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# St. Mary's News

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## Happy Christmas Everyone

Today St. Mary's closes for the Christmas break. Our children have enjoyed a super Autumn term. It has been wonderful to welcome new children into our school family—they have all settled so well. December has been busy and everyone deserves a well earned break. "Thank you" to you all for the support you give to our school. See you next year in 2018. *Have a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.*



## St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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## Attendance Reports

Yesterday your child brought home an attendance report. This gave details of the national average and school average attendance rates. Every day in school really does count and there is clear evidence that low attendance can lead to low achievement. If you would like support or advice regarding school attendance, please contact school for an initial discussion.



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Celebration Assembly**  
Fri. 22nd Dec. at 10.30 am  
**End of Term**  
Fri. 22nd Dec. at 2.00pm  
**School Re-Opens**  
Thurs. 4th January  
**Half Term**  
12-16th February



## St. Mary's Runners

New Year Challenge? How about signing up for the Liverpool Half Marathon 2018. The event takes place on 25th March. If you can jog, run or walk—join our team. Enter over the Christmas period at [www.btrliverpool.com](http://www.btrliverpool.com) It would be great to have a team of parents and friends taking part. A fundraising page will be set up to see if we can raise money for Nugent. All of our children will take part in the school 'Fun Run' at the end of the Spring Term—so why not show them an example! For more details contact Mr. Nolan or Mrs. Marshall.

## Nugent Christmas Collection

The gifts you donated to Nugent were delivered this week. They will be distributed by the Housing Support Unit to families in need.

The officer who received your gifts was astounded at the amount donated by our relatively small school community.

Well done everyone



## A Message from Pope Francis

"Every stranger that knocks at our door is an opportunity to meet Jesus".  
(via [@Pontifex](https://twitter.com/Pontifex))

## Thank You

The staff of St. Mary's are very grateful for the Christmas gifts you have sent in this week. Thank you, your kindness is appreciated.

## Advent Mass

This Wednesday our whole school enjoyed Mass at St. Elizabeth's. Our children joined with our parish to celebrate our school Advent journey. They sang beautifully and read their prayers so well. Thank you to Father Godric, Father Richard, Mr. Geldart and everyone who came along.

Carol Service, Friday 22nd St. Elizabeth's at 7.00pm  
Christmas Vigil Mass — Christmas Eve at 7.00pm  
Christmas Day Mass at 9.30 am



## Stars of the Week

Each week we will be letting you know the names of the children who have been stars. This week our stars are:

### End of Term Award

Marlee  
Marco  
Harry  
Matilda  
Alexander  
Flynn  
Alfie



### Headteacher's Award

Jason



## Birthdays

Birthdays to celebrate over the coming 2 weeks:  
Shems Qamar Caleb Eddie  
Jaden Ryan Joel



### Family Maths Investigation

On a farm there were some hens and sheep. Altogether there were 8 heads and 22 feet. How many hens were there? **Answer: There were 5 hens and 3 sheep**

### Diary Dates

Fri. 22nd December - Celebration Assembly at 10.30 am  
 Fri. 22nd December - School Closes at 2.00 pm  
 Fri. 22nd December - Carol Service at St. Elizabeth's Church at 7.00pm  
**Thurs. 4th January - School re-opens for Spring Term**  
 Mon 12th-16th February- Half Term



### Measles Outbreak

There is an increase in measles in Liverpool and Leeds and some countries across Europe, affecting young unimmunised children. Measles is highly infectious. It can cause serious illness and can sometimes be fatal. Vaccination with 2 doses of MMR is the safest way to protect children and young people.

The first MMR vaccine is given to toddlers at the age of 13 months and the second vaccine at around 3 years and 4 months before your child goes to school. MMR can be given to older children, teenagers and young adults if they missed their injections when they were younger. **Contact your GP practice if your child needs an MMR vaccine.** The vaccine is free. If you are not sure if your child needs an MMR vaccine, you can contact the GP practice to ask.

**Measles is not just a little kid's problem.** Teenagers, young adults and anyone who has missed their MMR vaccination can get measles. The first signs of measles are fever, cough, runny nose and red sore eyes. After a few days, a spotty rash will appear. It starts on the face and neck before spreading to the rest of the body.

If you think your child has measles:

- ◆ Ring your GP practice for advice
- ◆ Please don't turn up to the surgery, walk in centre or to accident and emergency without calling ahead. The doctor will make special arrangements to see your child so that if your child has got measles they won't pass it on to others
- ◆ Keep people with symptoms of measles away from others to avoid spreading measles and stay away from school, nursery or work for 5 days after the onset of rash.

If you would like more information, see

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles>

### After School Club—Booking Form

If you would like to reserve a place at the St. Mary's After School Club: Sessions run from 3.20 pm to 5.00pm, costs £3.50 per child and until 6.00pm the cost is £5.00 per child, and includes a drink of juice and a snack/biscuit. Cheques to St. Mary's please.

W/C: 1st January	Until 5.00pm	Until 6.00pm
Monday, 1st	Closed	Closed
Tuesday, 2nd	Closed	Closed
Wednesday, 3rd	Closed	Closed
Thursday, 4th		
Friday, 5th		

W/C: 8th January	Until 5.00pm	Until 6.00pm
Monday, 8th		
Tuesday, 9th		
Wednesday, 10th		
Thursday, 11th		
Friday, 12th		

W/C: 15th January	Until 5.00pm	Until 6.00pm
Monday, 15th		
Tuesday, 16th		
Wednesday, 17th		
Thursday, 18th		
Friday, 19th		

W/C: 22nd January	Until 5.00pm	Until 6.00pm
Monday, 22nd		
Tuesday, 23rd		
Wednesday, 24th		
Thursday, 25th		
Friday, 26th		

Signed .....