

Play time Snacks

Over the past few weeks, there has been an increase in children bringing a range of unhealthy snacks into school to be eaten at playtime. We always have fresh fruit or vegetables available. If children wish to, they can bring an alternative piece of fruit from home to eat at playtime as a healthy break time snack if they would like to, this is optional. We ask that this is only a piece of fruit, no biscuits, nuts or fruit bars please. A small tub with chopped fruit ready to eat is also acceptable, children are encouraged to sit or stand until they have eaten their fruit to prevent any choking hazards when playing.

Selection Box Raffle

On Thursday 18th December we will be holding our selection box raffle. Tickets will be available from Monday 1st December. For the raffle to be successful we require plenty of selection boxes. If you are able to donate a selection box, these can be left at the school office or handed to staff in the mornings. Thank you to all those families who have already sent in selection boxes.

Birthdays

A very happy birthday to Logan and Ayesha who have all celebrated birthdays this week. I hope you both had a wonderful day.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to each of our stars of the week: Ese, Faith, Sophia, Matilda, Precious, Olivia and Emma who have received a star of the week award for learning.

Congratulations to each of our stars of the week: Elsa, Mason, Alex, Sebastian, Imani, Olivia and Harrison who have been awarded star of the week for behaviour.

Christmas Finishing Times

An early reminder, that at Christmas, school will be closing for the holidays at 1:30pm. This is a change to past years but may have an impact on working parents who may need to arrange childcare.

The holiday pattern for 2026-27 will be released as soon as it has been ratified by governors.

27 th Nov	Mad Science Assembly
1 st Dec	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
3 rd Dec	KS1 Nativity Performance 9:30am
4 th Dec	KS1 Nativity Performance 9:30am
9 th Dec	EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsal
11 th Dec	EYFS Nativity Performance 9:30am
11 th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumpers
17 th Dec	Creative homework display
17 th Dec	Christmas Carols (Hall) 2pm
18 th Dec	Christmas Carols (Hall) 2pm
18 th Dec	Selection box raffle
19 th Dec	Close for Christmas 1:30pm

Parish News

The parish newsletter can be viewed by clicking the link here: [Newsletters](#)

Safeguarding

Our safeguarding team at St. Mary's consists of Miss Johnson, Mr Knapper and myself. If you wish to discuss any concerns with us, please ask and at least one of us will be available. All of our staff are safeguard trained, and we are here to keep your children safe and happy at all times.



Attendance.

	F2	96%	
Year 1	97%	Year 2	97%
Year 3	96%	Year 4	99%
Year 5	98%	Year 6	96%

Congratulations to Year 4 who have the highest attendance this week with an 99%. Well done

Punctuality

We have a number of children who are arriving at school late each morning. The school gates are open at 8:40am and registers are taken at 9:50am. We expect all children to be sat in class ready to start lessons at 8:50am. Please allow your children time to come into school, take of bags and coats and make their way into class. Even if the school gate is still open, your child will still get a late mark if they are not in class by 8:50am. If the gate is closed, children need to enter school via the main entrance.

Christmas Dinner

Although we are still in November, Christmas will soon be here! Our school Christmas Dinner is planned for 11th December – this is also Christmas Jumper Day. School Christmas Dinner can be ordered, and paid for, via the School Grid app. Please do this as soon as possible as the food has to be ordered by the catering team in advance.

Don't Miss Out...

For children in Nursery – The window for applications to Primary school is now open and closes on the 15th January 2026. This year we had close to 70 applications for our 30 places. **If your child attends St. Mary's Nursery – this does not automatically entitle you to a place in our Reception class. You must still apply via Tameside.**

Christmas Shopping Fraud

Please find attached a poster which Greater Manchester Police have asked all schools to share with parents regarding online fraud.

Caritas – Energy Advice Service

Caritas is Salford Diocese's own charity – one which we support as a school each year. They are currently offering advice around energy use at home – something which may be on your mind as the weather get colder and staying warm becomes more important. This free service helps people across Greater Manchester and Lancashire to reduce their bills and improve their energy efficiency.

- Do you find your utility bills have been higher than expected?
- Do you struggle to understand where all those costs are coming from?
- Are you fed up with your energy supplier's tariff but don't know how to check it or switch?

If you wish to find out more information, please click here: [Energy Advice](#) | [Caritas Diocese Of Salford](#)



GREATER MANCHESTER
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ONLINE SHOPPING FRAUD WARNING

A MESSAGE FROM GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

In the run up to Christmas we know that some of you maybe turning to online shopping to purchase presents.

WARNING – We are aware that fraudsters are targeting this area and want to ensure our community is protected. We are working hard to bring to justice those responsible. Please see our tips for staying safe online.

Have you been offered a highly discounted or considerably cheaper product compared to the original items worth?

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

The website you are purchasing from was only launched day / weeks ago?

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You're asked to pay by bank transfer instead of using the online platform's secure payment options.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

A sense of urgency is placed on ordering the product or service so that you don't miss the price / deal.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You receive a fake email receipt / invoice that appears to be from the website you've purchased from or the payment service used to make your purchase. The email address domain doesn't match that of the genuine senders.

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ActionFraud

Report Fraud & Internet Crime

actionfraud.police.uk



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