



# St Mary's Catholic Primary

*'Nurturing Our God-Given Talents'*

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## RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Dear Parents and carers,

What a FANTASTIC week it has been in Reception!

The children have truly blown us away with their learning, enthusiasm, and growing confidence. They have shown an excellent understanding of all the exciting topics we have explored, and we couldn't be prouder of them.

The children are already getting themselves geared up for **Super Hero Day next Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> February**, by showing off their very own superpowers through their learning — perseverance, creativity, kindness, and determination have been on full display!

### Literacy

In Literacy, we have been focusing on writing sentences, with a big emphasis on sentence structure, finger spaces, and full stops. The children have worked incredibly hard on this skill, and the progress we are seeing is wonderful.

You can support your child at home by reminding them to use finger spaces whenever they write. I've included a helpful video below to show how we encourage this in school:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fbj6L3ZgvVE>

Focusing on this skill has already had a real impact on the children's writing — well done, Reception!

### Maths

In Maths, we have begun to explore the concept of time, which has been so exciting! We have:

- Investigated all the things we can do in a minute
- Looked closely at what a clock looks like
- Ordered the days of the week
- Talked about day and night

The children have loved these activities and have shown great curiosity and understanding.



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## Understanding the World

This week, we explored Lunar New Year, which was vibrant, colourful, and full of joy. The children:

- Made dragons
- Painted Chinese numbers
- Used chopsticks to pick up red and yellow rice
- Celebrated by dancing and watching fireworks

Most importantly, we learned how people around the world celebrate this special event. Did you know that many children in our Reception class were born in the Year of the Rat or the Year of the Ox? This year is the Year of the Horse, which symbolises energy, strength, and adventure — just like our Reception learners!

## Looking Ahead to Next Week

Next week is another exciting and eventful one!

- **Literacy:** We will be completing our Set 1 and Set 2 phonics assessments
- **Maths:** We will be exploring the numbers 9 and 10
- **Understanding the World:** We will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday — and yes, the children will get to enjoy delicious pancakes (all allergies will be fully catered for)
- **Monday 9th:** It is Mental Health Day, and children are invited to come to school wearing bright, cheerful colours
- **Friday 13th:** It's our much-anticipated Super Hero Day — we cannot wait to see everyone dressed as their favourite hero!

Finally, a big well done to Bonnie in Class B and Myla and Toby in Class A for their beautiful contribution to the prayer book. We are very much looking forward to the next ones.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are so proud of the amazing learning happening in Reception and cannot wait for another brilliant week ahead.

Warm regards,

Miss Brophy, Mrs White and The Reception team



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