



Our School, Our Family, Modelled on Christ

St Mary's R C Primary School

Haslingden

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NEWSLETTER

25th September 2026

Dear Parents,

It has been another wonderful week in school, filled with exciting learning opportunities and memorable experiences for our children. Our Year 2 pupils enjoyed a walk to the Haslingden Cenotaph as part of their History learning about Remembrance. The children were fascinated to see the names and dates inscribed on the memorial and spent some time in quiet reflection, demonstrating great respect and thoughtfulness.

Children in Class 4 had the fantastic opportunity to visit Haslingden Primary School for a special reading celebration with children's author Rashmi Sirdeshpande. They thoroughly enjoyed hearing about her new book series and gaining an insight into what life is like as an author. It was an inspiring experience that sparked plenty of enthusiasm for reading and writing.

On Thursday this week, a group of Y5/6 girls represented school at a 'Fun Football' event and were awarded the 'Schools Values Award' for their passion, attitude and sportsmanship. Well done girls and thank you to Mrs Wiseman for organising the event.

We began the week with a thoughtful whole-school Celebration of the Word, reflecting on last Sunday's Gospel and the theme of generosity. The children engaged with maturity and sincerity, sharing reflections that demonstrated both compassion and a deep understanding of how they can show generosity in their own lives.

Parents Days

Thanks to all our new Reception parents who attended the parent information meeting with Miss Hall on Wednesday.

A reminder that individual 'Meet the Teacher' dates for this term are as follows:

Reception Class : Wednesday 14th October

Year 1 : Monday 12th October

Year 2 : Thursday 15th October

Class 3 : Thursday 15th October

Class 4: Tuesday 13th October

Class 5 : Wednesday 14th October

Parent App messages have been sent this week for you to choose an appointment time.

PTA Meeting

The PTA are having their annual AGM evening in school (and their first meeting of the new school year) on **Monday 5th October at 6pm**. New parents are especially welcome, and we are encouraging current members of the PTA to bring a new parent who hasn't previously attended

any of the previous meetings. It will be a great opportunity to meet other parents and find out about the amazing events the PTA plan and to share ideas for future events.

Stars of the week

Our winners this week are:

R - Ruby	Class 5
E - Astrid	Class 4
A - Rosie	Class 3
C - Daisy	Class 2
H - Gabriele	Class 1
Miss McNicoll's Mission Statement Award – Saoirse and Betsy	Class 5

Star Writer Award

Class 1: Zachary

Class 2: Jenson

Class 3: Charlotte

Class 4: Murphy

Class 5: Aisha

Star Reader Award

KS1 reader- Holly

KS2 reader- Ada

School Uniform

We have a good supply of pre-loved uniform available in school. If you require any items, these can be requested any time by completing a form on ParentApp which the office team will then process. We will also hold a half-termly uniform shop in school. The first shop will be open on Friday 16th October at 8:30am in the school hall.

Open Day

A reminder 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.

This week's Gospel Reading

Next week, as we enter the month of October, we will be launch a brand new Rosary Challenge! In preparation for this challenge, we listen to the Gospel of Luke and the Annunciation. The Mission file to share with your child is attached below.

Yours Sincerely
Miss D McNicoll

GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

At that time: The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!' But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

And Mary said to the angel, 'How will this be, since I am a virgin?' And the angel answered her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy – the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' And Mary said, 'Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.' And the angel departed from her.

FIND + MEMORISE

The Almighty works marvels
for me. — — — his name!

Luke 1:49

Your Mark 10 Mission is to complete
The Rosary Challenge. This October,
take up your Rosary, press play on our
videos and pray along with us!



Watch this
week's episodes

WORD OF THE WEEK

LISTEN

PRAYER

Write your own version of the Magnificat.

*My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices
in God my Saviour because...*



WONDER QUESTIONS

Why do you think Our Lady was chosen to be the
Mother of God?

What makes the Holy Rosary such a powerful and
loved prayer?