



On The Vine

HOPE

Newsletter

St Mary's CE Primary
& Nursery School

Autumn Half Term 2
2025

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

Dear Parent

Our children have made a great start to the school year. There has been much for all of us to enjoy. We look forward to another busy and enjoyable half term culminating in all our Christmas festivities. We take inspiration for our termly Christian value of 'hope' from the birth of Jesus. As families and individuals we can often face challenging times. Hope allows us to see beyond these difficulties to a brighter tomorrow. Please be reminded that should you or your family be struggling, we are always here to help.

Within this edition of 'On The Vine' you'll find some of the highlights of school life over the next half term.

Poppy Appeal

From **Monday 3rd November**, we shall be selling poppies in school, in memory of all those who have given their lives for our country. Should you wish your child to purchase a poppy, we would suggest a donation of 50p for paper poppies and £1 upwards for other items. **On Sunday 9th November** at St Mary's Church there will be services at 9.30am and 11.15am, with a 2 minutes silence in-between the services.

We shall be observing a minute's silence in school on Tuesday 11th November.



Children in Need

For Children in Need this year we will be holding an own clothes day on **Friday 14th November** for the whole school, including Nursery. Your child can wear their own clothes, with for example a bandana with spots / stripes, spotted onesie, wear Pudsey ears etc, the choice is theirs!

Most importantly, we want to encourage all children to take part by wearing their own clothes. We would suggest that your child brings a donation of £1 on the day. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile cause.



Toy Appeal

This year we are once again supporting the **Toy Appeal** and hope you will encourage your child to participate in this very worthy cause and make Christmas special for the many children and young people in need. The appeal will run from **October - Thursday 4th December**. There will be a box in the school entrance for any donations. Please leave any gifts unwrapped to enable the organisers to distribute the gifts as appropriate.



Love God
Love Others

Anti-Bullying Week

The children will be taking part in anti-bullying classroom based activities during the week commencing **Monday 10th November**.



Upcoming PTA Events

Bags to School - Thursday 13th November, 8.40 - 9.00am

The PTA has arranged for a Bags2School collection. As always only certain items can be included: Please see the attached flyer to information on items to include and items that aren't accepted.



Pick a Present - Tuesday 25th November The elves are back! Following the letter that went out in September, children from Reception to Year 6 will be able to pick pre-ordered presents.

Adult only Festive Wreath Making - Friday 28th November,

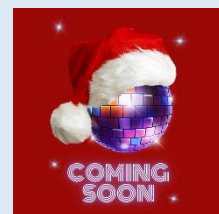
This year's PTA Wreath Making Workshop will take place on Friday 28th November, 7 PM at St Mary's Primary School.

Led by the fabulous Anita & Richard from Fleur de Vie, you will be taken step by step through the process of making your own beautiful Festive wreath. With all materials supplied and glass of fizz on arrival. Tickets £60 available from the PTA's SumUp shop.

The link for tickets is: <https://st-mary-s-ce-primary-school-sale-pta.sumupstore.com/product/festive-wreath-making-28th-november-7pm>

Christmas Disco Sunday 7th December, 2.30-4pm for Nursery-Year 2 and 4.30-6pm for Years 3-6 5-7pm.

This hotly anticipated event will take place in the School Hall. Information regarding tickets will be released closer to the time.



Maths Factor

The children have been using Times Tables Rockstars and during **the week of the 10th November**, children in Years 2 to 6, will be taking part in a times tables competition - 25 random times tables questions, 5 seconds per question! The children all have an individual login to Times Tables Rockstars.



Please can you encourage the children to use the "Sound check" area on the website at home, as it is proving a good way of learning their times tables and will help them practice for the competition. We will log everyone's score and repeat the competition again in April, so we will be able to see their progression and award certificates.

Christmas Events and News

Christmas Dates for your Diary: We will also be sending home a summary of events card closer to the time

Year 1 and 2 Christmas Production

The children in Year 1 and 2 are excited about beginning rehearsals for their Christmas production. We are looking forward to seeing the performances on:

Tuesday 2nd December at 9.30am

Wednesday 3rd December at 1.45pm



Following the afternoon performance, children can be taken home afterwards, along with other siblings, if you wish. We do hope parents and grandparents are able to join us for one of the productions. No tickets are required, but we would ask that no more than two family members attend only one of the productions as we have limited space. Nursery and Reception children have a 'Shortbread and Coffee' event in school.

Rehearsals for Christmas Church Service - Year 3 to Year 6

We shall be rehearsing in Church on **Thursday, 18th December from 8.45am** for our Christmas Service. Please **Junior children only**, straight to Church on that morning. Infant children should attend school as normal. **Please allow staff to arrive prior to any children entering the Church.**



Christmas Church Service

All are welcome to our Christmas Church service which will take place at St Mary's Church on **Friday 19th December at 8.45 am**. It should finish at approximately 10.00 am. All children should be taken directly to Church on that day and wear full school uniform with blazers. For children in Nursery, it will be open as usual from 8.45 am. Nursery children are welcome to attend, but parents would need to be responsible for taking their Nursery child back to school afterwards.



