



St Mary & St John Catholic Primary School

October 2025

In the light of Jesus, we learn to shine.

Diary Dates

- ◆ Thursday 2nd October—Year 1 Hearing screening (am)
- ◆ Friday 3rd October—Harvest Family Fast Day—we will collect CAFOD contributions on Friday 24th Oct as part of CAFOD charity walk
- ◆ Friday 10th October—World Mental Health Day—wear something that makes you smile! (Further information to follow)
- ◆ Monday 6th—Friday 10th October Year 6 residential trip to Low Bank Ground
- ◆ Tuesday 14th October—Sacramental programme Y4—6.30pm-7.30pm (St John's Church)
- ◆ Monday 20th October—PTA School Disco—KS1 3.30pm—4.30pm KS2 4.45pm—5.45pm
- ◆ Friday 24th October—Charity Walk Day—We will collect CAFOD contributions as part of our charity walk
- ◆ Monday 27th October — Friday 31st October—Half term
- ◆ Monday 10th November—Anti Bullying Performance and workshop—ALTRU theatre
- ◆ Tuesday 11th November/Wednesday 12th November—Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm (for appointment details please contact the school office)
- ◆ Friday 14th November—Odd socks day to promote anti-bullying week
- ◆ Tuesday 18th November—School photos (younger siblings not currently in school are welcome to attend from 8.30am for any group photos)
- ◆ Wednesday 19th November—Share the Learning afternoon—2.30pm—3:15pm
- ◆ Friday 21st November—Break the Rules Day (further information to follow)
- ◆ Tuesday 25th November—Open day for prospective Reception parents (1:30pm—5.00pm—please contact the office to book a time)
- ◆ Tuesday 25th November—Sacramental programme Y4 (pupils only) in school 2.15—3.15pm.
- ◆ Friday 28th November—Pupil flu vaccines
- ◆ Tuesday 2nd December—Y4 First Confession service—children and families (6.30pm at St John's Church)
- ◆ Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December—Infants Christmas Play (times to follow)
- ◆ Thursday 11th December—PTA Christmas Disco KS1 3.30—4.30 KS2 4.45 - 5.45 (details to follow)
- ◆ Friday 12th December—Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day
- ◆ Monday 15th December—Junior Advent Service 2pm (St John's Church)
- ◆ Friday 19th December — Finish for the Christmas holidays
- ◆ Monday 5th January— Staff Inset Day



Macmillan Coffee Morning success!

A Macmillan Coffee Morning for parents, family and friends was held on Friday 26th September. It was a great success and was run by our amazing PTA. It was fantastic to see so many parents and grandparents coming into school, having some coffee and cake and highlighting how much of a school family we are. The pupils also had the opportunity to enjoy a cake as well! Thank you very much for everyone's donations to this worthy cause, we managed to raise £457.13



Congratulations to all pupils who were chosen as the winners of our monthly school value of **Respect**. These pupils were highlighted as showing respect inside and outside of the classroom to other pupils and adults in school. Well done!

We are looking forward to seeing who can showcase our October value of **Kindness**.



Pupil Champions

Congratulations to our new pupil champion groups for this year.

Subject Leader	Mr Atherton	Mrs Woods	Mrs Hitchen	Mr Atherton	Mr Noy	Mr Orrell	Mrs Evans	Miss Gregory	Mrs Mitchell	Mrs O'Neil	Mr Gilbertson	Mrs Hitchen	Miss Hynes
Year	School Council (RSHE)	Eco/ Geography	Maths	Literacy	Science	P.E.	Art	Design Technology	History	Music	Computing	RE	MFL
Y2	Heidi M Zachary	Verity Samuel											
Y3	Arthur Charlie	Grace Thomas H	Daisy-Mai Iris	Olive Bella	Isla Raffi Karijo	Lorenzo Bruno	George Alvin Edward	William S James Nathan	Grace T Lucas	Ivy Isabel	Thomas William	Mary Lola	Stella Elisa Olivia
Y4	Winter, Anya	Hannah, Scarlett	Darcie, Arthur	George, Lochlan, Ralphie	Sharon, Teddy	William, Archie	Maya, Natalia, Austin	Olive, Francine	Luke, Mujtaba	Tilly, Nathan	Oliver, Ivy	Joanie, Anya, Edwin	Lola, Noah
Y5	Maya F Pippa Helena	Zaw Tom	Ava O Sheriff	Eden Evie	Daisy Mya B Jako	Billy Kiera	Theo Fliss Marietta	Ava G Ivy	Maisie Siya	Rose Lucy	Matthew Finley Piotr	Nelly Darcey	Mathews Leo
Y6	George, Connor	Coralin, Joe Frod	Eibhlin, Jonah	Joel, Tom	Isla, Alice	Jaheim, Henry	Elise, Emi	Jotham, Abella	Shola, Joseph	Vitoria, Baneen	Harry, Josh	Georgia, Elsie	Amber, Jess
Y6 Pupil Chaplains: Jess F, Georgia H, Izzy B, Juliette B, Amber P, Eibhlin R, Jonah FR, Chloe P, Isla O, Elsie B, Alice T													
Team 1 Georgia <u>Izzy</u> <u>Juliette</u> <u>Amber</u> <u>Eibhlin</u> Jess Team 2 Chloe Isla Elise Alice Jonah													

The groups will soon hold their first meeting and will create a new action plan. They will shortly meet with the Chair of Governors, Mrs Whitney, to share plans and talk about their aims for the year. Watch out for the termly Pupil Champion Newsletters.

'Stay and Pray' sessions - Weeks commencing 13th and 20th October

A family member is invited to attend the 'Stay and Pray' sessions, a Prayer and Liturgy session linked to our RE and RSHE themes.

The prayer sessions follow our school assembly plan and include the four key parts:

Gather, Listen—to the Word, Respond and Go Forth.

Y1—Friday 17th October 2.45pm

Y2—Tuesday 21st October 2.45pm

Y3—Wednesday 15th October 2.45pm

Y4—Tuesday 14th October 2.45pm

Y5—Thursday 23rd October 2.45pm

Y6—Wednesday 22nd October 2.45pm

Please join us in supporting our Catholic Life and Mission through Prayer and Liturgy!

New Reception Intake 2026-2027

From the 30th September parents can submit Reception admissions applications for the academic year 2026-2027. 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.

We are looking forward to welcoming prospective parents to our Reception open day on **Tuesday 25th November**. Please contact the school office for more information.

Do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions. Alternatively you can contact school places directly on: 01942 489013.

Attendance

Thank you to all pupils for the great start to the year in terms of attendance. Our current average attendance is **96.5%**. We are still aiming for our attendance goal of **97%**. We have had lots of weekly class winners of our attendance awards. Who will win next week? Below are the average attendances for each year group.

Rec—96.47%

Y4—98.14%

Y1—94.26%

Y5—98.45%

Y2—95.8%

Y6—95.04%

Y3—96.74%



**Attendance
Matters**

Every student. Every day.

Further details of events and pictures can be found on our school website :

SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.saintmaryandjohn.wigan.sch.uk