


St Mary's Church of England Primary School

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Through God's love and our Christian Values, we encourage each individual to love, respect and value God, themselves and others.

We encourage and nurture everyone to flourish and grow into the unique person God made them to be, ready to go out into the world to love others.

This is rooted in Jesus' words: Love one another as Jesus loved us.
(John 13 v 34-35)

Dear Parents, Children & Friends,

Welcome back to the brand-new school year and a warm welcome to all our new pupils and their families, I am sure they will settle quickly into school life and enjoy their time at St Mary's School. Pupils across the school have already got off to an excellent start in their new classes and have become absorbed in their new learning and topics. Please check class newsletters for more information about what your child will be learning this term.

Please remember to inform our school office if you have changed your address or phone number. Please also ensure that you telephone our school office at the start of the school day to report your child absent or unwell.

YEAR 6 APPLICATION TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS:

How you apply for a place at secondary school depends on where you live. The application has to be made to the Local Authority in which you live. Please see below for further details.

Oldham Residents:

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2024, we know that this is a very exciting and important time. Please note how and when you need to apply and where to access information to guide you through this process.

You will need to complete an application using the online application system available on the Oldham Council website. www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions. It's quick and easy and ensures school offers can be made efficiently via e-mail. Applying on line is **the only form of application** as Oldham Council no longer provides paper application forms.

The closing date for all applications is 31 October 2023 at 5pm. Any application received after this time will be classed as late and will not be processed until all the on-time applications have been allocated a school place.


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For faith schools you will need to fill in a supplementary form or provide documentation in addition to the application. Supplementary forms are available from, and returned to, the relevant school.

To enable you to have a look at what is on offer, all Oldham secondary schools will be holding open evenings during the Autumn term.

If you wish Mother Katy to sign any supplementary forms for attendance at any of the churches in our Mission Community, please use the link below to book an appointment: <https://calendly.com/shaw-crompton-thornham>

Rochdale Residents:

Parents of children who live in Rochdale should check the 'School Places' section of the Rochdale council website for details of the application process and deadlines (www.rochdale.gov.uk). Alternatively, you can contact the Admissions Team on telephone 0300 303 0340 or email school.admissions@rochdale.gov.uk for further information.

NEW RECEPTION APPLICATION TO SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2024

You will need to complete an application using the online application system available on the Oldham Council website www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions It's quick and easy and means you get the school offer directly via email. You can find more information, a guide, and links to school websites here too. The online system opened on 1 September 2023.

In addition, any parent wishing to apply for a Reception place at St. Mary's CE Primary School MUST complete a supplementary form (available from the school office or download from the school website).

If you don't have access to the internet at home, there are computers in all Oldham's libraries. You will need an email address, but these are very easy to set up and staff will be happy to help.

Deadlines for making an application: Primary 15th January 2024 at 5pm

At St Mary's we are offering the face to face tours of our school by appointment. Alternatively, please visit the school website to view a selection of short videos of the different areas and classrooms in school. You will also find answers to some frequently asked questions.

<https://www.stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk/virtual-tour/>

If you have any further queries, regarding admissions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Mother Katy will be signing forms for Reception pupils 2024 after half term, more details to follow.


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STAFFING:

A warm welcome to Miss Hobson as our Year 1 Teacher and Mrs Hepworth as our new Assistant Headteacher, SENDco and Year 5 teacher. Welcome also to Mrs O' Regan who joins our Reception Team.

SEND:

Mrs Hepworth is already getting to know not only her own class but all the pupils with SEND in school. Please be patient whilst Mrs Hepworth settles into school, she is already working incredibly hard to have a full overview of each individual and their specific needs. The SEND reviews will take place, as usual, after half term and invites will be sent shortly. If there is anything urgent then please do contact school in the usual way through email or requesting an appointment.

IMPORTANT: SAFE PARKING AND RESPECT

A polite reminder:

Whilst I appreciate parking can be difficult, as it is for most primary schools, what is extremely problematic for me and the school in any response, is when incidents escalate and adults are disrespectful towards one another. This sets a poor example for our children, is upsetting to witness and reflects badly on the school and its strong Christian ethos.

Please can we ask that we abide by the simple rules of:

- considerate and legal parking
- showing kindness and respect to one other

Should anyone have a complaint please use the appropriate channels to report this, initially to Oldham Council /PCSO's and/or school should you feel this is appropriate. Oldham Council's guidance on parking outside schools https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201054/roads_streets_and_pavements/2586/road_safety/3

We hope that parents and the local community can work harmoniously together.

REMINDER: Please leave the disabled parking space free for our disabled pupil unless you are eligible to use it.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS:

A huge thank you to the Year 6 who have just left, for leading a wonderful leavers' service at the end of the Summer term. It has been lovely to see so many of them already looking smart in their secondary school uniforms. Please keep calling back to St Mary's to let us know how you are getting along ! The Staff and Governors of St. Mary's wish all our pupils well in their journeys at their secondary schools.