School Christmas Dinner and Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

If they wish, children can come to school in a Christmas jumper in aid of Save the Children on **Friday 12th December**. We would suggest a donation of £1.00 to this worthwhile cause.



The children who have school dinners will be having their school Christmas dinner on **Friday 12th December**. We should like to thank Mrs D'Silva and her staff in advance, for their hard work in preparing this and all the other meals. It is a festive atmosphere in the hall, so those on packed lunches will also enjoy themselves.

Nursery and Reception Shortbread and Coffee, Friday 12th December. 9-10am - Nursery Thursday 11th December 1.45-2.30pm - Reception

We do hope parents are able to join us for the **Nursery sing-a-long and Reception tableau**. We will be sending out a separate letter to Nursery and Reception parents. Please do complete the reply form, as it helps with catering and makes sure we buy enough shortbread!



Santa Dash

We will also be taking part in the **School Games "Santa Dash"** on **Friday 12th December**. During the day the children will be encouraged to walk, run, hop, skip and dash as part of a national Santa Dash! They will be joining thousands of other children across the county as the timetable has been organised so that participating year groups in other schools will be doing their activity simultaneously. Please ensure the children come in their trainers!



Christmas Parties

We have arranged for the Christmas parties to take place on the following days. All take place in the afternoon:

Monday 8th December - Years 5 and 6

Tuesday 9th December - Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2

Wednesday 10th December - Years 3 and 4

On the morning of their party, all children should come to school in party clothes and sensible footwear please. Students should bring in their own plate of food.



Notices

Flu Vaccinations

We would like to remind you that children in years **Reception to Year 6** will be having their nasal flu vaccine in school on

Friday 14th November. Only those children where consent has been received, will be given the vaccination.

Fill out consent by using completing this link <https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/e9f55ca6> by midnight on **Saturday 8th November**

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Immunisation Team directly on **0333 3583 397 option 1 option 7.**



May I remind you that school closes on **Friday 19th December at 2.00 pm** and reopens on **Monday 5th January 2025 at 8.45 am.** Angels will be open until 4.45pm on the 19th December.

The Morning School Run

In the interests of safety and safeguarding, please can we ask parents and guardians to ensure that you do the following when dropping your children at school when the main gate has been closed.



- Please do **NOT** take children through the **NO ENTRANCE** gate at the side of the school. When the main gate is shut please take children to the main visitor's entrance
- Children walk around the designated walkway and not through the car park
- Children are accompanied into school
- Please note that Angels breakfast club doors open at **7.35am**
- Please accompany children to Angel breakfast club doors and sign them in

School Uniform

When we return to school after the October half term holiday, children should wear their **winter uniform**: white shirt, tie, sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo, trousers/skirt.

A school uniform list is available to view on the school website at www.st-marys.trafford.sch.uk. Please ensure that items are **clearly labelled** with your child's name

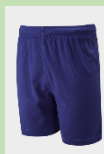
PE Kits (Years 1 to 6)

You should have received a timetable of PE days when children should come to school in their PE Kits.

PE kit is : blue school shorts and white polo T-shirt & black jogging bottoms and school sweatshirt/cardigan for cold weather - **not cycling shorts, leggings or football tops.**

Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs

After Half term, children should please wear their **school PE kit** for extracurricular clubs in the morning or after school.



Driving Near School

Are you driving to school? - If so, please use the one way system around St Mary's Road to avoid congestion.

DO NOT park on the Zig Zag lines - they are there to protect the children.

DO NOT park across residents driveways.



Please be mindful of your **speed and parking** when driving to school. Local residents and parents have expressed their concerns.

Absence from School and Medical Appointments

Please could we request that where possible, appointments for routine dental or doctor's appointments are made after school or during holidays, as appointments made during the school day causes disruption to your child's education.



If you wish to request absence from school, a form is available from the school website, however, as you may be aware **requests for absence will only be granted in compassionate or exceptional circumstances.**

Food in School

Children should **NEVER** bring foods containing nuts into school as a snack, or as part of a packed lunch. This includes cereal bars which may have nut traces.

We have several children with a severe nut allergy, and other allergies and it is imperative that any incidents of allergic reactions are avoided.

To help reduce this risk, we also politely request that for birthdays, children **only bring Haribo** (or an alternative brand that is nut-trace, nut, gluten, soya and dairy **free** with a gelatin free option). Also, please ensure that all snacks provided are healthy.



Information

Padlets

- Padlets are for professionals, parents, and young people. They help you find the information you may need in one accessible space.
- Padlets are like a themed noticeboard online. Each padlet brings a wealth of resources together in one place around a particular theme.

