



# The Federation of St Mary's Catholic Schools

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"*

*Philippians 4: 13*

Respect

Compassion

Resilience

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

## **Nativities**

I am so unbelievably proud of all the children this week for their fabulous performances in either 'It's a Baby' and 'Nativity'. They sang beautifully, read clearly and acted well as they retold the Christmas story. The children could not have done this without the dedicated staff who worked tirelessly to ensure the performances were ready so thank you.

Thank you for the positive feedback, the children have enjoyed listening to how wonderful you think that they all are! We never take for granted the support you give to St Mary's, so from the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

## **Infant Choir**

Our choir spread Christmas cheer on Thursday when they visited the residents of Elm tree House and performed for them. The residents adored their singing and some were even up dancing and crying happy tears. Thank you Elm tree House for having us and presenting all the staff and children with goodie bags.

The choir will be singing a selection of songs at the Juniors for Carols around the Tree at 3.45pm on Tuesday 19th.

## **PTFA Raffle**

Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets for the colour raffle. The draw took place today and the winners have been informed.

## **Movie Night**

A huge thank you to our PTFA for supporting the Movie night on Monday, with hot dog cooking, cleaning and brushing up as just a few of their many talents. Our PTFA provide all the children with those extras that make St Mary's such a special place.

We have another fun packed week in the infants before we break up for Christmas on Friday 22nd so see you on Monday!

Best wishes,

Mrs Grange





# AWARD WINNERS

	Star of the Week	Bee Award
Nursery	All of Nursery	Lilliah
RJ	All of RJ	Nicholas
RT	All of RT	Luke
Y1M	All of Y1M	Lexi
Y1B	All of Y1B	Ciara
Y2M	All of Y2M	Stanley
Y2G	All of Y2G	Carter



School  
Values  
Award

Sadie J

**Congratulations!**



## **HAF (Holiday Activities and Food Programme)**

The HAF programme is aimed at providing healthy food and enriching activities free of charge for primary and secondary school age children / young people who are eligible for benefit related free school meals during the holidays. Children/ young people who are in receipt of support plan via Early Help, Child In need or children we look after, EHCP or if your child receives additional hours at school then you are also eligible for the HAF programme.

The action packed festive fun guide shows you all the great things that are happening over the holidays on your doorstep across the St Helens Borough. You can access this online via the link below and the paper guides are available in the reception areas of the schools.

If your child is aged 4-18 and eligible for benefit related free school meals and would like to attend any activities please go to the website below.

### **How to Book**

Booking goes live on 12.12.23 at 2pm.

Please book directly with the session provider via [www.sthelens.gov.uk/holidayfun](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/holidayfun)

If you have any trouble booking this way please email [holidayfun@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:holidayfun@sthelens.gov.uk) or call 01744 673445



St Mary's PTFA presents our

# Candy Cane Trail

Find the letters to spell the Christmassy word.  
 This Earlestown based trail is free to complete & activity sheets will be sent home from school.  
 Return your completed entry form to the school office with 50p to receive a gift & entry to our special prize draw to win a range of great prizes, including a £50 Smyths Toys Voucher!

A huge thank you to the businesses of Earlestown who have kindly donated prizes & displayed letters!

Runs from 24th November 2023 - 18th December 2023

## 6 REASONS TO JOIN THE PTFA

<p><b>FOR THE CHILDREN</b></p> <p>BECOME A ROLE MODEL TO SHOW YOUR CHILD YOU VALUE THEIR EDUCATION.</p> <p>THE EVENTS WE PLAN WILL IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL EXPERIENCE.</p>	<p><b>FOR YOU</b></p> <p>VOLUNTEERING IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE</p> <p>WE PLAN TO HOST MANY SOCIAL EVENTS TO RAISE MONEY AND ALSO TO ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY.</p>	<p><b>FOR THE SCHOOL</b></p> <p>HELP THE SCHOOL TO RAISE FUNDS.</p> <p>HAVE A VOICE IN THE PURCHASES THAT ARE MADE TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN.</p>
<p><b>BE CONNECTED</b></p> <p>THERE IS NO BETTER WAY OF KNOWING WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL.</p> <p>MEET OTHERS THAT SHARE THE SAME COMMON GOALS TO HELP IMPROVE THE SCHOOL.</p>	<p><b>IT IS FUN!</b></p> <p>WE AIM TO ENJOY OURSELVES IN ALL OUR ROLES.</p> <p>FROM PLANNING EVENTS TO RUNNING A STALL IS EXCITING!</p>	<p><b>KEEP THE PTFA GOING!</b></p> <p>AS PARENTS LEAVE SCHOOL WE NEED TO KEEP THE COMMITTEE GOING.</p> <p>COME JOIN OUR FRIENDLY TEAM AS MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!</p>

"I work full time and help when I am able"

"I really enjoy seeing my grown up help out at events"

"I didn't realise how rewarding it would be"

"I've made life long friends"



## Christmas at St Mary's

<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Y3/4 Christmas Party Children are invited to wear party clothes	
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Infant Christmas Dinner Day – wear a Christmas jumper Y5/6 Christmas Party Children are invited to wear party clothes Carols round the tree	Parents and carers invited
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	EYFS Christmas party Children are invited to wear party clothes  KS1 Service in church  Junior Christmas Dinner Day wear a Christmas jumper	Parents and carers invited
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	KS1 Christmas party Children are invited to wear party clothes  Upper KS2 Mass – 9.15 Lower KS2 Mass – 10.00	Parents and carers invited