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"Do Everything in Love"
Corinthians 16:14

Newsletter Update- Friday 7th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers, this week, our school has been filled with joy and reflection as we explored the theme of praise and feeling blessed, inspired by Psalm 148. It was truly heartwarming to hear the children share what blesses their lives — from family, friends, and teachers to butterflies, lambs, and all the wonders of nature. Their gratitude and insight were a beautiful reminder of the simple joys that surround us.

Trip to the Gurdwara

As part of their RE topic, "What does it mean to be a Sikh in Britain today?", our Lambs and Eagles classes had the opportunity to visit a local Gurdwara. The children were respectful, curious, and engaged, and they came away with a deeper understanding of Sikh beliefs and practices. Thank you to the Gurdwara community for welcoming us so warmly.

Harvest Donation

Our School Council proudly delivered the generous donations collected for our Harvest appeal to Kettering's Food Bank. Each year, the food bank supports over 1,500 families in our local area, and your

contributions make a real difference. Thank you for your kindness and support!

The festive season is officially underway!

- Our Drama Group has begun rehearsals for the Christmas performance.
- Ms Starkey has started leading delightful Christmas crafts sessions.
- EYFS and KSI have started learning about the Christmas Story, bringing the nativity to life in their classrooms.

Open Days

Tuesday 11th November — 10:00am & 6:00pm

Wednesday 3rd December — 2:00pm & 6:00pm

Do you have a child starting school in September 2026, or know someone who does? Please spread the word about our upcoming open days. It's a wonderful opportunity to see our school in action and meet our dedicated staff.

Wishing you a peaceful and blessed weekend,

With blessings,

Diane Wright MA (Education)

Headteacher

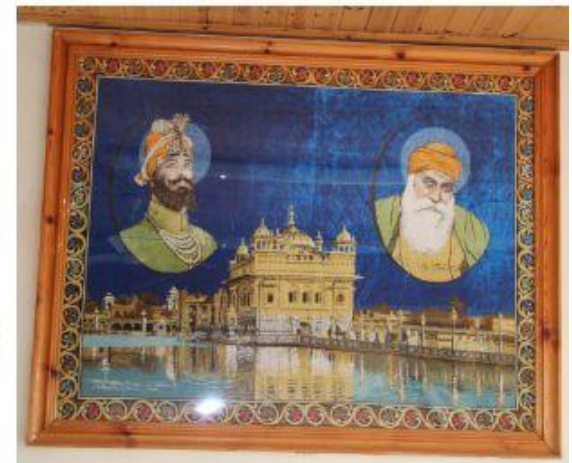
Events Upcoming:

Individual & sibling photographs	Monday 17 th November
EYFS 2025 Open Day 1	Tuesday 11 th November: 10am & 6pm
Bedtime Stories - EYFS and KSI	19 th November: 5pm – 6pm
Year 3,4,5 and 6 Reading in the Dark	19 th November: 4.45 - 5.45
EYFS 2025 Open Day 2	Wednesday 3 rd December: 2pm & 6pm
KSI Nativity Performance EYFS, Year 1 and 2	Wednesday 10 th December: 2pm
KSI Nativity Performance EYFS, Year 1 and 2	Thursday 11 th December: 9am and 2pm
Year 3,4,5 and 6 performances at the Church	17 th December: 2pm-3pm
Panto trip for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 at the Lighthouse Theatre	18 th December: 12:45 - 15:55
Year 3,4,5 and 6 performances at the Church	18 th December: 9:15 - 10:15am
Party day- come dressed in party clothes	19 th December (All Day)
Whole school end of term church service (all invited)	19 th December: 2pm-3pm





Lamb and Eagle Class took part in a wonderful learning experience during their visit to the Kettering Gurdwara. The children were warmly welcomed by the Sikh community and learned all about the key beliefs and values of Sikhism, including equality, kindness, and the importance of helping others. The children also had the chance to explore the prayer hall, noticing the beautiful features inside and listening to how Sikhs pray and sing hymns called kirtan. One of the highlights for many pupils was visiting the Langar Hall, where they discovered how everyone- regardless of background- is offered free food as a sign of community and generosity. It was a truly enriching experience that helped the children deepen their understanding of different faiths and celebrate the diversity within our wider community.





St Mary's Stars this Week

EYFS

Jim

Year 1

Benny

Year 1/2

Mia and Elijah

Year 2

Ariella and
Noah

Year 3

Andreea

Year 3/4

Adesuwa

Year 4/5

Esme

Year 5/6

Leon

Year 6

Harroop





St Mary's Primary School



**Do you know a child starting school in
September 2026?**

Come to one of our open days:

Tuesday 11th November: 10am and 6pm

Wednesday 3rd December: 2pm and 6pm

We can't wait to meet you!

Ofsted 2025:

*"Pupils are respectful, kind, and supportive,
creating a warm inclusive atmosphere".*

*"Staff build strong relationships
with pupils where all are loved."*

Parents voice:

*"This is a loving and caring school, where children thrive
emotionally and academically".*

Wraparound Provision

Breakfast Club from 8am

The Ark after-school club until 6pm



Parents and Carers!

We would like to invite you to join a Mental Health Support Team (MHST) focus group, where you can help shape the mental health and well being support offered in our school.

Your experiences, ideas, and feedback are incredibly valuable and will play an important role in helping us continue to develop the best possible provision for our pupils.

Location: St Mary's School

Date: Wednesday, 19th November 2025

Time: 2:15 pm

All parents and carers are warmly welcome to attend. We hope you will consider joining us and contributing to this important discussion.

Thank you for your continued support.



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