



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

13th September 2024

Thank you for the warm welcome to St Mary Magdalen's. It has been great to see how quickly the children have settled back into school life. I've been spending some time in Reception and it's brilliant to see how they have gelled as a class already! Well done Reception.

I've visited every class this week, to look at R.E. and it's been wonderful to see the children so engaged in their work.

Thank you for your support.

Prayer to St Mary Magdalen

*O Glorious St. Magdalen,
"model of penitents,"
obtain for me
the grace of perseverance
in the practices of self-denial
according to the Spirit
of my vows;
pray to God for me
that I may appear before Jesus
Our Lord and Master,
at the moment of my death,
with my lamp
filled with the oil of faith
and hope, and burning
with the pure flame of charity;
and thus merit to be received
with thee into
His eternal Kingdom.
Amen.*

Term Dates 2024-2025

Autumn Term

Monday 2 September: Inset Day – school closed

Tuesday 3 September: autumn term begins

Monday 4 November: Inset Day – school closed

Friday 20 December: school closes for Christmas holidays (1pm)

Half Term: Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November

Spring term

Monday 6 January: Inset Day – school closed

Tuesday 7 January: spring term begins

Friday 4 April: school closes for Easter holidays (1pm)

Half Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February

Summer Term

Tuesday 22 April: summer term begins

Monday 5 May: May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 23 May: Inset Day – school closed

Friday 20 June: Inset Day – school closed

Tuesday 22 July: school closes for summer holidays (1pm)

Half term: Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May

Dates for your diary this half term

Monday 16th September – Year 2 Parents' Information Meeting (after drop off)

Tuesday 17th September – Reception Parents' Information Meeting (after drop off)

Wednesday 18th September – Year 1 Parents' Information Meeting (after drop off)

Thursday 19th September – Secondary Transfer Meeting (after drop off)

Friday 20th September – Parents' Open Morning 2025-2026 – 9.30-10.30a.m.

Friday 20th September – Year 5 Cake Sale

23rd- 27th September – Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip

Thursday 26th September – Pupil Chaplains Visit to St George's Cathedral

Friday 27th September – Year 4 Cake Sale

Sunday 29th September – International Food Fair - 12-3p.m.

Wednesday 2nd October – Harvest Mass 9.30-10.30am

Friday 4th October – Year 3 Cake Sale

Tuesday 8th October - Parents' Open Morning 2025-2026 – 2.00-3.00p.m.

Friday 11th October – Year 2 Cake Sale

Friday 11th October – Second-hand Costumes and Christmas jumpers brought into school

Monday 14th October - Nasal Flu Immunisation R-Year 6

Friday 18th October – Second-hand sale of Costumes and Christmas jumpers

Tuesday 22nd October – Parents' Evening 3.40-5.40p.m.

Thursday 24th October - Parents' Evening 5.00-7.00p.m.

Friday 25th October – Autumn Disco – time tbc

Parent Information Meetings

Thank you to everyone who has already attended the Parent Information Meetings. The presentations will be in your child’s Google Classroom if you were unable to attend. The remaining meetings will be next week after drop off in the school hall.

Uniform

Our uniform is a great source of pride for us. Please see the table below with information regarding our school uniform.

Winter (autumn 2 and spring term)	Summer (autumn 1 and summer term)
white shirt school tie short/long light grey trousers or light grey skirt or pinafore dress red school v neck jumper or cardigan white or grey socks or tights sensible black shoes red/white hair ribbons/bands.	white open necked short sleeved school polo shirt (no tie) short/long grey trousers or light grey skirt or pinafore dress red/white candy stripe dress (not checked) red school v neck jumper or cardigan (if needed) white or grey socks sensible black, red or white shoes – closed toes and heels school sunhat red/white hair ribbons/bands.
PE	navy and red polo shirt navy and red shorts or plain navy shorts or navy tracksuit bottoms red sweat shirt socks trainers or plimsolls Optional item: red fleece. PE bag PE Uniform should be worn to school on the days when children have PE lessons. Your class teacher will share these days with parents at your information meeting.

Trainers should not be worn with uniform; they may be worn when the children are in their outdoor P.E. kit. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ARE CLEARLY MARKED.** This enables us to return lost property almost immediately.

Headteacher Tea Party

Mr Brannigan is looking forward to holding a tea party at the end of term for the two children in each class who have best demonstrated a Catholic Social Teaching Principle. This term we will be focusing on **The Common Good** which means **Thinking of Everyone**. This is also Year 1's Class Principle. We would also like to say thank you to Bridget Schmidt who has crocheted a Catholic Social Teaching Mascot for every class based on the characters below. We are so grateful!



Pupil of the Week

Reception - Hattie – For being a fantastic role model

Year 1 – Alice - For being a brilliant role model

Year 2 - Eliza – For always being helpful in the classroom and trying extremely hard with all of your work

Year 3 – Rory – For excellent effort and concentration with his writing this week

Year 4 – Oliver – For diligence in class and standout presentation in all of your books

Year 5 – Ava – For her beautiful, thoughtful and creative work in all lessons

Year 6 – Sofia – For engagement and diligence in lessons.

Nut Free School

To safeguard our children and staff with allergies, any food containing or described as nuts are not permitted on the school premises. Our Nut-Free Policy means that the following items should not be brought into school or to any PTA sale events: packs of nuts, peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches, cakes, fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts, chocolate, chocolate bars or sweets that contain or may contain nuts. Our suppliers provide us with nut-free products. Homemade snacks, party food and PTA food contributions must have a label detailing all ingredients present and the kitchen environment where the food was prepared must be nut free. Please be particularly mindful of this on cake sale days.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Brannigan