St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Pantomime

Friday 4th December 2026

Christmas dinner day

Wednesday 16th December 2026

Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 16th December 2026

Last Day of Term

Friday 18th December 2026

School Re-opens

Monday 4th December 2027

Head Teacher column

We have finished our second week of Autumn term 2 but despite the colder weather and the dark mornings and evenings it has been lovely to see our pupils working hard with their learning and enjoying themselves around school.

Attendance has been greatly improved this year so far and I am really thankful for your support with this issue in school. We are now at around 20% Persistent absence across school and that is for pupils who fall below 90%. This year we still need to get more pupils on time at 8:55am as we have some pupils arriving after the bell. Please sign in and select a reason for lateness in reception. Pupil progress can be maximised by their teachers when they attend more regularly and arrive on time.

We will soon be starting the season of advent which is a wonderful time of the school year when we come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We will look forward to welcoming you into school and church to celebrate together as a community.

We will soon be starting our testing across year groups so that we can monitor progress since the start of the new year after 9 weeks of hard work and learning from the children. I am really looking forward to seeing where the improvements are for every child and from every starting point since September. Please carry on supporting with reading at home and practicing times tables,

Have a lovely weekend,

God bless.

Christmas Productions – Week commencing Monday 7th December

Tickets will go on sale from the school office from Wednesday 18th December. Tickets are £2.00 each (cash only)

EYU – 'THE NATIVITY'

Tuesday 8th December 9.30am & Wednesday 9th December 2.15pm

KS1 – 'BORN IN A BARN'

Tuesday 8th December 2.15pm & Thursday 10th December 9.30am

LOWER KS2 (Classes 6, 7 & 8) – 'A ROOTIN TOOTIN NATIVITY'

Thursday 10th December 2.15pm & Friday 11th December 9.30am

UPPER KS2 (Classes 9,10 & 11) – 'THE CAROL SERVICE'

IN CHURCH

Monday 7th December 2.15pm & Wednesday 9th December 9.30am

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Superkids & Stars of the week

Xander, Isabelle, Jenson, Vinnie I, William, Chimdalu, Serenity, Noah F, Oscar D, Lottie, Francesca, Elijah, Charlie G, Vinnie C & Leon

WELL DONE!

Tempest

Your child has now brought home their school photograph. To order, please visit the Tempest website using your unique code. Order before 22nd November to receive free delivery back to school.

Christmas Holidays



School closes to children on Friday 18th December. We re-open on Monday 4th January 2027

St Mary's Theatre Group Pantomime

This year's pantomime is called 'Aladdin'

There will be 2 performances on Friday 4th December.

Classes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and Nursery will go to the 9.15am performance.

Classes 7-11 will go in the afternoon at 1.30pm.

The cost of the production is £5.00 per child and this can be paid through parent pay.

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Bonfire Night

Year 3 & 4 children enjoyed toasting marshmallows and making s'mores.

















Remembrance Day

Some of our School Council members visited the Cenotaph in Batley town centre to lay a wreath on behalf of the whole school. They observed a two-minute silence and paid their respects to the brave soldiers who lost their lives serving our country. The rest of the school also observed the 11am silence.











Sporting News

A massive well done to all our medal winners from the intra cross country competition.



Our Year 1 children really enjoyed part 2 of the bikeability course, learning how to use bikes with pedals. Most children were successful and they now can confidently ride a bike.



ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Christmas INDOOR MARKET

10AM - 2PM

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

BATLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

UPPER COMMERCIAL STREET, BATLEY, WF17 5ED

- TOMBOLA
- SWEET TREATS
- CANDLES
- FESTIVE GAMES
- CHRISTMAS CARDS



- LIVE MUSIC
- ARTWORK
- RAFFLES
- SEWING GOODS
- CAKES & TREATS

CHRISTMAS FUN FOR EVERYONE

JOIN US AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR A FESTIVE DAY OF SHOPPING, TREATS, GAMES AND CHRISTMAS FUN!

COME ALONG, GET INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AND HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR THE ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE.

£2 ENTRY ENJOY UNLIMITED DRINKS WHILE YOU'RE HERE!

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