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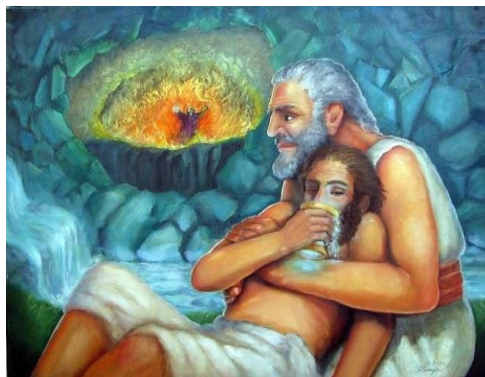
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Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

The Parable of the Rich Man and the Poor Man

Luke 16:19-31



“Lord, give me a heart like yours. Help me to respond generously to the needs of the poor and oppressed.”

Today we have reflected upon the Parable Jesus told about the rich man and Lazarus, the poor man. During Jesus' time many believed that wealth and good fortune were a sign of God's favour, believing that poverty and bad fortune was a punishment from God. This belief was ingrained, pointing to wealth and prosperity being the path to heaven.

Jesus clearly addresses this in last Sunday's Gospel reading, shocking those around Him and going against popular beliefs. Although the rich man did nothing wrong to Lazarus physically, he was condemned to an eternal life of torment and pain. Lazarus received God's mercy and compassion for all of the suffering that he had endured.

The reason the rich man is condemned is precisely because he did nothing. He turned a blind eye to Lazarus, the poor man, feeding him merely the scraps from his table. He was caught up in his own life of luxury and not attentive to the needs of Lazarus. As far as he was concerned, Lazarus was not his responsibility and the poor man had the ability to make his own way in life.

Today we reminded ourselves of the importance of not focusing entirely upon ourselves and being fixated with matters that are not wholly important. We are asked to be attentive to the needs of all, particularly those, like Lazarus, who are most in need in our world and communities.

Harvest Tinned and Dried Foods Donations

Thank you to all who attended our Y5/6 Class Liturgy yesterday. Pupils in Miss Ganley's class also reflected upon the Parable of the Rich and Poor Man, linking this important message to the Season of Harvest and ensuring a fair share for all. Pupils in the class have asked that as a whole school, we collect tinned and dried foods that can be donated to charities and foodbanks supporting those in need of this in our local community. We will share more information about how you can support with this in next week's newsletter.



A Prayer for Peace and Unity

Following yesterday's tragic event we take a moment together, to pray for peace and unity within our local communities and the wider world. Our prayers and thoughts are with the victims and all those affected. It is important that we remind one another of the good in our world and at the heart of our communities, where peace and tolerance are lived out daily.



5C Class Assembly

On Tuesday 7th October 5C will have their class assembly at 9.00 a.m. in the school hall. We warmly welcome our families of the children in class 5C to come along. We look forward to seeing you there.

Class Assembly

Data Collection Forms

A reminder to return your child's Data Collection form to school before Monday 6th October. It is extremely important that all forms are returned so that we can ensure our data is as up-to-date as possible. If you need a spare copy of the form please come and pick one up from the school office.

Thank you for your support with this.



PTA Meeting

There will be a PTA meeting on Wednesday 8th October from 6.00—7.00 p.m. at the Whitegate Inn. If any parents/carers would like to join The Friends of St Margaret Mary's, you are more than welcome to come along.



Nursery Parent Workshop

On Wednesday 8th October we welcome Nursery parents/carers to a Parent Workshop in the EYFS building from 2.30—3.00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.



Survey Reminder

Earlier this week we texted a request to complete a survey for your requirements for wrap around care. Please could you complete the survey before Wednesday 8th October as this will help to support you and plan for the future.



Flu Immunisations

A reminder that on Wednesday 8th October, the School Health team will come into school to administer flu vaccinations for children in Reception to Year 6. These vaccinations will only be administered to children whose parents/carers have given consent for this.



Cauliflower Cards Christmas Project

We will shortly be handing out the information pack for your child to submit their artwork / drawing for Cauliflower Cards, where you will be able to order and purchase products including cards, cups, calendars etc. with your child's artwork / drawing printed on them. For more information please click on the following link <https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/christmas-products>

Keep a look out in the coming weeks for this information.





