



St Mary's School

Spring Fruits

St Mary's CE Primary
& Nursery School

Spring Term 2026

'Growing Together in God's Love to Achieve Excellence'

Spring Events

Archbishops Award, Year 6

We are incredibly proud to celebrate our Year 6 pupils who have successfully achieved the Archbishops' Award!

Throughout this journey, the children have shown dedication, compassion and a strong commitment to Justice, becoming true advocates for change in our school and wider community. Through their actions, reflections and service to others, they have lived out our values in a meaningful and inspiring way.



Well done, Year 6 – you are a credit to yourselves, your families and our school. We couldn't be prouder of you all!

Families to Lunch



In January, we enjoyed hosting family members for our annual, hotly anticipated event 'Families to Lunch'. As ever, it was fantastic to see the children feeling proud and sharing their lunchtime with their family members, it was a really special and memorable experience. We are so grateful to Mrs Da Silva, kitchen staff, Mrs Cosgrove, Mrs Isaac and the lunchtime team.

We look forward to holding a similar and exclusive event for our Year 6 families later in the year.

Inspiring Future Careers

A huge thank you to our brilliant parent volunteers who gave up their time to talk to our KS2 children about careers in technology. From coding and engineering to digital design and problem-solving, the children were inspired by real stories, great questions and exciting possibilities for the future.



It was wonderful to see our pupils so engaged, curious and confident as they learned how classroom skills can lead to real-world careers. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event such a success – we couldn't do it without you!

Chinese Dance Workshops

Our Year 1 and 2 children were lucky enough to take part in a Chinese Dance workshop with facilitators from the Confucius Institute at the University of Manchester.

'We learned about how to make a peacock using our hands. We also learned how to move like a peacock.' – Hedy

'I enjoyed dancing to the Zootropolis soundtrack with the lyrics in Chinese.' – Everly



Governors Easter Card Competition

Congratulations to Ella in Year 4 who won this year's 'Governors Easter Card Competition'. We hope you agree that it is a very cute image. Thank you to all of the other children who also submitted thoughtful Easter images, it was a difficult competition to judge!

The Governors would like to thank the following children for submitting their photographs. Well done to everyone who entered:

- Year 1 – Tommy
- Year 2 – Dylan
- Year 3 – Isabelle
- Year 4 – Elliott
- Year 5 – Georgia & Aubree



School Council Updates

National Story Telling Week

We have been so lucky to be able to celebrate 'National Storytelling Week' with a range of parent volunteers visiting classes and sharing a well-loved story. Our infant and EYFS classes have been treated to classic tales such as 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' to the original tale of 'The Cappybara Taxi' (penned by one of our very own parents). The joy of reading and storytelling was felt by everyone involved.

A huge thank you to our amazing parents, without your time and support, our events simply wouldn't be able to run.



Sports Council

This term, our fantastic Year 5, Sports Leaders led a whole school worship.

'We presented a worship to the school about Sport and how it effects your physical and mental health.' - Ellie

'The worship would be useful because I don't think that most people would know that sports help your mental health.' - George



Reading Council to Sale Library

'We listened to the librarians talk about the collections and how they were ordered. The Cosgrove Hall film exhibition was really fun.'

- Angus

We were given a tour and the librarians explained the dewey decimal system.

They also told us what the job of a librarian involved.

They told us that we were the first school with a

'Reading Council' that they had heard of!' - Elise



Freddie Fit

For two Fridays in March, Freddie Fit worked with the Juniors and then the Infants, encouraging them to take part in fun fitness activities and discussing how to stay healthy. As you can see, everyone had a great time!



'I really enjoyed the competition where we had to throw beanbags into the bucket.'-Poppy, Year 5

School Council – Fairtrade Competition

This term the School Council have run a competition exploring Fairtrade products. To enter, children took photos of Fairtrade products from shops or in your house. Children then posted their entries on SeeSaw or gave them to a member of School Council, or a staff member. The School Council chose the people with the most interesting entries, with the winner receiving a Fairtrade prize.

Mrs Ashby would like to give honourable mentions to Evie and Franek in 1/20 and give congratulations to our winners from each of the three key stages:

EYFS – Emmie
KS1 – Frank
KS2 – Amelia A.

'I found Fairtrade bananas and we made them into banana bread!' - Frank



Sporting News

Dodgeball – Year 6

In another great sporting achievement from St Mary's, our Year 6 team visited BeActive Urmston to participate in a dodgeball tournament. They won the tournament and have been invited to represent Trafford at the Greater Manchester games later this year. What an amazing achievement!

