



# St Mary & St John Catholic Primary School December 2025

In the light of Jesus, we learn to shine.

*We wish you all a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year*

We are looking forward to the Christmas holidays and we hope everyone

*God of light, shine forth,  
show us how  
to bring hope to others.*

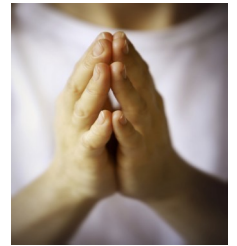
*God of mercy, help us  
to comfort your people  
and share in their joy.*



*Come, Lord Jesus, come. May I and my family be a  
worthy place of the birth of Your Son Jesus. Guard  
me from the glitters of the world that I may cele-  
brate the true spirit of Advent.*

Amen

**CAFOD**  
Just one world



## Parish Masses over the Christmas Period

Christmas Masses and Services in the Parish of St William served by the Churches of St Mary, St John & St Patrick: Please go to the newsletter link below for mass times over the Christmas period.

<https://www.stwilliamparishwigan.org>

Please make time to welcome the 'light of Jesus' into your family celebrations by attending mass over the Christmas holidays.

Christmas Eve: Children's Mass at 6.30pm—St Mary's church

Christmas Day: 9am Mass at St Mary's and 11am Mass at St John's church



## Diary Dates

- ◆ Tuesday 2nd December—Y4 Sacramental Programme—St Mary's—6.30pm
- ◆ Wednesday 3rd December—Carols and Choir at The Edge—School choir
- ◆ Thursday 4th December—Christmas Panto for Y5—The Edge
- ◆ Friday 5th December—Y5 to attend mass at St John's Church
- ◆ Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December—KS1 Advent Play
- ◆ Wednesday 10th December—CAFOD Carol service at St Theresa's Up Holland
- ◆ Thursday 11th December—Y4 Brass Concert
- ◆ Thursday 11th December—PTA Christmas Disco
- ◆ Friday 12th December—Y4 to attend Mass at St John's Church
- ◆ Friday 12th December—Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Friday 12th December—Reindeer Ramble
- ◆ Monday 15th December—KS2 Advent Performance at 2pm
- ◆ Friday 19th December—Break the Rules Day
- ◆ Friday 19th December—Finish for the Christmas holidays
- ◆ Tuesday 6th January—school open for the new term.



## Parent Governor Vacancy

School will be holding a ballot to determine our next parent governor for school. All families will receive a ballot paper per parent to vote for our next parent governor.

All votes must be returned to school by 3pm on Tuesday 9th December.

Dear parent and carers,

What a month it has been! There has been so much happening in our amazing school through the month of November! We celebrated Anti-Bullying week with a special assembly from Altru theatre and we wore our odd socks to consider other people and our unique individualities. We had fantastic turn-outs for our parents evenings and Share the Learning afternoon where pupils showcased all of the work they are producing at the moment; we are proud of each and every one of them! We have had Electronics workshops and Bikeability workshops, giving pupils further opportunities to extend their learning to the outside world. We held a whole-school Jubilee Celebration Day where we reflected on a year of being 'Pilgrims of Hope', complete with class designs and artwork representing our hope for the world. Our Reception Open Day and evening was a tremendous success with a special mention to our Year 6 tour guides who did our school proud. In December, the events keep on coming with Nativities, Advent Performances, choir concerts, Reindeer Rambles and much more to keep all of our diaries full.

A huge well done to all of our award winners over the past month. We have had stars of week, Class Dojo winners, November 'Resilience' winners, as well as our class awards for attendance, punctuality and behaviour. We are looking forward to celebrating further winners throughout December, including our December 'Generosity' and our Outstanding Behaviour awards. Good luck to everyone!

Thank you to all of our school families for their continued support to give our pupils the best education experience possible.

Mr Atherton

### Attendance

Thank you to all pupils for the great start to the year in terms of attendance. Our current average attendance is **96.2%**. We are still aiming for our attendance goal of **97%**. We have had lots of weekly class winners of our attendance awards. Well done to Y5 who have achieved the highest attendance for the first half-term!

Rec—95.6%	Y4—96.6%
Y1— 94.9%	Y5—98.2%
Y2— 95.8%	Y6—95.8%
Y3—96.2%	



### CHRISTMAS JUMPER and CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY—Friday 12th December 2025

On Friday 12th December the pupils can wear a Christmas jumper and we ask that they bring in £1 for the privilege. The money raised will go to CAFOD World Gifts and our pupil chaplains will choose which gifts to purchase on behalf of the school. Our kitchen staff will be preparing a school Christmas Dinner on this day. Please order for your child on the Evolve system as soon as possible. Christmas Party Day will take place on Friday the 19th December with games, treats and dancing fun. The proceeds from the Key Stage 1 Nativity will contribute towards the infant party day. We are requesting a Voluntary Contribution of £2 towards party games and treats for Key Stage 2 children— please send £2 to your child's class in a labelled envelope by Friday 12th December .



### New Reception Intake 2026-2027

Our Reception Open Day and Evening was a huge success with lots of prospective families walking around school; the pupils were fantastic and showed how amazing our school is. Applications should be made online and must be completed by the closing date of 15th January 2026. The Catholic School Supplementary Form **must** also be completed. Please hand in to the school office. Please call in for a copy or access the form from our school website. Do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions. Alternatively you can contact school places directly on: 01942 489013.

**We finish for Christmas on Friday 19th December 2025.  
The new school year starts Tuesday 6th January 2026.**

Further details of events, information and pictures can be found on our school website :  
[www.saintmaryandjohn.wigan.sch.uk](http://www.saintmaryandjohn.wigan.sch.uk)

Email: [enquiries@admin.saintmaryandjohn.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@admin.saintmaryandjohn.wigan.sch.uk)

