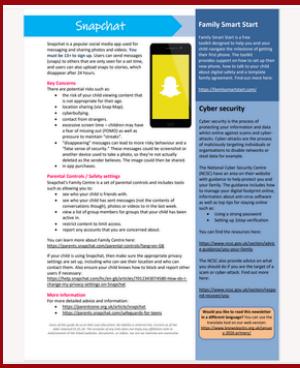


Y5: Florence

Y6: Henry

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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Nurturing the heart & mind of every child

- All children welcome
- Brand-new, bespoke nursery build
- 15hr & 30hr free places available
- Highly-qualified, caring staff
- From 3 years old
- Wraparound care options
- Outdoor learning opportunities
- 2 sessions each week include our Sports Coach - focus on physical and social development
- Maximum 15 pupils per session

From 18th May: Parent-Toddler: FREE groups: Mon 10-11am Outdoor Learning 8:45am - 3:15pm Tues 1-2pm Fun games with our Sports Coach

Morning session: 8:45am - 11:45am Afternoon session: 12:15pm - 3:15pm All day: 8:45am - 3:15pm Wraparound care available 7:30am - 6pm

Come & take a look! Every day is open day! Tel: 01772 742359 or find us on Buller Avenue, PR1 9RQ (just off Leyland Road - opposite the fire station) www.st-marymagdalene.lancs.sch.uk @stmaryflags_psw

Nursery Places available! (from 3 years+)

Dates for your Diary

- 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:

