

St Joseph's Penny

Thank you to everyone who returned by St. Joseph's Penny boxes. As mentioned previously, St. Joseph's Penny supports people living within our own local area. They will be grateful for all of your donations. If you forgot to bring you box back today, you can still return it on Monday morning.



Stars of the Week

Congratulations to each of our stars of the week: Fiadh, Rexon, Tiannah, Daya, Theo, Sophie and the whole of Year 2 who have received a star of the week award for learning.

Congratulations to each of our stars of the week: Christina, Arabella, Charlie, Niall, Touloupe, Olivia and Calum who have been award star of the week for behaviour.

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

27th March	Golden Ticket draw
31st March	Passion Play – St. Mary's Church 2pm
1st April	Easter Bonnet Parade 9am EYFS 9:30am Year 1/Year 2
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

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to all the children who have celebrated a special birthday this week: Thomas, Isabel, Diana and Charlie.

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.

Parish News

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

After School Club

Just a reminder that there will be no after school club on the last day of term (Thursday 2nd April) Breakfast club will run as normal. The school day finishes at the usual time of 3:20pm.

School reopens on Monday 13th April 2026.

Attendance

Congratulations to **Year 3 and Year 4** who have the highest attendance this week with an amazing **100%**. Well done to both classes.

	F2		97%
Year 1	98%	Year 2	96%
Year 3	100%	Year 4	100%
Year 5	93%	Year 6	97%

Golden Ticket Extravaganza

Today was the final day of our Golden Ticket Extravaganza. Thank you to all the children and staff who purchased chocolate bars in the hope of winning a magical golden ticket. This was a new fundraising event for school, replacing the chocolate tombola. Another huge thank you to those who donated prizes. It is very much appreciated.

Chocolate Hamper Winners

Denny, Oakley, Max, Mason, John, Robin, Tehila, Harvey and Logan

Easter Treat Winners

Perpetua, Kody, Fiadh, Kirsty, Toby, Ava, Sophia, Thomas, Joseph, Aria, Niall, Zachary, Ethan A, Theo, Frankie, Esme, Albie, Jasmine and Lottie

Class Prizes

Reggie, Ms Peart, Freddie, Diana, Taya, Mrs Haughton, Mr Tomkinson, Sofia V and Miller

Easter Bonnet Parade

The children in EYFS and KS1 will be taking part in an Easter Bonnet Parade on Weds 1st April. The EYFS parade will take place at 9am and the Year 1 and Year 2 parade will take place at 9:30am.

Book Fair

Thank you to all the parents who supported our book fair this week. This is one of our fundraising activities which helps us provide 'extras' for the children beyond the curriculum. It was lovely to see the children being excited by the prospect of buying a new book.

Basketball

The year 5/6 basketball team competed in the Tameside qualifying competition on Thursday. Showing great skill, they won every game and qualified as winners for the Tameside finals, which will be held later in summer term. Congratulations to the whole team: Jayden, Harriet, Theo N, Max and Esme M

Staff Changes

You will have received a letter at the start of this week notifying you of some staffing changes which will take place after the Easter break.

Miss Johnson will be leaving us to take up a post at a new school in Cheshire. We wish her well for the future.

Mrs Spencer has been appointed as Year 2 teacher until the end of the current school year. She has made several visits to the school and will be a welcome addition to our teaching staff. I am sure you will all give her a warm welcome when you see her around school.

Mr Knapper had been appointed as Assistant Head Teacher on a temporary basis, until the end of this academic year.

Passion Play

Year 3 and Year 4 will perform their annual Passion Play in St. Mary's Church on Tuesday 31st March at 2pm. The children will be retelling the final days of Jesus' life during the first Holy Week over 2000 years ago. Parents are invited to come to church to watch.

Parking around school

When dropping off and picking up your child(ren) please be mindful of where and how you park. On occasions I have witnessed parking on zig-zag markings, yellow lines, across garages and even in the middle of the road. I would not want anyone to be ticketed by traffic wardens, but more importantly, we would not want a child to be hurt due to inconsiderate parking. Now that the weather is starting to be a little warmer, why not park just little bit away from the school gates and walk, cycle or scooter to school?