WORSHIP IN SCHOOL



Worship in school will be led by myself, Mr Day, Mother Katy and Father Paul. Our Christian Value for this half term is Justice. Mother Katy and Father Paul will also continue to lead a reflective circle time with each of the classes.

We continue each Friday to celebrate pupils' achievements. Please encourage

your son/daughter to share their achievements, by bringing their certificates and trophies into school and placing on the piano. We will celebrate these achievements in school.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING:

As a school we have supported this charity over many years raising over **£12,442.08** for this cause.

This year we will once again be supporting Macmillan with a short assembly led by Year 2 on Friday 29th September at 9:10am.

This will be followed by a coffee morning will be held in **St. Mary's school hall 10:00 am to 11:00 am.** We hope Parents, grandparents, friends of St Mary's and the Shaw community will join us.

Pupils are invited to bring £1.00 for a drink and biscuit.

There will be a **raffle** and other **games held for adults**, and **cakes and tea/coffee** will be sold for small donations.



HARVEST SERVICE:

Year 3 are working on their Harvest Service which will be held at St Mary's church and start at 9:30am . Please come along and join us for our service. Tea and coffee and biscuits will be served at 9:00am by the Support Group before the service starts. This year we will be supporting Oldham Food Bank. Children can bring items to offer as donations on the morning of the service. If you wish to donate food to Oldham Food Bank, please bring non-perishable items such as:

- Any long-life items
- Sugar
- UHT milk
- Tinned fish
- Noodles
- Rice
- Cooking sauces
- Toilet roll
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned rice pudding/custard



RECEPTION AND YEAR 6 BUDDIES:

Year 6 and Reception Pupils will meet for their first lunch together on Friday. Over the coming weeks they will have more planned opportunities to meet and 'work' together.

Our welcome to our new Reception pupils to St Mary's School, in a whole school worship for pupils and parents will take place on Friday 20th October with Mother Katy.




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HOPE WALK

Calling all walkers..... SAVE the Date !



Join our High Crompton Hopewalk 2023 on **Saturday 14th October 2023**. Walking in memory of Ben Fitchett a former St Mary's student and raising money for POPYRUS Prevention of Young Suicide Charity.

Request an application form, further information and to sign up - choosing whether to complete either the 5 mile or 10 mile walk by emailing Hopewalk2023@aol.com

Encourage your friends and family to create a Team - minimum of 4 walkers and a maximum of 6 walkers.

Entry fee is £5 per person (the cost of a phone call to HOPELine24/7). Sponsorship for the walk is also encouraged to raise additional funds for POPYRUS.

Activities will be held at the North Star in High Crompton during the day and after the walk to raise further monies for the charity.

If you do not wish to walk but would like to get involved with the event - please email us to offer your help and support (face painting, running a stall, manning a checkpoint, donating a raffle prize, or making a donation).

You can follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with walk - the link to the High Crompton Hope walk 2023 page is

<https://www.facebook.com/HighCromptonHopewalk2023>

We look forward to seeing some of our families taking part, St Mary's Staff will certainly be entering a team.

Join us for all-age worship on

Back to School Sunday

Sunday 17th September 2023

9am at Thornham St James'
9.30 am at St Saviour's
10am at St Mary's (joint service)
11am at Holy Trinity
11 am at East Crompton St James
and at all our weekday Family Eucharists throughout the following week

Children and young people are encouraged to come in their school uniform.
Everyone who goes to school, children and adults, will receive a special blessing for the start of the new school year.




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ST. MARY'S SUPPORT GROUP NEWS:

St Mary's Support Group will meet, on Thursday 28th September at 7:00pm, in school. This will be the annual AGM followed by the usual meeting to discuss plans for the year. Everyone is welcome to attend, including new members.

The 150 club draw will take place in on Friday, 29th September. If you are not yet a member and would like to join, please e-mail the school office **we still have numbers available**.

MUSIC TUITION:

For those pupils who receive music tuition, or looking to start music tuition, our timetable is as follows;



Monday: Percussion tuition 1:00 – 1:30pm
Wednesday: Woodwind tuition 8:30 – 11:00am
Thursday: Band tuition 8:20 – 9:00am
Brass tuition 9:00 – 10:00pm
Brass tuition 1:00 – 2:00pm

SCHOOL LUNCHES:

Our school lunches continue to be popular with our pupils. Please remember to pre order your school meals with your child each day or week. The cost of school meals is £2.60 per day, £13:00 per week.

We will be looking to organise a special themed lunch day later in the term.