'It was really exciting because we are a small school but we won the whole tournament!' - Elise

'I enjoyed the whole thing.'
- Alfie



Swimming Gala – Year 5

Our Year 5 team had a fantastic afternoon out at Sale Leisure Centre and enjoyed taking part in a swimming competition. Everyone involved gave a fantastic account of themselves with 100% effort throughout. The girls squad won the Gala and the boys did very well finishing 4th.

'I liked how we worked in teams.' - Poppy

'I was really fun, I liked how we were able to race and cheer each other on' - William

Year 2 Football Tournament

A great team performance from our Year 2 girls with everyone playing their part. The team scored lots of great goals and finished first! Most importantly, the team's sportsmanship was top notch.

'I enjoyed passing the ball to my friends and winning the tournament!' - Sophie



Athletics – Year 5 & 6

The Year 5 and 6 team competed in Trafford Sports Hall Athletics Competition. Their enthusiasm and speed took them to third place – well done team!

'I liked the fact that we all worked as a team.' - Maria
'Everyone was really confident and cheering their teammates on.' - Joseph



MUFC 'Cliff' Football Tournaments

Mixed team

It was emotional! The team won the majority of their games, only losing to the eventual winners. Great goals, great football and most importantly great teamwork.

'I enjoyed being part of the team and scoring lots of goals.' - Elliott



Girls team

The girls team worked hard and played very well

together, showing the high standards of teamwork and resilience that they are known for – well done!

'I'm a United fan so I loved being where the players train.' - Frankie

'I liked the experience of playing against teams from other schools.' - Emily



Multiskills Event – Year 2

Year 2 children had the chance to go to Ashton and take part in a Multiskills Event where they visited a variety of different (and exciting!) activity stations and tried a number of activities that were new to lots of them, such as axe throwing! They were open minded and positive and we are very proud of their efforts.

'I enjoyed axe throwing because it was fun throwing axes at the board!' - Mikey

'I enjoyed balloon volley ball because I knew the student who were leading the activity' - Hollie



Year 5 & 6 Lacrosse Tournament

The team played really well against some very strong opposition in the Pop Lacrosse Tournament at Brooklands Sports Club on 2nd March 2026. There were some excellent passing shots and goals and good continuous play in all matches. They showed great sportsmanship when winning a match and when they lost some matches, they kept their heads held high. Although we didn't qualify for the next round of the tournament, they all enjoyed taking part, well done everyone, they are a credit to the School.

'I enjoyed playing against teams from other schools' - Hugo



Dance – Year 6

This March a group of lucky Year 6 children went to Ashton School in order to take part in a dance competition. The group took part in a warm up, were then allocated student dance leaders and taught choreography to a song. After rehearsals, each of the school groups performed their dance and were marked on technical ability and uniqueness. St Mary's dance crew won the competition, well done to everybody involved!

'I enjoyed using the special dance facilities and working with older dance students.'
– Maria

'I enjoyed being taught by students rather than teachers.' – Sion



Sale & Partington Football Tournaments

B Team

The team really grew into the tournament and showed fantastic effort throughout all of their matches

'We played matches against six other teams from different schools. It was fun.' – Harry, Year 6



Girls

Despite a number of injuries and substitutions for the second leg of the tournament, the team showed fantastic effort throughout all of their matches. Well done to everyone involved.

'I enjoyed playing football, working together as a team with the other girls and having fun' – Yu Xin



Year 4 Football Tournament

The Year 4 class thoroughly enjoyed the football tournament at AoM School. They demonstrated great effort throughout and everybody came away with a smile.

'We played games like Chaos tag, Bulldog and races to warm up.' – Isabelle

'We played against other schools and we won our first match.' – Penny

'We played four matches altogether.' – Busy

'I liked meeting and playing against other schools.' – Ella



Year 3 Football Tournament

Our Year 3 team won every game they played and scored loads of goals. The sportsmanship was top notch!

'I enjoyed it, we all had fun and I scored some goals.' – Erin

'The organisers looked out for people showing good sportsmanship and that it was set up on 2 pitches. The referees were really good.' – Henry



Trips and School Events

Blackpool Zoo – Year 4

Year 4 had a fantastic day at Blackpool Zoo, learning about animal classification and exploring the zoo and the many animals that it houses.

'I liked the workshop because we moved around and had to guess where objects were from.' – Arlo



'I enjoyed seeing the animals and having so much fun.' – Hannah

Crucial Crew – Year 6



Year 6 attended the Crucial Crew event and they participated in workshops with Community Police Officers, British Transport Police and Local Authority Safety Reps. The children gained a lot of crucial information on how to stay safe as they grow older.