Trafford Padlets for Families

- [Start for Life Padlet](#)
- [5-11 years \(New\)](#)
- [11-25 years \(New\)](#)
- [Children's Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Padlet](#)
- [Family Help Padlet](#)
- [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Padlet](#)
- [Barriers to Education & Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance \(EBSNA\) Padlet \(New\)](#)



(See QR codes for padlets on a later page)

Mental Health <https://www.st-marys.trafford.sch.uk/pta/childrens-mental-health>

You can find resources and advice on the school website children's Mental Health. Please be assured that we are available to discuss any concerns or queries you may have regarding your child. Please email the school office if you would like to have a conversation about your child's mental health.



School Information

Address St Mary's CE Primary School, St Mary's Road, Sale, Cheshire, M33 6SA.

Phone 0161 973 5030

Email office@st-marys.trafford.sch.uk

SEND Email sen@st-marys.trafford.sch.uk

Website <https://www.st-marys.trafford.sch.uk/>

Arbor Login <https://login.arbor.sc/>

ParentPay Login <https://www.parentpay.com/>

School Meal Menu <https://www.st-marys.trafford.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/healthy-eating>

Uniform - <http://www.stmarys.uniform4you.co.uk/> Password Stmarys1

School Nursing Team Trafford Local Care Organisation 0161 912 2340

SEND View the latest issue of the SEND Newsletter

<https://www.trafforddirectory.co.uk/kb5/trafford/fsd/advice.page?id=XKuvOqhl8WU>

The above link is for parents and carers of children and young people who have Special Educational Needs or Disabilities, as well as those who work with them. If you would like to receive future editions of this newsletter, please sign up using the short [online form](#).



St Mary's Church - Upcoming Events

Please see a list of upcoming events held at St Mary's Church:



Date	Event/ Service	Location	Time
Sunday 26th October	One Big Family Service	St Mary's Church	9:30am - 10.30am
Friday 31st October	Light Party Family Event	St Mary's Church	5.30pm-7pm
Saturday 29th November	St Mary's Church Christmas Fair	St Mary's Church	11am-2pm
Sunday 14th December	Carol Service	St Mary's Church	7pm-8.30pm
Sunday 21st December	Scratch Nativity Family Service Blue Christmas	St Mary's Church	9.30am- 10.30am 2pm
Wednesday 24th December	Christingle Services	St Mary's Church	3pm, 4:15pm, 5.30pm
Wednesday 24th December	Midnight Service	St Mary's Church	11pm-12am
Thursday 25th December	Christmas Day Family Service	St Mary's Church	10am-10.45am

Support for parents, carers and families

Did you know we have
Padlets - online bulletin
boards - full of information
about services available to
support you and your family
in Trafford? Scan the QR
codes to find out more.



**Start for
life**
For families
with children
aged 0-5



**5-11 and
families**
For families
with children



**11-25 and
families**
For children
and young
people and
families



Family help
On many topics
ranging from
parenting to cost
of living, to
gambling and
smoking



**Educational
SEND**
For families
whose children
have special
educational
needs or a
disability



**Barriers to
education**
and emotionally
based school
non attendance



**Mental
health and
wellbeing**
Events,
information and
resources

THE TRAFFORD GM FAMILY HUB APP



A one-stop shop of health information from pregnancy to teenage years for you and your family

- 75 languages
- Tailored information for YOUR family
- Details of support services local to you

Download the app by scanning the QR codes below and start using it today!



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Upcoming Diary Dates *(subject to change)*

