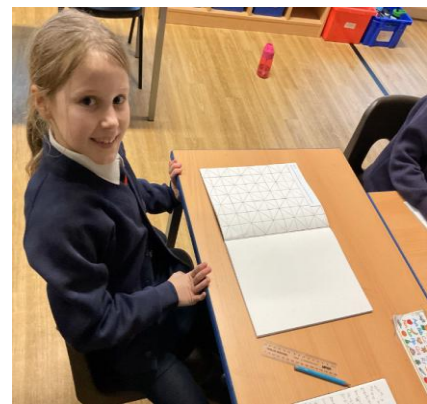


# Newsletter



Guide Us O God To Be The Best We Can Be;  
In Every Thought, In Every Word And Every Deed

## January 2025



### *This Month's News:*

Happy New Year! We are delighted to share how wonderfully the new term has begun. It has been such a pleasure to see the children working hard, smiling and enjoying their learning. The classrooms are alive with energy and enthusiasm, and it is clear that the children have returned refreshed and ready for the exciting opportunities ahead. We look forward to all the adventures and achievements this year will bring!

### *Events Coming Up:*

We encourage families to continue to check the online school calendar for upcoming events:

<https://www.st-mary-standrews.lancs.sch.uk/calendar/?calid=2,1,3,4&pid=10&viewid=2>

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January – Family Mass (Eagles have written bidding prayers for this Mass)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Sacramental Preparations begin with Sister Shienrose (during school time)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – NSPCC Speak Out & Stay Safe Workshops

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – School Disco (6-7pm infants & 7-8pm juniors)

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – TTRS Numbers Rocks Day

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of term

### *Staffing News:*

We are thrilled to announce that after the half term, Mrs Feeny will be re-joining us following a happy and healthy maternity leave. She is eager to return to the Robins' class, where she will teach Tuesday to Friday. Mrs Feeny is excited to pick up where she left off, continuing the wonderful work she started last year.

We thank Miss Frodsham for the excellent work she has undertaken in Mrs Feeny's absence and are delighted to report that she will be sharing the Wrens' class with Mrs Bisby on Fridays. Mrs Hilton-Briggs has been a great source of help to us on Fridays and we will be very sorry to see her go; hopefully she will be able to work with us again in the future.

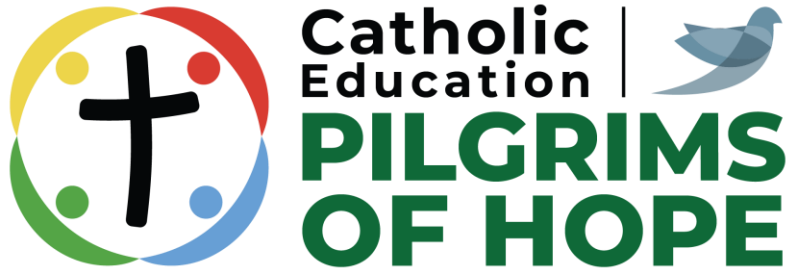
At the end of this term, we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Roach, who will be moving on to new opportunities. Her commitment to the school has been remarkable and she will leave a lasting legacy. We encourage you to share the details of the headship vacancy with anyone you know who might be interested in joining our exceptional school community. Ours really is the best school to work at!

Details can be found here: <https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/vacancyDetails.asp?id=194682>

## Catholic Life of the School:

This year, we are celebrating the Jubilee Year with the theme of Pilgrims of Hope. As a school, we are embracing this theme by reflecting on our journey of faith and finding ways to bring hope and joy to those around us. We have launched this today (January 24<sup>th</sup>) so keep your eyes out for the beautiful bunting that the children have designed and made!

Throughout the year, the children will be participating in various activities and prayerful reflections to deepen their understanding of what it means to be a Pilgrim of Hope in our everyday lives. We look forward to sharing more about these initiatives as the year progresses and we invite families to join us in prayer and celebration during this special year.



### Sporting News:

Well done to the Year 3/4 Mini Skills Team (pictured at the top of our newsletter) who came 4<sup>th</sup> in their competition this month! We have lots of exciting events and fixtures coming up over the spring term including the girls' football, which will start next month, and we have a KS2 curling competition next week. Good luck to the children taking part in that!

Another well done to our Year 5/6 boys' football team who won the league! We are very proud of you, boys!

### Attendance:

Our attendance continues to be excellent! Well done and thank you to all of our families for understanding the importance of attending school every single day. We are above our 97% target for this week and overall!

### St Mary and St Andrew's Catholic Primary School, ...

Current academic year up to Thursday 23 January 2025

Number of pupils 133	Overall attendance % 97.2%	Overall absence % 2.8%	Unauthorised absence % 0.3%
Persistently absent		Severely absent	
Number of persistently absent pupils 10	Percentage of persistently absent pupils 7.5%	Number of severely absent pupils 0	Percentage of severely absent pupils 0.0%

Last 5 days (17 January 2025 to 23 January 2025)

Overall attendance % 97.8%	Overall absence % 2.2%	Unauthorised absence % 0.2%
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