



# St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy

## JANUARY - Newsletter

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### Dear Parents, Carers, and School Community,

As we gathered for our Epiphany Mass on the first day of term, the children's beautiful singing of Love Shone Down reminded us of the light of Christ that guides our journey. It was a powerful start to the year, setting the tone for our outlook and promise to nurture every child in faith, learning, and love.

The Feast of the Epiphany calls us to reflect on the gifts brought by the Wise Men – gold, frankincense, and myrrh – each symbolising something precious: kingship, divinity, and sacrifice. These gifts inspire us in our learning and living. Just as the Magi offered what was most valuable, we encourage our children to share their own gifts – their talents, kindness, and curiosity – with others.

As we continue to nurture the values of generosity, humility, and hope, we do so in the name of Jesus Christ. These values will underpin our curriculum and daily life, reminding us that education is not only about knowledge but about forming hearts that shine with love and service.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we journey together in faith.

Blessings,

Mr J. O'Connor and Mrs S Barnsley



### STAFF CAR PARK

This is a reminder that the staff car park is for staff and deliveries only. Please do not park or walk through the car park at any time. This is for health and safety reasons for you and your children. Thank you



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### DATES FOR THE DIARY

(More important dates/times to be added please keep checking Class Dojo)



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January

Year 4 Swimming

-

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January

Year 4 Swimming

-

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Dental Checks

Year 3 and Year 4 Dodgeball Competition (selected children only)

-

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Year 4 Swimming

-

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January

Year 3 and Year 4 Athletics Competition (selected children only)

-

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January

Year 4 Swimming

-

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Year 4 Swimming

Year 5 Dance Festival

-

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Year 4 Get it Glow

-

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Year 6 Get it Glow

Year 4 Swimming

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

School Closed for Teachers Training Day

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Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Back to school





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### INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW



#### BREAKFAST CLUB AND SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please book breakfast club via Arbor App. This runs from 7.45am and children have breakfast and join in on some fun activities with their friends. Lunches are booked via the app also.

#### AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

Please book afterschool clubs via Arbor App. These run from 3.30pm-4.30pm and collection from hall door. Parents must advise the office if any of their children in Year 5 or Year 6 are walking home.

Choir - Y3/Y6 - Monday - (SPACES)

Dance with Lincs Inspire - Y1-Y6 - Tuesday (FULL)

Multisport - Y1-Y3 - Tuesday - (FULL)

Multisport - Y4-Y6 - Wednesday - (SPACES)

Let's Go Grimsby - Tuesday (Parents must sign up via the office this is a term time course and next one will take place after February half term.)

#### PERMISSIONS TO TAKE HOME AND MEDICAL FORMS

Please can all information be kept updated. It is parents/carer responsibility to keep all information updated for your child/children, especially any new medical information. This can be seen on the Arbor App and you can request changes and updates on there.

#### UNIFORM

If you require any uniform, please contact Uniform Direct on 01472 347800. Address is 54 Victoria Street, Grimsby DN31 1BL.

#### WEATHER

With the cold weather please can children come to school in sensible warm clothing. Hats, gloves and a coat should be named. Please take care on the paths to and from school.

#### FORMS

Please can parents/carers fill and update the Pupil Consent Form. If you haven't received a copy, please ask the office.

#### SCHOOL WEBSITE

<https://www.saintmarysprimarygrimsby.co.uk/> please visit the school website for all updated information on the school.

### RAISING MONEY

A big thank you for your support with raising money for charities at Christmas. We raised £77.42 for children in need and £67.63 for Christmas Jumper Day.

THANK YOU







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### WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO AT ST MARYS

#### ENTERPRISE WEEK

Well done to the children and staff who worked together making items for stalls to sell at Enterprise week. Hot dogs, wrapping paper, bookmarks and much more were on offer.

Thank you to our parents and carers who supported us. With a fantastic amount of £1037.66 made for the school.







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### JACK AND THE BEANSTALK PANTO 2025



### FATHER CHRISTMAS CAME TO VISIT



### MAKING CHRISTINGLES AND CHRISTINGLE MASS





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## CATHOLIC LIFE AT ST MARYS

During the Advent term children at St Mary's put themselves forward to be selected as either a Mini Vinnies, the chaplaincy team or on the student council.

The Mini-Vinnies are a team of children who will be looking at different local, national and international charities that we can support across the year. We will be thinking of different ideas in which to fundraise for these charities. Already, we have supported The Rock Foundation for our Harvest festival which is a local charity and then later in the year we will be looking at supporting CAFOD as an international charity.

The Chaplaincy team looks at the Liturgical year and helps with planning and delivering Celebrations of the word. As a team we have planned and delivered the Harvest Celebration of the word, and we are planning on delivering more of these as the year goes on.

The Student Council together with the Head Boy and Head Girl and their deputies are looking at the Catholic Life and Mission of the School. We are looking at Catholic Social teachings which are at the forefront of our way of life at St Mary's and what sets us apart from other schools. The ideas of looking out for the poor, respect for others and stewardship for creation are what our focus is on. We do this by showing this around our school by leading by example and helping others grow in the faith of Christ, because We Value all in the Name of Jesus the Christ.

