

Packed lunches

We have some children who bring a packed lunch into school for a wide variety of reasons. Over the past few weeks, we have noticed that some child's packed lunches do not contain the balance and nutrition required to sustain them for a full days learning.

There is a good website run by the NHS which provides some good information around nutrition and offers different types of food which you could put in your child's lunch box.

[Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families- NHS](#)

17th Oct	Strung, Sung, Supper – school / parish event. School Hall
18th Oct	Cross Country (Saturday)
21st Oct	Year 5/6 tag rugby
24th Oct	End of Autumn 1
3rd Nov	Start of Autumn 2
4th Nov	Girls' Football tournament
6th Nov	Year 5 to work with RNCM
10th/11th/12th Nov	Year 6 Robinwood trip
14th Nov	Football tournament

Parish News

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

Birthdays

A very happy birthday to Nico, Lottie and Joseph who have all celebrated birthdays this week.

I hope you all had a wonderful day.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to each of our stars of the week: Alaria, Alfie, Kaden, Ben, Olivia, Darcie and Eve who have received a star of the week award for learning.

Congratulations to each of our stars of the week: Nana, Joshua, Demi, Ella, Annabelle, Charlotte and Maisie who has been award star of the week for behaviour.

St. Mary's Parish Youth Group

Fr is setting up a parish youth group which will run each month on a Wednesday evening from 6:30pm -7:30pm. Places are limited but there are still a few places left. If you wish for you child to attend, please call into, or email, the school office and we will pass you a form to complete.

The first date for the group is 22nd October.

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.

School Dinners – Parents' taster session

After half term we will be inviting parents into school to sample some of the delicious school lunches which are being provided each day. More information will follow – including a form asking for numbers attending so the correct amount of food can be prepared.

Collecting children at the end of the school day

At the end of the school day we have either after school club or sports clubs which use the playground and / or field. We cannot start these activities until the gates of the school have been locked. The staff would really appreciate it if parents could collect their children and make their way to the gates as soon as possible. I appreciate your understanding.

Attendance.

	F2	96%	
Year 1	97%	Year 2	99%
Year 3	94%	Year 4	99%
Year 5	99%	Year 6	97%

Congratulations to Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 who have the highest attendance this week with an amazing 99%. Well done

Don't Miss Out...

It may seem very early, but each year we have children who miss out on their first choice school because they miss the deadlines for applying for school places.

For children in Year 6 – the application window for high schools opens in early September and closes on the 31st October. More information will follow shortly.

For children in Nursery – The window for applications to Primary school opens in November 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.**



HAF Tameside

There are several opportunities via HAF (Holiday Activity and Food Fund) for children to access a range of interesting half-term activities. These are funded, or part funded for children in receipt of free school meals. If you wish to find out more information, or book sessions, [please click here](#).

Fireworks Night Dinner

We will be holding a second themed lunch on Wednesday 5th November. Although it seems a long time away – it is during the first week back after the half term break so will soon be on us.

Energy Advice Service

A new free service to help people across Greater Manchester and Lancashire to reduce their bills and improve energy efficiency.

- Have your utility bills been higher than expected this month?
- Don't understand where all these costs are coming from?
- Fed up with your energy supplier's tariff but don't know how to check or switch?

We can help...

Personalised advice from our energy experts:

- Arrange a one-to-one session with one of our advisors to discuss a range of energy-related issues.
- Our sessions can include interpretation into other spoken languages and British Sign Language on request.

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- Book a visit with our team who can advise on the best tips and tricks to help get your home ready for the winter.
- Depending on your needs, we can support with expert advice on your personal heating system, and provide some energy saving devices, too or similar



Energy debt advice:

- Our advisors can help create energy debt plans to reduce the impact of debt on households.



Find out more or get support now:

- Attend or host an energy-saving session. Find out more about the latest sessions on our website, including those with an interpreter and drop-in events for members of the local deaf community: www.caritassalford.org.uk/energysupport
- Get in touch if you have any questions, would like to find out more, or want to arrange an event in your local school, library, community centre or other location:

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