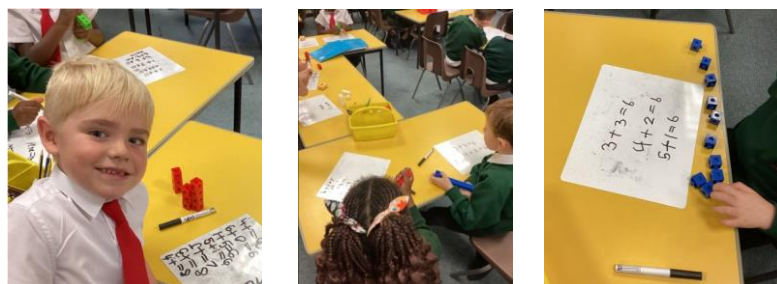
In Maths, the Nursery children have enjoyed going on colour hunts around the classroom, searching for and identifying green objects. ...



Reception have been drawing pictures of their families and telling their friends all about them ...



1/2S enjoyed using cubes to practically add numbers to and within 10 ...



Some children in 2M were using a range of apparatus to explore place value ...



3/4D were using charcoal to create large images inspired by movement ...





Well done to this week's 'Stars of the Week' ...



Compassionate and Loving



Well done to all of our pupils who demonstrated our school virtues – 'compassionate and loving' this week ...





Congratulations to our Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots winners this week. Keep up the good work!



Congratulations to our "Rollama" SPAG winners this week! Keep up the excellent work!





Nur W & 2M are this week's class attendance winners with a fantastic 99.6% attendance!

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| Nur W 99.6% | Nur/RecW 87.5% | RecW 94.9% | 1H 94.8% | 1/2S 99% | 2M 99.6% |
| 3W 94.6% | 3/4D 98.6% | 4J 95.7% | 5C 92.8% | 5/6G 81.7% | 6W 93.6% |

Dates to remember

Tuesday 7th October 2025 ~ 5C Class Assembly at 9.00 a.m.

Wednesday 8th October 2025 ~ Flu Immunisations in school (Rec—Y6)

Wednesday 8th October 2025 ~ Nursery Parent Workshop 2.30—3.00 p.m.

Wednesday 8th October 2025 ~ PTA meeting at 6.00 p.m.

Wednesday 15th October 2025 ~ Girls' football at Co-op Academy North 3.45—5.15 p.m.

Friday 17th October 2025 ~ 4J Class Worship at 2.45 p.m.

Monday 20th October 2025 ~ EYFS & KS1 (Nurs, Rec, Y1 & Y2) Parents' Evening

Monday 20th October 2025 ~ School Health Height & Weight Checks for Reception & Y6

Tuesday 21st October 2025 ~ KS2 (Y3—Y6) Parents' Evening Wednesday

22nd October 2025 ~ EYFS Movie Night 3.15—4.00 p.m.

Wednesday 22nd October 2025 ~ Years 3&4 Movie Night 3.15—4.30 p.m.

Thursday 23rd October 2025 ~ Years 1&2 Movie Night 3.15-4.00 p.m.

Thursday 23rd October 2025 ~ Years 5&6 Movie Night 3.15-4.30 p.m. Friday

24th October 2025 ~ Break up for half-term

Monday 3rd November 2025 ~ School closed for Teacher Training Day Tuesday

4th November 2025 ~ School re-opens after half-term

Tuesday 4th November 2025 ~ Individual and Sibling Photograph Day

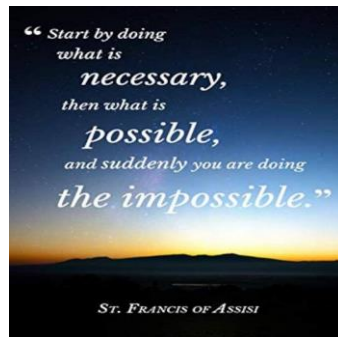


The Season of Creation 2025



The Season of Creation is an annual campaign that runs from 1st September to 4th October, uniting Christians around the world in reflecting upon our call to be responsible and loving stewards of God's creation. This year the theme is Peace in Creation. It invites us to consider our relationship with the earth and how we can exist in harmony and balance with God's creation.

Our Season of Creation this year also coincides with our Jubilee for the Environment, inviting us to seek renewal and restoration in our relationship with our common home, our brothers and sisters around the world, and Creator God.



On Saturday we celebrate the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. This also marks the end of the Season of Creation.

Once again, thank you for your on-going support. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Take care and God Bless!

Mr Sutton

Headteacher