



School Prayer This Week

Dear God, Thank you for the food we have each day and for all the people who help provide it. Help us to share with others and care about those who do not have enough. Guide us to work together, so that everyone can have access to healthy and nutritious food. Amen.



School Information

- **Guess the Puppy's name** – Year 3 are on a mission to support Guide Dogs for the Blind, and we've got something 'pawsome' to share! There's a massive dog teddy up for grabs, and here's how to get in on the fun: bring 20p on Tuesday, October 20th and take a guess at the pup's name. There are only 100 to choose from so only one go per child.
- **Parents evening** – will be held Wednesday 25th November 2026. We will be sending home letters for parents and carers to book a slot for your child's parents evening.
- **Medical appointments** – We kindly request that medical appointments be scheduled outside of school hours whenever possible. We recognize that this is not always feasible, and we appreciate your consideration in planning around the school day when you can.
- **School Uniform** - Please can all children wear their full uniform, **including their tie**, and make sure they are wearing school shoes **NOT** trainers unless it is PE. Ties & Book Bags can be bought from the school office or via school gateway; Ties are £4.50. Book bags are £3.50. PE tops and long-sleeved quarter zips can also be purchased via our online supplier [here](https://www.lpes.uk/st-mary--st-josephs-240-c.asp).
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School Attendance and Punctuality

Reception	99.2%	Year 1	97.5%	Year 2	85.0%
Year 3	99.2%	Year 4	98.2%	Year 5	99.2%
	Year 6	96.7%	Overall total	96.4%	

This week's winners – Attendance Reception, Year 3, Year 5 - Punctuality – Year 3

Diary

Tues 20 th Oct	Guess the Puppy's name – 20p to play
Wed 21 st Oct	Art Gallery @ 2pm £2 per adult Whole school
Wed 21 st Oct	Break up for half term at 3.25pm
Mon 2 nd Nov	School re-opens at 8:45am
Fri 6 th Nov	Non-uniform day - £1
Tues 10 th Nov	Year 3-6 - Believe in Magic @ King Georges Hall - 10:30am
Fri 13 th Nov	Year 3-4 - Cinema Trip 10am
Wed 18 th Nov	Year 5-6 – Cinema Trip 10am
Thurs 19 th Nov	School Photo Day
Fri 20 th Nov	Non – uniform day Please bring Chocolate
Mon 23 rd Nov	Got to Dance Burnley – Dance Troupe
Tues 24 th Nov	Year 2 – Cinema Trip 10:30am
Wed 25 th Nov	Parents evening
Mon 30 th Nov	Wear something Blue for St Andrews
Fri 4 th Dec	School Christmas Fayre
Tue 8 th Dec	Whole school trip – Pantomime King Georges Hall
Thurs 10 th Dec	Nativity
Tue 15 th Dec	Children Christmas Dinner
Fri 18 th Dec	School closes @ 1:15pm for Christmas Break

SMSJ Art Gallery

Our pupils have created wonderful artwork during our 'Sip and Paint' sessions at school. We are pleased to invite you to view these creations.

Our Art Gallery showcase is on **Wednesday, 21st October 2026 at 2pm**. Admission is £2 per adult to enter our Art Gallery on the day.

Your visit will include entrance to the gallery, the opportunity to participate in an art workshop alongside your child, and refreshments. All proceeds will support future school experiences for our pupils.



Our
School
Community
Creates...
♡

ART GALLERY

Paint
& Sip
created
by all year
groups!
♡

An exhibition of creativity,
community and our
wonderful world
♡

All year
groups have
participated
in a paint & sip
event to create
a piece of artwork
linking to
our wonderful
world.
♡



📅
Wednesday
21st October
at 2pm
—♡—

🎫 **£2**
per adult
to attend

☕ Refreshments
will be available!
—♡—

£2 includes:

- ♡ entrance to our exclusive SMSJ art gallery
- ♡ opportunity to participate in art workshops with your children.



All donations
will contribute
towards future
school experiences
for all children.
—♡—



Guess the Puppy's Name!

Help
change
lives
♥

Pick a name
from our list of
100 and help
raise money for
the Guide Dogs!



20p
to choose
a name from
a list of 100!



Win a cuddly
soft toy puppy!



Small change...
big difference! ♥

Edit



Tuesday 20th
October 2026



**Guide
Dogs**

Life-changing support
for people with sight



FREE SCHOOL MEALS



GUIDE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Worth Applying Even If You Are Not Sure

Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility is changing from
September 2026

Many families are entitled to Free School Meals and don't realise it?

Applying is quick, confidential, and could save your family money while supporting your child and our school.

Why should I apply?

- Your child gets a free, healthy school meal every day
- You could save money on food costs
- The school may receive extra funding to support children's learning
- Applying will not affect your other benefits
- Your application is private

How To Apply - It Takes Just A few Minutes

- Go to our council website and search "Free School Meals" or scan the QR Code
- Complete the online form (you'll need your National Insurance number)
- Wait for confirmation – the school will be informed automatically

Scan me



Trust

Respect

Ambition

Collaboration

Kindness



Our Children's
Services are...





We accept childcare
vouchers and Tax Free
Childcare!

PALS Active Club is Opening at ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL,

Times:

3:25pm - 4:00pm

3:25pm - 4:25pm

3:25pm - 5:00pm

INCLUDES SNACK



Prices:

3:25pm - 4:00pm £4.00

3:25pm - 4.25pm £6.00

3:25pm - 5:00pm £7.00

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: FUN MULTI-SPORTS ACTIVITIES, LEGO WORKSHOPS, CRAZY STEM ACTIVITIES, ERUPTING VOLCANOES, ARTS AND CRAFTS, BAKING, PLUS MUCH MORE!

COMPETITION worth £100!

Register your child's details below and we will pick one lucky winner to receive £100 worth of PALS vouchers.

How to book;

Click or scan here

Click or visit;

<https://pals.ipalbookings.com>



Need help with your booking or have a question? Please contact us;



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