



St Mary's Catholic Primary School
'Love God, Love Others, Love Ourselves'

Upcoming dates

13th February
Curriculum Day
school closed for
children.

**16th – 20th
February**
Half Term Break

18th February
Ash Wednesday –
Holy day of
obligation.

23rd February
Children return
to school

25th February
Valentines
Mansion Year 4

27th February
FOSM Family
Quiz Night

6th March
World Book Day
Dress up!

Dear Parents and Carers,

The past half term has been filled with meaningful learning, joyful celebrations, and opportunities to grow together as a faith community. It has been wonderful to see our pupils engaging so positively with school life, living out our Gospel values through their words and actions each day.

During February, we marked the Feast of St Thomas Aquinas, patron saint of schools and students. Pupils spent time reflecting on his love of learning and his belief that faith and reason go hand in hand. Inspired by his example, children were encouraged to ask thoughtful questions, persevere in their studies, and recognise learning as a gift to be nurtured.

We also observed Racial Justice Sunday, an important moment in the Church's calendar. Through prayer, discussion, and reflection, pupils explored themes of dignity, equality, and respect for all. Children were reminded that every person is made in the image and likeness of God, and that we are all called to stand up against prejudice and treat one another with kindness, fairness, and compassion. This linked closely with our school values and our commitment to building an inclusive and welcoming community.

On 2 February, we celebrated Candlemas, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Pupils reflected on Jesus as the Light of the World and discussed how they can be a light for others through kind words, helpful actions, and forgiveness. The symbolism of light offered a calm and prayerful opportunity for children to consider how their everyday choices can reflect God's love.

Curriculum highlights this month include Fabulous Phonics week, Number Day, Mental Health week and the Book Fair.

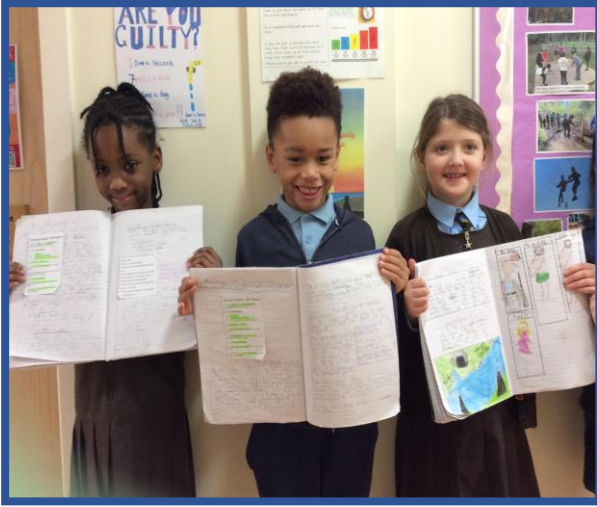
Across the school, pupils have continued to work hard and show enthusiasm in all areas of the curriculum. Classrooms have been busy with learning, collaboration, and creativity, and staff have been proud of the positive attitudes shown by the children.

We wish you all a restful half term and look forward to seeing the children back on the 23rd of February.

May God bless our school and all of our families,

Mrs. Sharkey

A Spotlight on Year 3



In English, the children are enjoying *The BFG* and have written reports about giants and their habitats, as well as creating imaginative recipes.



We have had a wonderful start to the spring term and the children have worked hard across all areas of the curriculum.

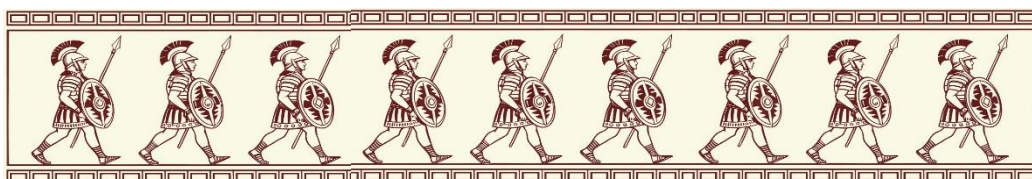


In Maths, the children have been developing their understanding of multiplication and division and are now applying their skills to measurement.



In RE year three have been learning about God's Kingdom, and how we can create that Kingdom on Earth. We have also explored how parables were used by Jesus to teach important lessons.

The children enjoyed learning about the Romans in History and exploring the impact they had on Britain. Through practical investigations in science, they have been examining light and shadows. In PE the children have been mastering their gymnastic skills while having lots of fun!



Spring Term
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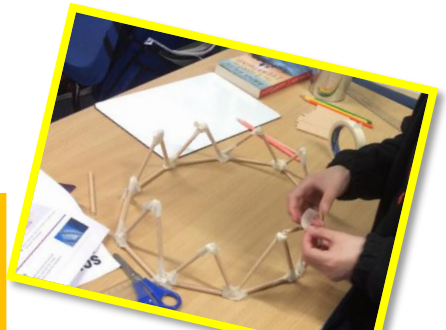
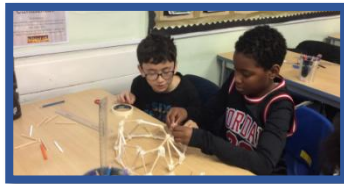
Fabulous

at Phonics!

It was a pleasure to open our classrooms and share how phonics and early reading are taught. The children were delighted to show their learning and took great pride in reading and working alongside their parents. Thank you to all our families who joined in and supported the sessions – your involvement is greatly appreciated.



Number Day 2026



On 6th February, our school embraced the spirit of creativity and learning by participating in NSPCC Number Day. Students arrived in an array of amazing and imaginative outfits to engage in a day filled with exciting maths activities. From designing their own board games to constructing impressive structures, the children truly immersed themselves in the world of mathematics, demonstrating that learning can be both fun and meaningful.

The day was not just about maths; it was also an opportunity for our school community to come together for a great cause. By raising funds for NSPCC, our students learned the importance of social responsibility and the impact they can have on the lives of others.