If your child wants to try a school meal, please just contact the school office and we can set children up very quickly.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS:



On Thursday 28th September we have our school photograph day. We invite parents with pre-school children to come into school at the beginning of the school day (from 8:30am) if they wish to have a family portrait. In response to requests by parents, we allow children to be photographed either in school uniform or appropriate clothes of parents' choice. The majority of parents still choose to have pictures in uniform and this is **NOT** a non-uniform day. Children should change back into their school uniform once the photograph has been taken.

SCHOOL COUNCIL/SPORTS AMBASSADORS/HEALTH CHAMPIONS:

Our new School council, Sports Ambassadors and Health Champions will be announced on Friday in Worship. We look forward to their valuable contributions throughout the school year.

ALLERGIES IN SCHOOL:

A reminder: we do have children in school with a nut allergy and an apple allergy. It is very important that we share key messages with you. Please do not send your child into school with nuts, apples or nut/apple-based products in their packed lunches or snacks. We thank you in advance for supporting the school in this matter.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS:

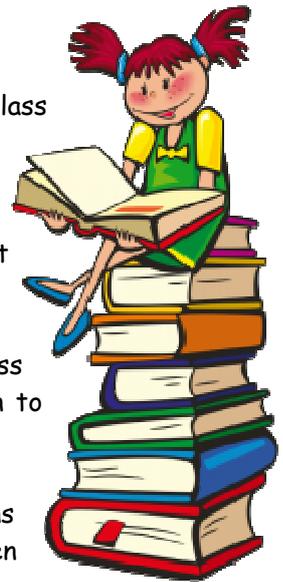
Once again, we are running the battle of the Books where we challenge pupils to read 12 books from their class list (available on the school website). Pupils who have been successful in previous years can take part once again with a new set of books for their class and a new challenge. Before Covid we had 25 pupils who successfully completed the challenge. It would be great if we could beat that record.

Please visit the School Website under 'Learning' - 'Reading' to find out more about **Battle of The Books** reading challenge and the links to your child class reading list.

Please note if you feel the class list is too challenging, please see your child's class teacher and we can re direct to a more appropriate section as we want ALL children to experience an enjoyment of books.

Many of the books are available in school and many of you will have at home. On occasions parents very generously donate books to school for Birthdays or because their children have outgrown them. If any of these donations are linked to the books in the scheme we would be extremely grateful.

Good luck with the challenge and we will keep you updated over the coming months.



ATTENDANCE

Good attendance is of great importance for all our pupils. We are very proud at St Mary's that the vast majority of our pupils have excellent attendance and we will continue to celebrate this at the end of each term, with badges presented to individual pupils. Each month on the school newsletters we will also celebrate great attendance by class.



Please Note:

Holidays in term time will not be authorised and any holidays taken over 5 days will have a penalty fine issued by the Local Authority, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Any persistent absence (attendance below 90%) will continue to be followed up by school in the first instance. Continued persistence absence will be passed onto the Local Authority Attendance Officer.


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AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR THIS HALF TERM:

Tuesday: Infant Fun Club: 12:00 - 12:30 with Mr Brierley (Sports Development Officer)
 Junior Fun Club: 12:30 -1:00 Yr3 - 4 with Mr Brierley
 Football Club: 3:30 - 4:30pm Yr 5 and 6 with Mr Brierley
 Choir: 3:30 - 4:30pm with Mrs Lord *

**Please note Choir will return to a Wednesday after October Half term with Miss Davies . As Mrs Roberts now works with us just 2 days per week, she will no longer run the school choir. However, Mrs Roberts will stay actively involved supporting the Music Centre Staff and conducting on some occasions.*

Thursday: Anna's Dance 3:30 - 4:15pm Years 1, 2, 3 and 4

Friday: Gymnastics 3:30 - 5:00pm with Mrs Oxley
 Netball 3:30 - 4:30pm with Mrs Larder Yr 5 and 6

FORTHCOMING DATES:

19th September	Y1 Local Area Walk
21 st September	Ethos day - Special Worship 3:10pm
27th September	Y4 Visit to Castleshaw (Romans)
27th September	Phonics Evening for Reception Parents 6:00pm
28 th September	Family and Individual School Photographs
28 th September	Support Group AGM in school 7pm
29 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning : Assembly at 9:10am Coffee and cakes 10:00 - 11:00
6 th October	Harvest Service in church. 9:30am led by Year 3.
W/c 2 nd October	Book week (details to follow)
14 th October	Hope walk
17 th October	Parents Evenings 3:40 - 6:50 pm
18 th October	Parents Evenings 3:40 - 6:50 pm
19 th October	School Disco (tbc)
20 th October	Reception and Year 6 Buddy Assembly at 9:10am Break for Half term

Thank you for taking the time to read this month's newsletter.

School re opens on Monday 30th October 2023

Kind regards,
P.A Hartley
Headteacher