

6th 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.”

Philippians 4:8
Nurturing hearts & minds

BIG NEWS FOR OUR SCHOOL!

We now have a social media presence - both on X and Instagram.

Please do follow us and share!

X(formerly twitter): StMaryMagsCPS

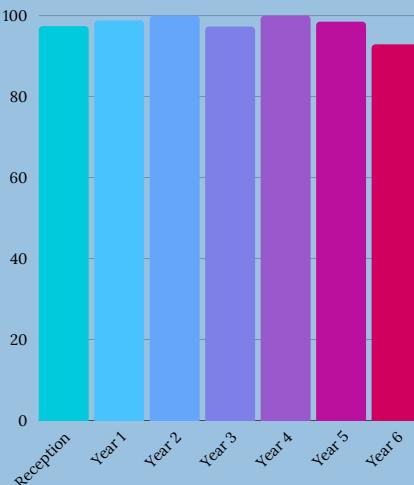
Instagram: StMaryMags_penw

Thank you to everyone who has completed the photograph permissions, with the social media change. From next week, those who have recently changed to not be on the school website/social media will not be included in this newsletter or class pages - we just need to collate names.

In assembly this week, we have looked at the use of AI, as Safer Internet Day is next week. Are there good uses for AI? Should we embrace AI, fear it, or use with caution? Next week pupils will be focusing on safe use of the internet at home and school.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK:

97.7%



Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You for making us all different and special.

please guide us to treat others with love.

When someone is new or different from us, help us to make sure that everyone feels they truly belong.

Armen

British Values: Individual Liberty

The Barbie doll highlights how everyone deserves to be themselves and use the tools that make them feel comfortable. It is a reminder that our differences are what makes us special.

Reflection

Seeing yourself in a story or toy can help you feel belong, and being understanding of others may help them feel they belong too.



As part of our work to raise aspiration, we are thrilled that St Mary Mags has now become a "Junior Duke" school. Lead by the amazing Year 5 teacher, Mrs McGar, we have 98 pupils signed up for the challenge, which is incredible! Thank you! We look forward to being able to issue certificates, badges and celebrate successes - and grown-ups will (hopefully) be amazed by increasing resilience and independent skills at home! Junior Duke is a home-lead programme to develop life skills in young children, no matter their starting points, with rewards along the way and is a success in 40 countries!.



As well as helping to develop our pupils, by signing up we are also helping our planet by 98 trees being planted in both the UK and UAE to aid sustainability!

Thank you very much everyone!

Can you help PLEASE?

Locally, there is a huge drop in the birth rate, so we need to do all we can to raise the profile of our amazing school - especially the Nursery and Reception. Can you spare some time to help? We are looking for people in marketing, leaflet designing, leaflet delivering, printing, or any links to press or social media, who might be able to help. Please, please, please!

Knowsley have produced an additional newsletter to support Safer Internet Day, which will be on our website - but we are also sharing today

Online Safety Newsletter ▶ **Safer Internet Day**

Established by the UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC), Safer Internet Day (SID) is celebrated around the world. This year, on Tuesday 10th February 2026, it will be celebrated with the theme:

'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'

UKSIC Resources

As usual, the UKSIC have created some fantastic resources, which includes top tips, help and advice and quizzes to help you start a conversation with your child. Find out more here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2026/top-tips-parents-and-carers>

What is AI and is it safe?

Internet Matters has a wealth of information on their website about AI, including is it safe for children to use, privacy and data considerations, examples of popular tools and the risks that you should be aware of. You can access this information here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/by-activity/using-artificial-intelligence/what-is-ai-artificial-intelligence/>

AI Chatbots

Parent Zone have published an article highlighting what you need to know about chatbots, and the growing role of artificial companions. The article discusses what an AI friend is, the minimum age rating for using a chatbot, the appeal and the risks of AI friends as well as what you can do if your child is using them. You can access it here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/ai-chatbots>

AI Tips from the NSPCC

This article from the NSPCC introduces AI tools and discusses what AI generated content is. It also includes tips on how to support your child to use AI safely. Read the article here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2025/artificial-intelligence-safety-tips-for-parents/>

Parenting the Age

UNICEF have published an article discussing how to approach AI with your child. It discusses how AI can help promote learning as well as some of the dangers. You can find the article here:

<https://www.unicef.org/parenting/guide-to-parenting/how-approach-ai-children>

Resources for Parents and Carers from London Grid for Learning (LGL)

LGL have several resources on their website in support of SID, including a video about what children are being exposed to online with generative AI tools. You can find the resources here:

<https://lgl.net/safeguarding/safer-internet-day>

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Assembly Theme:



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Top Tips for parents and carers

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Our Week in Photos....



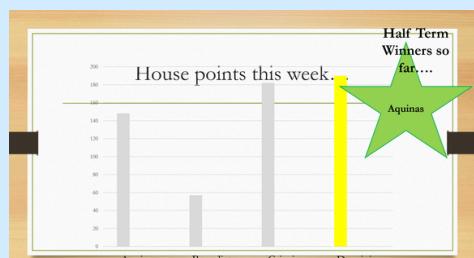
Online Safety :

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.

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:



Nursery Places available! (from 3 years+)