



NEWSLETTER



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28th November 2025

Dear Parents,

Christmas Fair

Today, we have been getting ready for our annual Christmas Fair, which takes place in school on Sunday from **noon until 3pm**. We've got lots of exciting things planned: craft stalls, hot and cold refreshments, fantastic raffles, tombola stall, face painting, games for all the family and other competitions. In addition, Father Christmas (and the Grinch and friends!) will be visiting and the children can give him their Christmas lists!

As this is our PTA main fund raiser of the year, we urge all our families to support the event and do their best to attend

Non Uniform Day

A huge thank you once again to all parents who donated bottles / chocolates etc for the PTA tombola stall today. We really appreciate your generosity

Stars of the week

R	Harper (Class 4)
E	Lucy D (Class 2)
A	Harry (Class 5)
C	Maggi (Class 1)
H	Harley R (Class 3)
Miss McNicoll's award	Freddie (Class 3)

Star Writer Award

Class 1: Naksha
Class 2: Theodore
Class 3: Ellie Mai
Class 4: Rory
Class 5: Caiomhin

Star Reader Award

KS1 reader- Serafina
KS2 reader- Ivy



Healthy School

Christmas Post Box

Starting Monday, our Christmas Post Box will be in the entrance area outside my office. This is for our pupils to post their Christmas cards to friends and staff. Please make sure to write the recipient's name and class clearly on the front of each card. This helps our little elves (aka our Year 6 pupils) deliver them correctly!

Holiday List

The governing body met last night and approved the holiday list for 2026-27. I have attached a copy in case you would like to start planning holidays etc. **Please note for the first time ever, the October 2026 half term will be 2 weeks and not 1 week as in previous years.** We will then finish for the summer break at a later date in July. This now ties in with the other RC primary schools in Rossendale. A copy of the holiday list is also on the school website.

Infant Nativity

The tickets for the two performances of the Infant Nativity Concert are now sold out. If you have bought a ticket that you no longer need, please let the school office know.

Sacramental Programme 2026

If any parent would like to enrol their child on the Sacramental Programme, i.e. for children who are in Year 3 or above, please contact Fr John at St Marie's Church directly. School are not involved in any delivery of the programme.

The Travelling Crib

Starting Monday, each class will have a 'Travelling Crib'. This is to help us remember the journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem, and as a family, helps everyone think about the true meaning of Christmas.

Each day in Advent, the Travelling Crib will be sent home with a child from each class who wants to take it home.

Finally, as we light the Advent wreath each Monday, we collect something for those less fortunate than ourselves. This year, we are collecting food items for the RAFT Foodbank. If you would like to donate any tins or food items, please send them into school each Monday. Thank you, as always, for your kindness.

Yours sincerely

Miss D McNicoll



ST MARY'S R C PRIMARY SCHOOL, HASLINGDEN
HOLIDAY PATTERN: 2026-2027

<u>AUTUMN TERM 2026</u>	
<u>OPENS</u>	<u>Wednesday 2nd September 2026</u>
<u>CLOSE FOR HALF TERM</u>	<u>Friday 16th October 2026</u>
<u>RE-OPENS</u>	<u>Monday 2nd November 2026</u>
<u>END OF TERM</u>	<u>Friday 18th December 2026</u>
	<u>NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN: 68</u>
<u>SPRING TERM 2027</u>	
<u>OPENS</u>	<u>Monday 4th January 2027</u>
<u>CLOSE FOR HALF TERM</u>	<u>Friday 12th February 2027</u>
<u>RE-OPENS</u>	<u>Monday 22nd February 2027</u>
<u>END OF TERM - CLOSSES – 2.00 pm</u>	<u>Thursday 25th March 2027</u>
	<u>NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN: 54</u>
<u>SUMMER TERM 2027</u>	
<u>OPENS</u>	<u>Monday 5th April 2027</u>
<u>May Bank Holiday</u>	<u>Monday 3rd May 2027</u>
<u>CLOSE FOR HALF TERM</u>	<u>Friday 21st May 2027</u>
<u>RE-OPENS</u>	<u>Monday 7th June 2027</u>
<u>END OF TERM</u>	Thursday 22nd July 2027
	<u>NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN: 68</u> TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN: 190
<u>Teacher training days</u> Tuesday 1st September 2026 Friday 23rd July 2027 Plus 6 twilights to be taken throughout the school year	