

## Newsletter December 2024

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,

We are fast approaching the end of term and the chatter about mischievous elves is lovely to hear - we already have a lot of excited children in school! We still have lots of parties, christmas dinners and festive events planned for this final week of term and learning still continues. We look forward to seeing you at the final Carol Service, as the whole community come together and prepare to celebrate this important Christian festival.



### CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES:

#### Christmas Nativities Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

The Christmas nativities are always a wonderful way to start Christmas and this year was no exception. Reception pupils were amazing with their presentation of A Nursery Rhyme Nativity - a beautifully sung and a well performed Nativity which delighted and entertained all audiences. Year 1 and Year 2 presented The Nativity Story of Old, which was once again thoroughly enjoyed by all audiences with the Nativity Story told in rhyme and a reminder of why we celebrate Christmas.



Well done to all our Infant children and staff for their hard work and excellent performances.

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## ELFRIDGES - Mon 16<sup>th</sup> December

My thanks to the Parent Support Group who will run this event. Gifts are on sale for £3:00 each. **There are still gifts available. Should you wish your child to take part please send the money in a clearly marked envelope on Monday and hand in at the School Office.** Pupils can come and secretly choose a present for parents, grandparents or aunts and uncles. All presents will have been wrapped by our elves and will be kept safely until the end of the school day. What a lovely way for children to buy and give a gift to special members of their family.



## Key stage 2 Christmas Party - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**Children should come dressed in their own clothes but suitable for the cold weather also.**

School will provide the food and drinks. **This has kindly been paid for by The Parent Support Group.**

## Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Please note this is a **Non - Uniform Day.**

Last week the pupils listened to a Worship, led by School Council about how this fun day really can help others. Please ask them about this.

Pupils are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper or anything Red and Green and small donations are suggested to help this important charity - Save the Children.



**Save the Children**

## Key Stage 1 Christmas Party - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

**Children should come dressed in their own clothes but suitable for the cold weather also.**

School will provide the food and drinks. **This has kindly been paid for by The Parent Support Group.**

## The Carol Service - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

The Christmas Carol Service will take place on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 9:15am** in St Mary's Church. All parents are welcome to join us for the church service which Year 5 will lead. The school band, woodwind groups and choir will also be performing and promises to be another lovely service where the whole school comes together to celebrate.

**Please note there will be no further Friday assembly on the 20th December.** Instead, in what is now a very long-standing tradition at St Mary's - pupils and staff will gather around the Christmas tree to sing carols.

### Musical Performances

Our school choir have already completed a stunning performance at The United Reform Church and then again with our fabulous Woodwind Group at the Rotary Concert held in St James Church, Barry Street. All pupils were a credit to the school and their parents.



### STAFFING UPDATE:

We say goodbye to Mrs Stansfield as our Cook Supervisor. Mrs Stansfield has over 21 years of service and has worked the vast majority of these in St Mary's School kitchen. She has prepared and served thousands of tasty meals for our pupils. Only this week she has baked and decorated over 250 christmas biscuits for pupils to enjoy . Next week she will prepare, cook and serve 200 Christmas dinners - can you imagine doing this !

On behalf of the Governing Body we say a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Stansfield for her long service and wish her well as she takes on a new role and direction in her employment and enjoys more family time.





  
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### **NEW RECEPTION ADMISSIONS**

If you have a son or daughter who is looking for a Reception place in September 2025, then information about how to apply to schools is now available.

If you reside in Oldham please go to: [www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions)

If you reside in Rochdale please go to: [www.rochdale.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/admissions)

**Please Note: If you are applying to voluntary aided schools (eg Church Schools) they may require you to fill in a supplementary form or provide documentation, in addition to the application you make to the Local Authority. Supplementary forms are available from the relevant school.**

**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).**

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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 5pm.**

### **ST. MARY'S SUPPORT GROUP NEWS:**

The next draw for the 150 club will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December when we have the bonus draw of £500. We will also draw the winners of the three Christmas Hampers.

The next Support Group meeting is on 21st January at 7:00pm at the North Star.

My sincere thanks to everyone who supports the events provided by the Parent Support Group and to those who organise and run the events. This half term this has enabled the Support Group to purchase 2 new space stations for Reception to explore and use as part of their learning. They have also funded the transport for the whole school to attend the Pantomime and paid for all the food and drinks for the Christmas Parties. Thank you! We could not do these things without your support!

### **Extra-Curricular Activities:**

Monday: Badminton -

Tuesday: Fencing Club OCLL coach Y3 and 4 - 3:30 - 4:30

Wednesday: Choir Y3 - Y6 - 3:30 - 4:30

Thursday: School Band - Y4 - Y6 by invite 8:30 - 9:00

Anna's Dance Y1- Y4 3:30 - 4:15

Friday: Gymnastics - 3:30 - 5:00

  
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**Dates for your Diary:**

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Jan Year 5 Viking Day  
Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Jan PSG meeting 7:00pm  
w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb Children's Mental Health Week  
Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Feb Y4 visit to the Mandir  
w/c 10<sup>th</sup> Feb E Safety Week  
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Feb Parents Evening (details tbc)  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Feb Parents Evening (details tbc)  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Feb School Disco (details tbc)  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb Non-Uniform day (details tbc)

*School is closed from Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> December until Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January inclusive and*

**reopens on TUESDAY 7th Jan 2025**

Thank you for taking the time to read this month's newsletter.  
On behalf of all the Staff, Pupils and Governors at St. Mary's CE Primary School, may I wish you all a Happy and Safe Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.



Kind regards,

P.A Hartley  
*Headteacher*