



Dates for the Diary

**Monday 5th
October 2026**

Torchlight
Procession -
7.30pm

**Tuesday &
Thursday
October 2026**

Parents Evening

**Tuesday 3rd
November 2026**

Individual
Photo's

**Thursday 12th
November 2026**

Flu Vaccinations

**Monday 26th
October -
Friday 30th
October**

October Half
Term

**Monday 2nd
November 2026**

Teacher Training
Day

Welcome back!

Welcome back everyone.

It has been lovely to see the children back in school. We have welcomed new staff and pupils into their new classes and it has been wonderful to walk around the school to see so many pupils back happy and settled at St Mary's. We look forward to a fantastic year for the children as we live, love and learn together with Jesus as our guide.

Our attendance figures for the first nine days have been great with the school regularly hitting over 90% each day. Some pupils have been on holiday during the first couple of weeks which has lowered attendance but I am hoping that we will all be settled into new Monday to Friday routines very soon. More time in school means improved learning for every pupil and we can see really good progress when pupils attend every day.

This year attendance will be one of our big challenges and if your child drops below 90% which is classed as Persistent Absence we will contact you and look into ways in which we can support you. At St Mary's we do completely understand that sometimes medical and other issues can affect attendance so we will work with you to ensure that there is the correct support for your family to help increase attendance back up to above 90%. Please do not take holidays during term time because in the past this has really affected the learning potential for school. There have been some exceptions last year due to pre-booked holidays altered due to Covid but I am confident most of these holidays have now been taken. I will not be able to authorise holidays during term time unless there are very specific and understandable circumstances.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful school year with lots of new experiences for the children and fantastic progress in learning.

Dear Lord,

Each and every day is a blessing. This year we have an opportunity to learn about ourselves, others, and the world around us. We ask you watch over us this year. Keep our eyes open to see the beauty of creation, our ears keen to hear the sounds of life and our hearts full of love to receive all that you will offer.

Amen

Have a good weekend, Mr Glover.

School Start and Finish Times

Please remember that all children should be in their class at 8:55am each day for the beginning of school. Children only need to enter through the main entrance on the odd occasion they arrive after 9am. School ends at 3.20pm, any early collections should be for medical appointments only. If you need to collect your child early, please contact the office with a valid reason. Evidence of medical appointments must be seen by the office before a child leaves early. Please note school finishes at 3.20pm, if you are going to be late picking your child up please contact the school office.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of Income Support, Child Tax Credits, Universal Credit or on a low income you may be able to claim free school meals for your child. To see if you are eligible to apply please visit [GOV.UK - Free School Meals](https://www.gov.uk/free-school-meals).

Individual Photo's

The photograph company will be coming in to school on Tuesday 3rd November to take your child's individual school picture.

Parents' Evenings

**Tuesday 20th October &
Thursday 22nd October**

More information to follow

Flu Vaccination

Year 1 - 6 Children

On Thursday 12th November your child will be offered a flu vaccination.

Pumps

If your child is in classes 3 - 11, they must have a pair of black indoor pumps.

October Half Term

School will close at 3.20pm on Friday 23rd October 2026 and will re-open to pupils on Tuesday 3rd November 2026

Superkids & Stars of the week

Hollie, Destiny, Scarlett H, Aubrie,
Noah, Loki, Zuriel, Harvey G, Coby,
Ijeoma, Bardia, Frankie M, Enzo &
Grace B

WELL DONE!

Benny



Since joining us in September, Benny has settled into school life really well!!

He's been spending time in the office and exploring the school grounds, getting used to all the new sights, sounds and smells.

Benny particularly enjoys watching the children walk past the office and is becoming a familiar and much-loved sight around school. He still has lots of training ahead, but he's made a great start. All our children have enjoyed assemblies introducing Benny and learning the basics of dog body language and how to interact safely with him. The certainly love catching a sneaky peak of Benny!

Geography Fieldwork

Year 5 & 6 have been visiting Batley town centre this week to carry out their geography fieldwork.

They have been a credit to St Mary's and were highly praised by the members of the public that they met.





St John Fisher
Catholic Secondary School & Sixth Form
Christ at the centre and children at the heart.



Year 6

Open Evening

Wednesday 23rd September
4.00pm to 7.00pm

For Year 7 entry, September 2027
Applications close 31 October

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75th Anniversary



MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER
7.30PM
WITH BISHOP MARCUS STOCK

HELD AT
ST MARY OF THE ANGELS
BATLEY

St Mary's Church, Cross Bank Road, Batley, WF17 8PQ

Followed by Refreshments
PIE & PEAS SUPPER
PAROCHIAL HALL, MELTON ST, BATLEY
PIE & PEAS £2.00 / HOT DOGS £1.50