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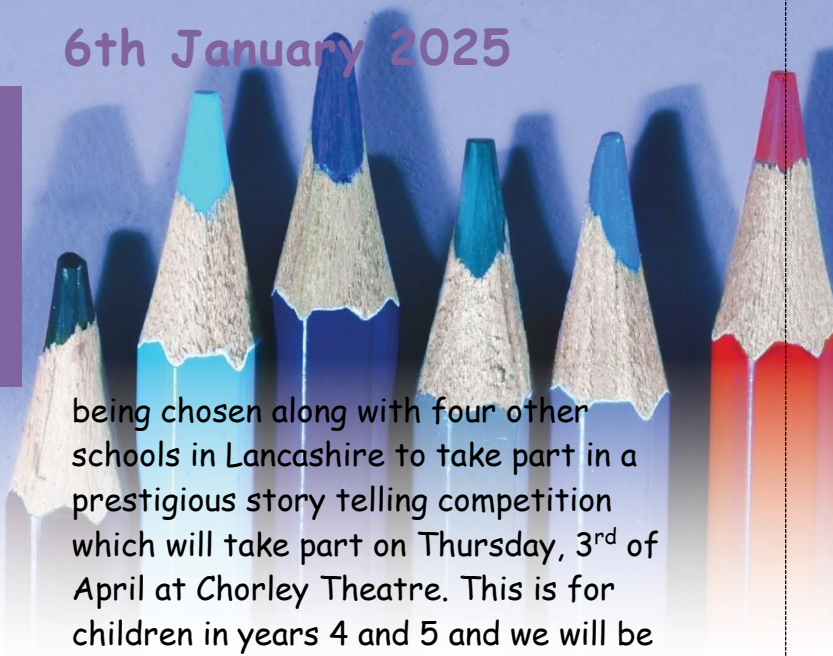
# St. Mary's Primary and Pre-school Newsletter (8)

## SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

We come together as Saint Mary's family, to learn, share our faith and do our best, to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome back to school after the Christmas break. We hope you all had a lovely and peaceful Christmas and we would all like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. The children have been thinking about their New Year Resolutions this morning and what they would like to achieve over 2025. We all pray that it is a calm and loving year and one that we all take time to think of others around us and put others first where possible. We have a lot of exciting things to look forward to this academic year including taking part in 'Preston Sings at Lancashire' again and 'The Lancashire Schools Storytelling Festival 2025' which we are very excited about. The singing production is for children from years 2 up to years 6 and will be held in Preston on 17<sup>th</sup> June - probably in the afternoon at the Crossgate Church. Please do come if you can - it was absolutely amazing last year and the children made us very proud. We will be starting to learn the songs this week. We are very proud also of



being chosen along with four other schools in Lancashire to take part in a prestigious story telling competition which will take part on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of April at Chorley Theatre. This is for children in years 4 and 5 and we will be given a Scottish folk story that we will have to dramatise. More details of these events will emerge as we know more.

## SWIMMING LESSONS

This half term, it is year 3's turn to go swimming on Friday afternoons. Please ensure that all the children have their swimming kits and towels with them on Friday. A member of staff will be taking them on the bus with Veronica. If you have any questions about swimming lessons, please do not hesitate to ask. We are aware that some children are very nervous about going swimming and we totally understand their anxieties. However, it is part of the National Curriculum but more importantly, an important life skill that could save their lives in the future. They will always be fully supported in the pool and they use floating devices at all times until the swimming instructor is confident that they don't need them.

## What's Happening?

### Dates for your diary.....

Mass in Church - Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 9.30am  
Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 9.30am

School Council Meetings - 8<sup>th</sup> Jan, 15<sup>th</sup> Jan, 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan, 29<sup>th</sup> Jan, 5<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9am

Governors meeting in school - 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 5pm

Open the book - 28<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am

Viking Day for yrs 4/5/6 - 4<sup>th</sup> February

Trip to Sainsburys for pre-school and Reception - 5<sup>th</sup> February

Friendship Day (organised by the school council) - 14<sup>th</sup> February

Break up for half term - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

