



St Mary of Charity Primary

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th December 2025

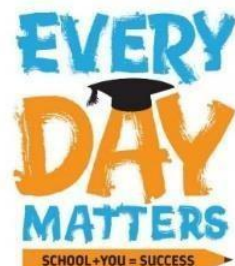
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Attendance



EYFS Hamilton	Year 1 Donaldson	Year 2 Anning	Year 3 Malala	Year 4 Hockney	Year 5 Rosen	Year 6 Attenborough
88.9%	89.9%	95.3%	93.1%	93.9%	94.4%	93.4%
Term 2 93.6%		Year to Date 95.1%			Target 96%	

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended the Carols on the Playground event today, it was lovely to see so many there and

Next week is the last week of term which means it is an exceptionally busy week in school...

On Monday the children will all be watching the full-dress rehearsal of the KS1 Nativity which is always great fun. The performances to parents are on Tuesday, please remember that this is a ticketed event and that there is only space for you to attend the performance that you have tickets for.

On Wednesday we will be celebrating Christmas Day with a Christmas lunch and a visit from Father Christmas. The children are welcome to wear Christmas Jumpers on this day.

On Thursday classes will be having parties, information regarding these will be sent out from your child's class teacher, Year 2 will be singing at Abbey fields care home and some Year 6 children will take part in a special golden ticket event.

Which finally leads us to Friday when we will be holding our Christingle Service at the Church at 9.30am, all parents are welcome to join us and we hope to see you there. Please be aware

that the school day finishes at the earlier time of 2pm on Friday 19th.

Finally, I would like to say a huge well done to some of our Year 2 children who attended an Infant Agility competition at Herne Bay High School on Wednesday this week and were awarded first place. They have been proudly wearing their medals this week, well done.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Rowley-Jones
Headteacher



£35
per Day



ARTS HOLIDAY CLUB

16,17,18TH FEBRUARY 2026

St Mary of Charity Primary School,
Faversham

10am-4pm (wraparound care from
9am-5pm additional £5)

suitable
for all
primary
school
ages

WHO ARE WE?



We're a Kent-based community arts not for profit who believe in the power of the arts to transform people and places. The majority of our work is with communities in Gravesend & Dartford, but as our Artistic Director has recently moved to Faversham, we have decided to trial our highly successful holiday clubs here.

We've been running holiday clubs for 5 years, and what makes our sessions so brilliant is that they are always run by artists (fully trained and DBS checked) so children always go home with great crafts and having learned something new.

Our sessions are mostly visual arts based, with a few theatre games thrown in too. If you've got any questions, please email us - ella@blueprintarts.co.uk



**PLEASE
NOTE..**



**Breakfast
Club**



We run our own **Breakfast Club** and **After School Club**; spaces for these need to be pre-booked at least 24 hrs in advance using the MCAS App. Please contact the school office if you need support booking a place for your child.

Breakfast Club: 7:30am-8:35am

After School Club: 3:15pm- 6pm (with a 4pm, 5pm & 6pm collection option)

Please note: If you wish to collect after 5pm, we require 7 days' notice. Contact the office via email or phone to book a 6pm slot.



We have a large amount of school uniform in the lost/unclaimed uniform box in the reception area. Please do check if you are missing any items. Anything not claimed will be passed onto the community wardrobe.

Please ensure that you name all of your child's school uniform, including lunchboxes and water bottles to prevent items getting lost.

Cold and Extreme weather

We have reached the time of year when the weather has turned. Please do ensure that your child comes into school with appropriate clothing, including coats, hats and gloves.

Each morning the site is assessed by Mr Muddiman who clears and salts paths, please do ensure that you take care as freezing temperatures can make paths extremely icy.

In the event of a school closure due to severe weather you will be contacted as early as possible by a notification on the MCAS app, we will also post information on ClassDojo and our Facebook page.



This week in Worship

The children have been busy rehearsing songs and readings for our Christingle Service where we consider the true meaning of Christmas.

Feed my lambs.....take care of my sheep.” John: 21

We are a community where everyone is included. A place of nurture where through creative learning, acceptance and celebration we are all able to flourish. Our inclusive school encourages children to be curious, passionate, ambitious and courageous. Everyone at St Mary of Charity is determined to be confident in who they are, aspire to realise their full potential and support each other through respect, honesty and forgiveness. Guided by Jesus we are accepting of the wonderful diversity within our community and have hope that our children will continue to advocate for and celebrate the unique needs of all throughout our wider world.



COLLECTIVE CELEBRATION

**Due to Carols on the
Playground we did not have
Celebration Worship on
Friday.**

**Our last Celebration Worship
of this term will be held next
Friday.**





INTERNET SAFETY

This week's poster is about **TOY SCALPING, FAKES & SCAMS**. Please continue to monitor your child's online behaviour and access. If you need help with a specific app we have not highlighted yet, please talk to Mrs Ling.

ATTENDANCE



If your child is poorly and unable to come to school, please ensure that you inform the office via telephone or leave a message on our answer phone.

DROP OFF

Can we please remind parents that school gates shut at **8:45am**. If you arrive late, please drop off your child/ children at the school office.

For safeguarding reasons we do not allow parents/carers to drop off their children to their classes.

