



# NEWSLETTER

**St Mary's R C Primary School**  
**Haslingden**  
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13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents,

## **Dance Competition**

On Tuesday night, St Mary's Dance Squad performed their 'World in Motion' themed dance at Burnley Mechanics Theatre. The children have worked incredibly hard for the past 6 weeks to learn a dance that was brilliantly choreographed by the incredibly talented Mrs Rogers. They performed the dance with such professionalism and confidence and came first! They now go on to represent Rossendale in the Lancashire finals in Blackpool on 21<sup>st</sup> April!

We can never thank Hannah enough for the unforgettable experiences she gives the children. She provides all the dance tuition free of charge to them each week, (and I'm told by parents these lessons cost a fortune via other out of school dance teachers) and prepares them so professionally for the competition. The children (and staff) are so incredibly grateful to her and we literally cannot thank her enough for giving the children these incredible opportunities each year.

A big thank you to the parents (Donna, Nicola and Louise) who came into school on Tuesday morning to do the children's hair (and get them performance ready!) and also to the parents who came to watch! Your support was incredible and I'm sure we had the loudest cheers! Bring on Blackpool!

## **Stars of the week**

<b>R</b>	<b>Rosie ( Class 2 )</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>Aiden ( Class 4 )</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Finn ( Class 5 )</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Asia ( Class 3 )</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>Jenson ( Class 1 )</b>
<b>Miss McNicoll's award</b>	<b>Henry ( Class 5 )</b>

## **Star Writer Award**

Class 1: Mary

Class 2: Charlie

Class 3: Rose

Class 4: Ella

Class 5: Theo

## **Star Reader Award**

KS1 reader- Troy

KS2 reader- Roxy

## **Cartin-Shackleton awards**

We have ended the week with a special presentation of our annual 'Cartin-Shackleton' awards. This is a St Mary's tradition going back many years and the awards are presented on the date nearest to St Patrick's Day.

The awards are for effort, attitude and achievement and are given each year to children in Year 2 and Year 6. It is always extremely difficult to choose an overall winner as we have so many children who work hard at St Mary's. However, after much deliberation, the staff chose the following winners for each key stage:

The winners for KS2 are Issy and Ruby

In KS1 the winner is Lily. Huge congratulations to them all and well-deserved!

## **Sponsored Walk**

A reminder that on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, we will be doing a whole school sponsored 'Easter Bunny' walk to the Halo and all monies raised will be split between our chosen charities for this term: Bury and Rossendale Hospices, CARITAS and CAFOD.

The children are bringing home a sponsor form today. Please encourage friends and family to sponsor the children and return any sponsor money to school by April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Showcase events**

Yesterday, class 3 held a wonderful showcase of their learning in History. The school hall was transformed into a Roman Museum and the children as 'living statues' told the story of the Celts and Romans. They delivered their presentation with such confidence and their knowledge was astounding. Thank you to those who were able to join us and huge thanks to Miss Reeves, Miss Coulston and Mrs Maddock for helping the children prepare.

Year 1's History showcase about the Great Fire of London is at 2.00pm on Thursday. Parents are invited to attend, please see the app for details.

## **Free Family Cooking Workshop**

Please see the attached leaflet for further details.

## **Holy Week Prayer Stations - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

All parents are invited to join us, as we journey through Holy Week, to our creative prayer stations held in school on Wednesday 1st April.

Our GIFT team will accompany you as you visit each prayer station. Sessions will be running at 1.30pm and 2.15pm. If you would like to participate, please complete the booking form sent via Parent App.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN PERSONAL PRAYER REFLECTION DURING HOLY WEEK, AND YOUR CHILD WILL NOT ACCOMPANY YOU. THEY WILL HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED THE STATIONS WITH THEIR CLASS EARLIER IN THE DAY/WEEK.

## **This week's Gospel**

You are probably aware that each week in assembly and Class 'Celebration of the Word' the children study and discuss the gospel reading from the previous Sunday. I thought it may be

useful each week to share the Gospel Mission File each Friday with parents so you can read it together and discuss with your child/ren.

This week's gospel marks Laetare Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent and the joyful midpoint of the Lenten journey. In the Gospel, we hear how Jesus heals a man born blind.

Finally, thanks to all parents / grandparents who have sent in food donations again today for Food Bank Friday.

Yours sincerely

Miss D McNicoll

# MISSION FILE

## GOSPEL

JOHN 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**At that time: As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.**

**The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'It is he.' Others said, 'No, but he is like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.'**

**They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?' And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?' He said, 'He is a prophet.' They answered him, 'You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?' And they cast him out.**

**Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.' He said, 'Lord, I believe', and he worshipped him.**

## WORD OF THE WEEK

# SACRIFICE

## PRAYER

**WHEN YOU LOOK WITH THE EYES OF YOUR HEART, WHERE DO YOU SEE JESUS WORKING IN YOUR LIFE?**

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**PRAY A THANK YOU PRAYER TO JESUS FOR EACH OF THESE.**

## WONDER QUESTIONS

**WHY WAS JESUS SO QUICK TO GO AND FIND THE MAN AFTER HE HAD BEEN TREATED BADLY?**

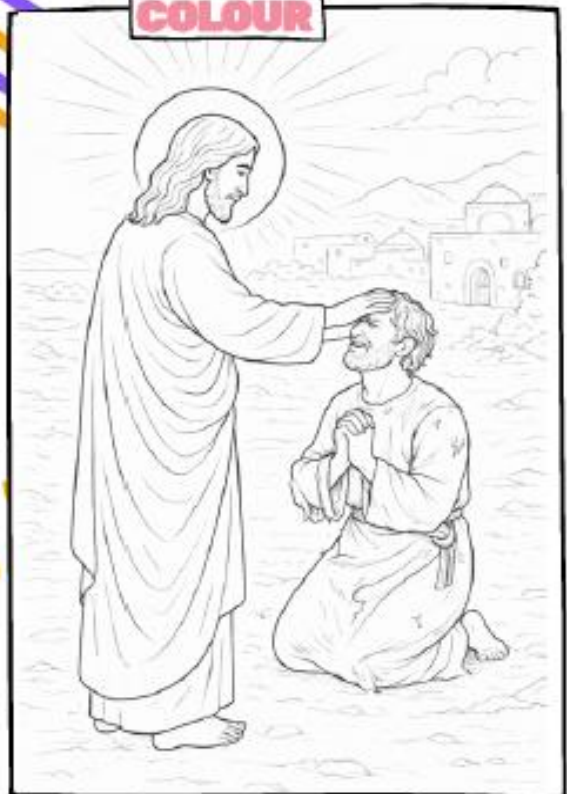
**WHY DID JESUS ASK THE BLIND MAN TO GO TO THE POOL TO WASH HIS EYES?**

**WHY NOT HEAL HIM STRAIGHT AWAY?**

## MISSION

**WRITE DOWN THREE WAYS YOU SEE JESUS AT WORK AND CLOSE TO YOU IN YOUR LIFE. IT MAY BE THAT YOU SEE HIM WORKING THROUGH OTHER PEOPLE OR PERHAPS THERE IS A TIME AND PLACE WHERE YOU PARTICULARLY KNOW THAT HE IS WITH YOU.**

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# **FREE FAMILY COOKING WORKSHOP**

**Saturday 28th March**

**Haslingden Community Link**

**For children aged 5–11 and their parents/carers**

**Session 1 10.45am–11.30am Yoghurt Granola Pots**

**Session 2 11.45–12.30pm Chicken Ceasar Wraps**

**Contact Cath to book your place**

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