

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 20th & Thursday 22nd October 2026

Parents Evening

Thursday 22nd October 2026

Non-Uniform Day

Tuesday 3rd November 2026

Individual Photo's

Thursday 12th November 2026

Flu Vaccinations

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

October Half Term

Monday 2nd November 2026

Teacher Training Day

Torchlight

Celebrating 75 Years of the Torchlight Procession at St Mary's, Batley

It was a wonderful and memorable occasion as we celebrated with Bishop Marcus the 75th Anniversary of the Torchlight Procession at St Mary's, Batley! This very special milestone brought our school and parish community together in a beautiful expression of faith, tradition and togetherness. It was a fantastic opportunity to reflect on the generations of families, pupils and parishioners who have helped to keep this treasured tradition alive over the past 75 years.

Our children were a credit to St Mary's, taking part with such enthusiasm, pride and reverence. The sight of the procession, illuminated by the glow of the torches, was truly special and reminded us of the strength of our Catholic faith and the importance of walking together as a community. It was particularly moving to think that our children were part of a tradition that has connected so many generations before them, creating lasting memories and a shared sense of belonging.

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped to organise and support this very special anniversary celebration. Your time, commitment and generosity ensure that this wonderful tradition continues to flourish. At St Mary's, we are incredibly proud of our heritage and the strong links between our school, parish and families. Here's to the next chapter of this beautiful tradition, continuing to shine brightly in the years ahead!



Parents' Evenings

**Tuesday 20th October &
Thursday 22nd October**

Parent's Evening is available to book through school ping.

Please book a time to see your child's teacher on the app or via email.

If you have any problems, please let the school office know. Thank you.

**Class 1 parents – Parents' Evening is
Wednesday 21st October & Thursday
22nd October 2026.**



Non-Uniform Day

On Thursday 22nd October 2026 we are holding a non-uniform day. We are asking for donations of £1.00 which will all go Catholic Care.

£1.00 donations can be made in cash or through your parent pay account.

Uniform Reminder

This is a reminder that all children are expected to attend school wearing the correct school uniform each day. This includes appropriate footwear and hairstyles that are suitable for a school environment.

Please be aware that **extreme or inappropriate hairstyles are not acceptable** and must comply with the school's uniform policy.

If a child arrives at school wearing incorrect uniform or with a hairstyle that does not meet school expectations, they will be provided with spare uniform to change into where necessary and in the case of extreme hairstyles, your child maybe be sent home.

Individual Photo's

Tempest will be coming in to school on Tuesday 3rd November to take your child's individual school picture.

Flu Vaccination

Year 1 - 6 Children

On Thursday 12th November your child will be offered a flu vaccination.

October Half Term

School will close at 3.20pm on Friday 23rd October 2026 and will re-open to pupils on Tuesday 3rd November 2026

Superkids & Stars of the week

Ayah, Jackson, Katie, Ciro,
Isabella, Caleb, Arya D, Luke K,
Willow C, Aizah, Bohdi, Archie,
Harper, Norah H, Frankie L, Saad,
Junius, Jack A, Billy, Orla, Rian &
MJ.

WELL DONE!

Boo Basket

Raffle tickets are on sale from Friday 16th October - Thursday 22nd October for £1.00 per strip, raising funds for a communication board.



Benny Update

Last week Benny had his training session with his PAWS trainer, Kim and his three handlers Miss Grimley, Miss White & Miss Fisher. Kim was so impressed with the progress Benny is making at just 5 months old. The session focussed on loose lead walking and how staff can support Benny in learning not to jump up when greeting people. Kim commented on how settled and happy Benny is whilst in school. Well done Benny!



We were delighted to welcome our new Community Police Officer to St Mary's, where the children had a wonderful opportunity to meet them and learn more about their important role in our local community. The visit was a fantastic chance for the children to ask questions, share their thoughts and discover how the police help to keep us safe. The children showed great curiosity and enthusiasm as they learned about the different ways police officers support individuals and families in our community.

During the visit, we explored how working together, showing respect and looking out for one another helps to make our community a safer and happier place for everyone. The children learned that we all have a part to play in being responsible citizens and helping others. We are very grateful for the time our Community Police Officer spent with us and look forward to building a positive relationship with them in the future, strengthening the important links between our school and the wider community.



Rugby League



We were incredibly proud to welcome Brian Foley, coach at Wigan, and a former pupil of St Mary's! It was a truly special occasion for our children to meet someone who began his own journey at our school and has gone on to achieve so much through sport. Brian shared an inspiring message about the importance of hard work, determination, teamwork and believing in yourself. His visit reminded us all that, at St Mary's, we strive to be the very best we can be, both on and off the sports field. It was wonderful to celebrate one of our former pupils and show our children how the values we develop at St Mary's can help them achieve great things in the future!



Sports News



60 children from Years 3-6 represented St Mary's at the North Kirklees Cross Country Competition. This is the most competitors to attend the event. They were amazing!!



After amazing results, we have 13 children who will represent Kirklees at the West Yorkshire finals in March next year. Well done to Year 6, Eliza & Poppy. Year 5, Jonah. Year 5 girls team & Year 4 girls team.....Absolutely outstanding results and good luck for the finals!!





Sports News continued....



The Year 5/6 girls enjoyed the football festival at Batley Sports Centre



25 children from Year 1 loved the balance bike ability sessions & will now progress to the bikeability sessions.

