

World Book Day Lunch

On the 5th March our school dinner will be a special world book day lunch. The menu is attached to the newsletter. Please make your child's meal choice via school grid in the usual way. If you are one of our super organised parents who book meals well in advance, please do log on and check you have selected the correct meal as the usual Thursday choices will have changed.

Nursery Applications

If you have a child who would like to attend St. Mary's Nursery in Sept 2026, the closing date for applications is 27th February 2026. Our school nursery will be offering full time places from September – running alongside our main school day. We will continue to offer morning only places to those who prefer this option. If you know anyone looking for nursery places, please share this information with them.

Spring Term Parents' Evening

Our Spring Term Parents' Evening is planned to take on Monday 16th March and Thursday 19th March. Details of the times and how to book a slot with your child's teacher will be sent out to parents nearer the time.

Parish News

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

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to all the children who have celebrated a special birthday this week: Aiden, Ethan, Aria, Frederick, Kaden, Niall and Marcus.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to each of our stars of the week: Aminat, Alfie, Ellen, Harry, Olivia, Nico and Keeston who have received a star of the week award for learning.

Congratulations to each of our stars of the week: Tommy, Mason, Charlie, Shaw, Aoibhe, Grace and Joshua who have been award star of the week for behaviour.

Well done to all of you – keep up the good work.

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.

18th Feb	Ash Wednesday
23rd Feb	Open for Spring 2
11th March	RNCM to work with Y5
16th March	Parents Evening
19th March	Parents Evening
11th March	Football North of England finals
12th March	Year 6 class assembly
19th March	Year 5 class assembly
2nd April	Close for Spring 2 – 3:20pm
13th April	Open for Summer 1
23rd April	Year 2 class assembly
30th April	Year 1 class assembly
7th May	Year 4 class assembly
11th – 14th May	Y6 SATs week
21st May	Year 3 class assembly
18th June	Reception assembly

Sister Dolores

Those of you who enter school through the gate on Kynder Street will have noticed that Sister Dolores has not been present this week. Last Monday she was in hospital for an operation - all the children prayed for her during our assembly. Sister informed school that the operation had gone well and she is now in recovery. We will keep her in our thoughts and prayers and look forward to seeing her on the school gate again soon.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The children in Year 3 who are part of the sacramental programme will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Joseph's Penny

On Monday your child will bring home a St. Joseph's Penny box. Our school GIFT team will be talking to each class about the charity and how your donations support people within the Diocese of Salford. Please give generously.

World Book Day

As well as our World Book Day lunch, we will be celebrating World Book Day in many different ways. You should have received a letter on Wednesday regarding the activities taking place to celebrate reading across the school. If your child is planning to dress up, I encourage you not to spend a lot of money on fancy outfits – the most simple ones are usually the best. I look forward to seeing your book character potatoes. They will be on display on Thursday morning from 8:40am.

Athletics

Last night we took a team of Y5 and Y6 children to the indoor athletics finals held at DCA. The team excelled in all the events and were placed third overall. A wonderful achievement, especially as they were up against some larger schools. Children were presented with their medals in assembly this morning. Well done to all of the athletes and a huge thank you to Mr Tomkinson and Miss Peart who supported the team.

Book Fair

Each year we hold a book fair in school where you can treat your child to a new book – helping to inspire them to grow a love of learning. This year's book fair will take place during the week commencing Monday 23rd March. More details will follow.

Attendance

Congratulations to **Year 1** who have the highest attendance this week with 98%. Well done Year 1.

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Year 1	94%	Year 2	98%
Year 3	95%	Year 4	93%
Year 5	90%	Year 6	96%

Speech and Language Drop in

Please see the poster on the following page regarding speech and language drop in sessions. These are opportunities for you to meet and discuss concerns around speech and language with a trained therapist or a health visitor. Sessions take place at the Wellness centre, Denton each Thursday 9 – 11am.

Let's Talk! Speech & Language Drop-In

*FREE SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES , A RELAXED SPACE TO ASK QUESTIONS
EACH FAMILY CAN TAKE PART IN ONE DROP-IN SESSION WITH US*

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT ...

- How your child plays ?
- Their talking or understanding ?
- Their milestones ?



AT THE DROP-IN, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO...

- Speak with a Speech & Language Therapist
- Get guidance from the Health visitor
- Enjoy the soft play together



JOIN US...

Denton Wellness Centre
Thursdays (term time)
9am- 11am