MAIN ENTRY

**ALL VISITORS
MUST REPORT
TO THE
SCHOOL OFFICE**



We would politely ask all parents/carers to supervise your child carefully during drop off and pick up. Some children have been seen standing in the flowerbeds and picking/pulling out plants. Please ensure that they do not destroy the school site which our staff and volunteers work so hard to maintain.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TOY SCALPING, FAKES & SCAMS

Online scalping is when individuals or groups use automated software (bots) to bulk-buy high-demand items – such as gaming consoles, concert tickets, limited-edition trainers, or exclusive merchandise – with the intention of reselling them at vastly inflated prices. It's a fast-moving online trend that can frustrate young consumers and expose them to misleading practices or financial harm. As this unethical tactic grows, it's important to help children and young people understand how scalping works and how to navigate it responsibly.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FINANCIAL PRESSURE AND MANIPULATION

Scalpners create artificial scarcity by buying up large quantities of stock before the public has a fair chance to purchase. This drives up demand and pushes prices to extreme levels. Young people may feel intense pressure to spend more than they can afford for fear of missing out entirely.

EXPLOITATION OF FANDOMS

Scalping often targets popular releases with strong fan bases, knowing that loyal followers are emotionally invested. Children and young people may place huge value on owning certain items linked to their favourite artists, sports teams or games, making them more likely to accept unfair prices or questionable sellers.

ACCESSING UNSAFE WEBSITES

In the rush to secure rare items, young people might click through to unvetted sellers, online marketplaces with little consumer protection, or even sites designed specifically to harvest personal and financial data. This can expose them to fraud, malware, and identity theft.

NORMALISING UNETHICAL BEHAVIOUR

Some influential and online communities present scalping as a clever money-making scheme rather than an exploitative one. This can normalise dishonest behaviour and blur the line between legitimate business and opportunistic profiteering for younger audiences.

RISK OF SCAMS OR COUNTERFEIT GOODS

Not every high-priced resale is legitimate. Fraudulent sellers may take payment for goods they never send, or ship counterfeit versions of branded items. In some cases, the product may look authentic in photos but turn out to be of poor quality or completely different from what was advertised.

REINFORCING INEQUALITY

Scalping makes already expensive items even less accessible, particularly for lower-income families. Children may feel excluded from trends or shared experiences with friends if their family cannot meet the inflated prices, which can lead to feelings of isolation and disappointment.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FAIRNESS

Use scalping as an opportunity to discuss fairness, consumer ethics, and how some people exploit markets for profit. Encouraging children to think critically about whether they truly need an item – and at what cost – can help them make more considered decisions.

SUPPORT INFORMED PURCHASING

Show children how to check seller credentials, read independent reviews, and verify whether a site is secure before making any payment. Knowing how to spot red flags, such as unrealistic promises or missing contact details, can prevent costly mistakes.

ENCOURAGE PATIENCE OVER IMPULSE

Teach young people to wait for official releases or future releases instead of paying over the odds. Many products come back into circulation, and patience can save significant amounts of money while reducing the likelihood of falling victim to scams.

SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Establish clear rules for online spending, including limits on prepaid cards, gaming gift cards, and online wallets. Discuss the real-world value of money spent on digital or collector's items so children understand the long-term impact of their purchases.

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REMINDER

The School Gate

Please be mindful of other children and parents at the school gates. The front of the gates can become a very crowded place and we want children to have ease entering the school in the morning. Please encourage your child to walk through the gates on their own and do not stand in groups talking where you potentially block the entrance. It is intimidating for children to walk through adults into school.

HEALTHY LUNCHES



We promote healthy eating at St Mary of Charity Primary School and would appreciate parents adhering to the healthy eating guidelines as below:

Sweets: Please do not pack sweets or chocolate bars.

Drinks: children under 5 receive free milk with their snacks and water is available for everyone whenever they want to drink. Please do not send in fizzy drinks with your child's packed lunch.

Nut Free: Please be aware that we are becoming a nut-free school. We now have children in school who have potential life-threatening nut- allergies which can be triggered by direct or indirect contact with nuts in the environment. To keep our children safe, we request that parents please find a nut-free alternative. This also includes NUTELLA or any CHOCOLATE spread.

Thank you for your co-operation.



SCHOOL DINNERS –

Dinner Money cost £3.05

Please be reminded school meals are to be paid for in advance.

WRAPAROUND CARE: Both Breakfast and Afterschool club bookings are placed under this tab and payments need to be made when you book your session for your child. *This is done to avoid any payments not made.*

Please be reminded to clear out any outstanding balances under individual accounts of your children.

Dates for your Diary



Date	Event
TERM 2	
16/12/25	KS1 Nativity 10am and 2pm Performance times
17/12/25	Governor Prize Giving Christmas Lunch Day Father Christmas visiting classes
18/12/25	Yr 6 Golden Ticket trip to Ninja Warrior
19/12/25	Christingle Service at the Church 9.30am End of Term 2 – school finishes at 2pm
22/12/25 23/12/25	Holiday HAF Club
29/12/25 30/12/25	Holiday HAF Club
5/1/26	TERM 3
5/1/26 – 8/1/26	Arty Party Art Days
15/1/26	Year 3 Ancient Greece Day
16/1/26	Year 6 completing the Lancaster Health Model survey
22/1/26	Road Safety Workshops for Years R, 1 and 2
4/2/26	SMC Football Match Vs Chislet, at Hoath
9/2/26	Family Trust Worship to the Whole school
11/2/26	PTFA Valentines Disco
13/2/26	End of Term 3 – school finishes at usual time.

