



NEWSLETTER



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11th September 2026

Dear Parents,

What a lovely week it's been! Our new reception children have finished their first full week with us and settled in absolutely wonderfully. It's been a real joy to see them arrive each morning with such enthusiasm and excitement, ready to explore everything that St Mary's has to offer. As we move forward into the coming weeks, we will continue to nurture their development and support their learning in every way we can. These early days are so important, and we're committed to ensuring that every child feels happy, secure, and excited about coming to school.

It's been heart-warming to see how quickly our new pupils have become part of the St Mary's family. They're already learning our routines, making friends across year groups, and discovering what makes our school special.

Class Photos

The photographer will be in school next week on Wednesday taking class photographs for the new academic year. The children will bring home a proof copy and an order form shortly afterwards.

Stars of the week

Today we held our first celebration assembly of the new year and this week's winners are:

R - Ryan	(Class 3)
E - Aiden	(Class 5)
A - Naksha	(Class 2)
C - Liam	(Class 4)
H - Elena	(Class 1)
Miss McNicoll's Mission Statement Award - Sofia	(Class 4)

Star Writer Award

Class 1: Mary
Class 2: Evanny
Class 3: Rosaleen
Class 4: Alice
Class 5: Harley

Star Reader Award

KS1 reader- Faith
KS2 reader- Penny

Open Day

We are having our Open Day for new prospective parents on Tuesday 13th October from 1.30pm – 5.00pm. Please share this information with anyone who you think may be interested.

Please remember that if you are applying for a place at St Mary's for a sibling in September 2027 and your child is a baptised Roman Catholic, we need a copy of their baptism certificate. Please send this into school as soon as possible for our records

Sunday's Gospel Reading

This Sunday's Gospel Reading is from Matthew and the theme is God is always ready to forgive us when we are sorry. But what will you do with that gift of forgiveness? In the Holy Gospel, Jesus shares a parable about a king and a servant who owes a huge debt.

Finally, please a reminder about our morning supervision arrangements when the children are dropped off at school in the morning. From 8.30am onwards, **those pupils attending our paid breakfast club** will be supervised by a member of staff in the playground.

For pupils not attending breakfast club, parents and carers must remain with their child on the playground until their class teacher collects them at 8.50am. This ensures every pupil has an adult responsible for them at all times.

We appreciate your cooperation with this arrangement.

Yours Sincerely
Miss D McNicoll

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, 'Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.'

Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart!

WORD OF THE WEEK

OUTREACH

PRAYER

Write a short prayer thanking God for his never-ending love and forgiveness.

FIND + MEMORISE

The Lord is _____ and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

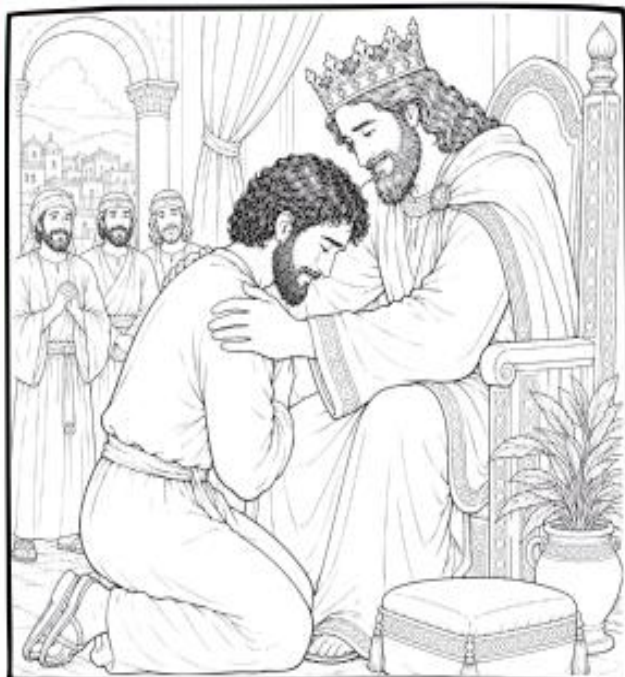
Psalm 103:8



Your Mark 10 Mission is to be a person of forgiveness. Don't hold onto anger or try to get even. Forgive others as you have been forgiven, and let God's love shine through you.



Watch this
week's episodes



WONDER QUESTIONS

How do you think it feels to be completely forgiven?

Do you think it feels better to be the person who is forgiven or the person who forgives?