School Closes - Half term	Friday	24 October 2025	15.15pm	All years
DEADLINE Secondary Applications to Trafford	Friday	31 October 2025	end of day	
School Opens - Autumn HT 2 - HOPE	Monday	03 November 2025	08.45am	All years
BikeRight - Year 6	w/c Monday	03 November 2025	All day	Year 6
School Opens - Autumn HT 2 - HOPE	Monday	03 November 2025		
Reading Council Visit to Waterstones	Friday	07 November 2025	09.00 - 12.00	Reading council
DEADLINE - Flu Vaccine sign up	Saturday	08 November 2025	Midnight	Rec to Year 6
Maths Factor week Pt 1	w/c	10 November 2025	All week	Year 2 to Year 6
Anti Bullying Week	w/c	10 November 2025	All week	All years
Remembrance Day	Tuesday	11 November 2025	10.50 - 11.20	
Prospective Parent Tour	Wednesday	12 November 2025	09.30 - 10.15	Nursery, Reception
PTA Bags to School	Thursday	13 November 2025	08.40 - 09.00	All years
Flu Immunisations	Friday	14 November 2025	09.00 - 12.00	Rec to Year 6
Children in Need	Friday	14 November 2025	All day	All years
DEADLINE - Connor Rand Christmas Card Entries	Thursday	14 November 2025		All years
Switch off Fortnight	Monday	17 November 2025		All years
ECO refill shop	Wednesday	19 November 2025	15.15 - 15.45	All families
PTA Pick a Present	Tuesday	25 November 2025	All day	Rec to Year 6
Bolton Octagon (Christmas Carol)	Thursday	27 November 2025	09.00 - 13.00	Year 3 to Year 6
PTA Christmas Wreath Making workshop	Friday	28 November 2025	19:00 - 21:00	All years
St Andrew's Day	Sunday	30 November 2025	All day	All years
KS1 Dress Rehearsal	Monday	01 December 2025	10.00 - 12.00	Year 1, Year 2
KS1 Production	Tuesday	02 December 2025	09.30 - 10.30	
KS1 Production	Wednesday	03 December 2025	13.45 - 14.45	Year 1, Year 2
Trip to Hindu Temple - Year 4	Thursday	04 December 2025	09.45-12.00	Year 4
M&M Productions (Beauty and the Beast)	Thursday	04 December 2025	12.45 - 15.15	Year 1, Year 2
DEADLINE - Toy Appeal Donations	Thursday	04 December 2025	End of day	All years
PTA Event - Christmas Disco (2:30-4pm for Nursery-Year 2 and 4:30pm-6pm for Year 3-6)	Sunday	07 December 2025	14.30 - 18.00	All years
Christmas Parties 5,6	Monday	08 December 2025	PM	Year 5, Year 6
BikeRight – Re-scheduled sessions	Monday and Tuesday	09 & 10 December 2025	All day	Year 6 (selected)
Christmas Party - Nursery and Reception	Tuesday	09 December 2025	13.30 - 15.15	Nursery
Christmas Parties 1,2	Tuesday	09 December 2025	PM	Rec to Year 2
Prospective Parent Tour	Wednesday	10 December 2025	09.30 - 10.15	Nursery, Reception
Christmas Parties 3,4	Wednesday	10 December 2025	PM	Year 3, Year 4

Christmas Tableau and 'coffee and shortbread'	Thursday	11 December 2025	14.15 (prompt start) - 15.00	Reception
Nursery Sing along and 'coffee and shortbread'	Friday	12 December 2025	09.00 - 10.00	Nursery
Xmas Jumper day/Dinner	Friday	12 December 2025	11.50 - 13.00	All years
Christmas 'All-Talents' Show	Friday	12 December 2025	AM	Rec to Year 6
School Games Santa Dash	Friday	12 December 2025	Lunchtime	All years
12 Days of Christmas	Monday	15 December 2025		
Church Service Rehearsal	Thursday	18 December 2025	08.45 - 10.30	Year 3 to Year 6
Christmas Service	Friday	19 December 2025	08.45 - 10.30	Rec to Year 6
Christmas Service Parent Coffee Morning	Friday	19 December 2025	09.45 - 10.45	Nursery through to Year 6
School Closes - End of term	Friday	19 December 2025	2.00pm	All years
School Opens - Spring HT1 - FRIENDSHIP	Monday	05 January 2026	8.45am	All years

Deadlines coming up:

Meals for School trips - a packed lunch will be provided for children who normally have a school meal – please advise the school office if you would prefer to bring your own lunch.

Monday 3rd Nov – Poppies will be available for sale in school

Saturday 8th Nov – Parents of all Reception – Year 6 children, please can **all parents** complete the online consent link shown below, this link gives the option to agree to the vaccine **or** state that you would not like your child to have the vaccine:

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/e9f55ca6>

Tuesday 11th November – 'Art Projects for Schools' order to be submitted by midnight <https://www.apfsorders.co.uk>

Tuesday 14th Nov – Connor Rand Christmas Card entries to the School Office

Thursday 20th Nov – Year 3,4,5 &6 , Bolton Octagon 'A Christmas Carol', sign up and make payment via Arbor

Thursday 27th Nov – Year 4, Gita Bhavan Hindu Temple,– sign up and payment via Arbor

Thursday 27th Nov – Nursery – Year 2, Theatre Performance, 'Beauty and the Beast' – sign up and payment via Arbor

Friday 21st Nov – Sign up deadline for Adult only Festive Wreath Making Event. Tickets available to book via Sum Up shop link: <https://st-mary-s-ce-primary-school-sale-pta.sumupstore.com/product/festive-wreath-making-28th-november-7pm>

Wednesday 3rd Dec – Booking for Spring Term Extra Curricular Activities opens at 8am on Arbor

Thursday 4th Dec – Deadline for new toy donations for Salvation Army toy appeal

Monday 15th Dec – Booking for Spring Term Extra Curricular Activities closes at 12pm on Arbor

BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



St Mary's CE Primary School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!

Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Thursday 13 November 2025 by 9:00am



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