



NEWSLETTER



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17th July 2026

Dear Parents

What a busy final week we have had! The children have had so much fun with so many activities taking place including our fantastic World Cup themed days (organised by Miss Reeves), the end of year disco, the ice cream van, coffee afternoon and awards assemblies!

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Today we say a fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils. We had a lovely assembly this morning where we presented them with their 'Records of Achievement'. What an unforgettable cohort these children have been!

This Year 6 has been the strongest, most spirited group we've had in many years — hardworking, kind, resilient, and a joy to teach. They've led by example, supported one another, and brought so much energy and pride to our school.

We will miss them enormously. Their laughter in the corridors, their curiosity in the classroom, and their leadership across the school have left a lasting mark. As they take their next steps, we have no doubt they will go on to do great things. They are ready for the challenges ahead, and we can't wait to hear about all they achieve. We send them on to the next stage of their life journey wrapped in St Mary's love and knowing they will always be an important part of our school family!

Awards

Our annual Year 6 awards were also given out today. Our winners were:

The Michael Davitt Award (for working consistently well during the past 7 years): **Finn**

The Hannah Winstanley Award (for persistently trying hard in all subjects): **Isla C**

The Bernard Conboy Citizenship Award: **Will B**

The Hannah Taylor Sports Award: **Theo M**

The Sue Dean writing Award: **Tom D**

The Roberts Performing Arts Award: **Darcey**

PTA

Thanks to Gemma, Kathryn and Cait who took time from their full time jobs to organise the summer fair last Friday. They raised an amazing £1600. A large amount of the profits raised from PTA events go towards paying for the cost of transport for coaches so the children can go on the wonderful trips we organise for them (at a much reduced rate). Without these events, we wouldn't be able to take the children on so many wonderful experiences. We need more parents to help volunteer for helping out at events the PTA organise so please contact Gemma, Cait or Kathryn if you can spare some time. Without more support, the PTA will have to limit the events they can organise which would be such a shame.

Summer Merit Marks

Congratulations to the following group of children in who were awarded Merit Mark prizes for best effort this term:

Class 1	Louis and Sofia
Class 2	William and Faith
Class 3	Delilah and Daisy
Class 4	Harley and Sophie
Key Stage 1 Sports award	Reign
Key Stage 2 Sports award	Gabriella

Well done also to all our attendance winners who received their prizes in assembly this afternoon.

Rossendale Gold Sport Mark

We are delighted to announce that St Mary's has again achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks to Mrs Wiseman for taking the children to all the inter schools competitions and Miss Reeves for organising all the fun sport events in school.

Rossendale Family Hubs

At the end of the newsletter is information that Rossendale Family Hubs have asked us to share. Families can ring or call into any of the Family hubs over summer when schools are closed and they have 'Talkzone' support 2-10pm every day including weekends. The details are:

Children and Family Wellbeing Service
Rossendale Family Hubs
T: 01772536873

Rossendalefamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk

Talkzone Information and Advice
Talkzone Tel: 0800 511111 (2pm-10pm)
Talkzone Text: 07786 511111 (2pm-10pm)
talkzone@lancashire.gov.uk

School lunches

Due to the cost in food prices, we have to slightly raise the cost of school lunches from September. The new prices will be £3.00 per day (£15.00 per week).

Thank You

Our school production and coffee afternoon raised an amazing £2000 for Bury Hospice. Thank you SO much for your generosity!

Finally, it has been an exhausting few weeks with the school production and all the other exciting activities we have been participating in.

It's fair to say we are all ready for a summer holiday!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all so much for the gifts and cards you have sent to myself and the staff. On behalf of my whole team, I wish you a happy, restful summer. School starts after the six-week break on Wednesday 2nd September.

Yours sincerely

Miss D McNicoll



ROSSENDALE FAMILY HUB

OPEN DAYS

○ Wednesday ○

22nd July

9:30-12:30pm

Rawtenstall Family Hub
and The Zone, Burnley

○ Rd, BB4 8EW. ○

○ Wednesday 5th August ○

9:30-12:30pm

Maden Family Hub,
Rochdale Rd, OL13

○ 9NZ. ○

🍎 Free Food & Refreshments
Available

👉 Come along, get involved, and
see what we have to offer!

**Come and Discover Your
Local Family Hub!**

👨👩👧 Fun for the Whole
Family – Everyone's
Welcome!

✨ Enjoy Our Taster Sessions:

- Infant Massage
- Baby Sensory
- Chat, Play & Read
- Parenting Support
- Inside Out Sessions
- ...and much more!



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