'It was interesting to keep moving around and learn about lots of different things' – Lyla

Young Voices

In February, St Mary's Choir, went to the Coop Live Arena to take part in Young Voices concert. This year, the choir was made up of 47 children from Year 4, 5 and 6, our biggest Choir yet! As ever, it was an amazing experience.

Many thanks for the families of choir members and staff and volunteers who supported the trip - without you, we would not be able to provide these incredible experiences for St Mary's children!

'I really enjoyed taking part and seeing everything who had come to support us..' -Lottie, Yr6

'I liked waving my torch and finding my parents in the audience. I loved the flashing lights too.' Charlie - year 4



Vicar Visit—Year 3

In February, our Year 3 pupils enjoyed a visit from Nathan Gregory, one of the Vicars at St Mary's Church. Nathan came to talk to the children about his calling and what led him to his role within the church.



The class listened thoughtfully and asked some brilliant questions about work, values, and how people choose different paths in life. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to learn about community roles and reflect on what motivates people to help others.

'I enjoyed meeting Nathan because he is famous and he does the sorts of things that prophets do.' -John

KS1 Author Visit – Jennifer Doyle

This February our Key Stage 1 children were treated to a visit from Jennifer Doyle who has written her own series of books about 'Billy the Blackbird'. Children were lucky enough to hear her read excerpts from her most recent book and thoroughly enjoyed the morning.

'I learnt how to make a bird feeder' - Arthur

'Her book was very nice. She told me about when mummy birds push baby birds out the nest when they grow up.' - Everly



St Mary's Church - Reception

This February, Reception class visited St Mary's church and learnt about the people who work there, as well as exploring the building.

'I liked finding Nibbles - Nora
'I liked it when we held the parachute for the story' - Thea



Manchester Museum – Year 3

Year 3 went to Manchester Museum and were able to look at and examine a number of Egyptian artefacts. The class were also able to explore the rest of the museum and particularly enjoyed the areas explaining dinosaurs and fossils.

'There was a picture that showed you facts about Egyptians and Dinosaurs. I also really liked the toys in the gift shop' - Henry

'I really enjoyed when we were on the treasure hunt trying to find objects made of certain materials.' - Matilda



Bread Making— Year 3

In an energetic and fun workshop to support design technology, Year 3 tasted, designed, prepared and baked their own delicious bread with the support of our fabulous volunteers and our amazing kitchen team.

'I really like mixing the dough, it was fun to get the sticky bits off!' - Reuben

'I had lots of cracks in my dough a, I really enjoyed punching it down and getting the cracks out.' - Chloe



Chemistry with Cabbages – Year 6

In March, Year 6 were treated to a fantastic or practical experiments with household products to get them excited about materials and their properties.

'We experiments were really cool, I learnt that pressure is stronger than gravity with a baby's bottle and a ping pong ball!' - Martha

'I liked finding out what materials were acids, alkalis and neutrals.' - William



Spring Term Fundraising

We have raised the following this term :

- Red nose day - £140.35

Thank you for your support, we couldn't do it without you!

Nursery News



Spring Term Summary

What a busy and exciting term we have had in Nursery! It was a delight to welcome some new starters in January and we are pleased to say that they settled in beautifully. Our children showed our Christian value of 'Friendship' as they warmly welcomed the new starters and it truly feels as if they have been part of our Nursery family all along. It was a chilly start to the term, perfect for reading 'The Snow Thief' by Alice Hemming. The children were able to experience a thin layer of snow and what a perfect opportunity it was to make marks and patterns! We carried out some science experiments to see how long we could preserve the ice for and tried our hand at some ice painting!

World Book Day was a highlight of the term which saw everyone in Nursery celebrating the books we love, including favourites from Julia Donaldson. The children enjoyed sharing their favourite stories, discovering new ones and celebrating the joy of reading together.

This half term, we have explored our Christian value of 'Perseverance'. The children have shown a growing understanding of this concept, using the word in their daily vocabulary and demonstrating it in their learning and play!

As we approach the Easter break, the children have been learning about 'growth' while exploring the first signs of Spring. We observed blossom trees around us and looked at photographs of Cherry Blossom in Japan, which inspired the children to notice flowers in their local area. A huge thank you to our parents and carers who sent photos on Seesaw of some beautiful blossom trees and flowers around Sale. It has made our learning even more vibrant!

We wish you all a wonderful Easter break and we cannot wait to welcome you back for more fun, learning and adventures in Nursery!

Thank you. Once again we should like to thank all the parents who ferry the children to and from the various matches and to all those who accompany the children on school trips, we couldn't do it without them! We should also like to thank all the teachers of after school activities for their hard work and dedication, especially for the outdoor activities, battling the elements this term.