St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy

Reflecting the love and faith of Mary in all that we do.

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Newsletter

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The Blessed Peter Snow Catholic Academy Trust

19th October 2026

October Half Term

We break up for half term at the end of the school day on Friday.

We are back in school on TUESDAY 3rd November due to staff training taking place on Monday 2nd November.

We hope you have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you next half term.

Rosary Prayer Sessions

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. On Wednesday and Friday throughout the month of October we will be holding rosary prayer sessions in the main school hall at 8.45am.

Blessed Chiara Badano

In line with Bishop Marcus' vision for Catholic Education, the Blessed Peter Snow Trust will be merging with the Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust to create a new multi-academy Trust, Blessed Chiara Badano Catholic Academy Trust.

Although we do not have a set time scale for this merger, we are marking Blessed Chiara Badano's feast day in school this week. Due to the feast day happening within the half term break, all schools within the new Trust will access a special liturgy online on Thursday 22nd October. Mrs Walker will also be attending a special Mass on 22nd October with some pupil representatives, alongside pupils and staff from all of the other Trust schools across the Diocese.

Dates for the Diary

9.10am on 21st October – 34KS Black History Month assembly

22nd October – Individual and siblings photographs

10th November - History workshops in Y5/6

11th November - History workshops in Y3/4

11-13th November – Y6 to Robinwood

9.10am 18th November – PSHE Showcase

20th November – Non-uniform day (donations for Christmas Fayre)

9.10am 25th November – Phonics and Reading Showcase

3.30m 27th November – PTFA Christmas Fayre

School Photographs

School photo day will be taking place on Thursday 22nd October in school. Individual and sibling photos will be taken throughout the morning. If you have younger siblings that do not attend St Mary's, you are invited to come into school at 8.30am to have their sibling photograph taken.

Confirmation Preparation

Our final Confirmation Session is taking place at 5pm on 5th November. We look forward to seeing our families there.

Baby News

A huge congratulations to Miss Torevell and her partner on the birth of their baby boy Archie, who they welcomed to the world on 22nd September. We are sending them all of our well wishes.

Mini Vinnies Commissioning Ceremony

Our Mini Vinnies Commissioning Ceremony will be taking place in school at 10.15am on 4th November. All are welcome to join to celebrate our new Mini Vinnies that have been selected for this academic year.

Uniform Policy

A reminder that all of our KS2 pupils should have a pair of pumps in school that they change into when they are inside. This helps keep our school clean and tidy especially in the winter months as weather outside worsens.

We also expect all children to have a full PE kit in school at all times. These will be sent home with your child every half term to wash. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school, in line with our uniform policy.

Attendance

A polite reminder that no term time holidays will be authorised in school. We ask that all holidays are planned during the 13 weeks of school holidays that we have every year.

Parish Race Night

All are invited to the St Mary's Race Night that is being held on 13th November at The Catholic Club on Hopwood Lane. Tickets are available at St Mary's church or ask at the school office. Tickets are £7.50 which includes pie and peas, and there will be 5 races as well as other games.

Other Faiths Week: Hinduism

As part of our RE curriculum, we will be holding our first 'Other Faiths Week' of the academic year, with a focus on Hinduism.

This is an amazing opportunity for our pupils to learn about another faith, especially as some of our Hindu pupils prepare for Diwali.

Macmillan Total Money Raised

This year school raised a total of

£767

for Macmillan Cancer Support.
Thank you to everyone who attended the coffee morning and for all your generous donations.

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Term Dates 2026-2027

The pupil holiday dates for the academic year 2026-2027 are as follows:

Holiday	*Close*	*Open*
Autumn	----------	Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Half Term	Friday 23rd October 2026	Tuesday 3rd November 2026
Christmas	Friday 18th December 2026	Tuesday 5th January 2027
Half Term	Friday 12th February 2027	Monday 22nd February 2027
Easter	Thursday 25th March 2027	Monday 12th April 2027
May Day	Monday 3rd May 2027	Tuesday 4th May 2027
Half Term	Thursday 27th May 2027	Monday 7th June 2027
Summer	Tuesday 20th July 2027	----------

Staff Training Days:
Tuesday 1st September 2026, Monday 2nd November 2026,
Monday 4th January 2027, Friday 28th May 2027, Wednesday 21st July 2027