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## Star of the Week

### Week ending 8th November

Reception:	Reeva
Class 1:	Noah
Class 2:	Phoebe
Class 3:	Isla
Class 4:	Phoebe
Class 5:	Scarlett
Class 6:	Aden

### Week ending 15th November

Reception:	Sophie
Class 1:	Evvy
Class 2:	Lucia
Class 3:	Evie
Class 4:	Brennan
Class 5:	Isabelle
Class 6:	Gabriel

## Attendance Winners

Week ending 08/11/19 — Year 3

Week ending 15/11/19 — Year 4

## Gospel Values

For two weeks commencing 25th November our Gospel Value is Forgiveness.

Special events are:

Penitential Service - Wednesday 27th November

St Andrew's Day - Saturday 30th November

International Day of the Abolition of Slavery

- Monday 2nd December

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Sunday 8th December

## Hello from Mrs. Draycott

It is with great pleasure that I write this in my new role as Head of School. I am so proud to be leading such an amazing, caring school family of children and staff. As Executive Headteacher, Mrs. Bolton will continue to contribute to our newsletter on a termly basis.

On Sunday we have our first Parish/ School Mass of this academic year. Please come and join us at St. Mary's Church, Killigrew Street, arriving at 10:30am to celebrate the feast of 'Christ the King'. The children will be taking an active part in the Mass, including our fantastic choir.

Thank you for coming along to our Parent Consultation Evenings last week- it was lovely to see that they were so well attended. The feedback has been very positive about the new reports that were sent to parents before the meetings, and the meetings were a valuable update on your child's progress. Please come and ask to see your child's teacher or myself if you ever have any concerns.

Parking at school and dropping off/picking up is a continuing issue and is a real concern for the safety of our children. Please, please either use the walking bus in the mornings, or park away from the school and have a short walk.

Rehearsals for our Christmas productions are well underway and the children are sounding brilliant! Please return any unwanted tickets so that they can be re-allocated. You are in for a real treat!

Today we were visited by Mike Royles to introduce 'Mini Vinnies', a St Vincent de Paul group in Primary Schools. We will soon be commissioning a team of our interested Y5 children to become 'Mini Vinnies'. These children will organise the helping of others in need within their school community and beyond. Their work will provide a valuable experience as they make changes in their school community. If you would like to find out more about St Vincent de Paul and Mini Vinnies, please go to: [minivinnies.org.uk](http://minivinnies.org.uk) Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Best wishes,  
Mrs. Draycott, Head of School

## FOSMs

### **Dress down days and Christmas Fayre collections-**

Friday 29th Nov - bottles for the bottle tombola

Friday 6th Dec - FAYRE DAY Reception Class and Classes 1, 2 and 3 to bring in cakes

Class 4 to bring in Arts/Crafts/Stationary

Class 5 to bring in Ladies Pampering Items

Class 6 to bring in Chocolate/Sweets.

Anyone able to help at the fayre to help set up, man a stall or clear up would be appreciated, so please let the School Office know. Every little helps to make the fayre fantastic.

### **Bag4school Collection**

Collection bags will be distributed via bookbags very soon and the 'Bag4school' collection takes place at 9am on Wednesday 11th December. Please leave official bags at the school front gate, extra bags are always available from the School Office.

**PLEASE NOTE** — All donations need to be placed into the official bags. No black refuse bags will be taken. Also, no duvets, pillows, cushions, school uniforms will be accepted. Many thanks for your co-

## Community

Cornwall Air Ambulance are holding the annual Christmas Open day at their HQ in Trevithick Downs, Newquay TR8 4DY on the 30<sup>th</sup> November from 11am-3pm. Visitors will be able to meet the crew, see the helicopter and tell Santa what they want for Christmas at the event. There will be a Santa's grotto & Christmas fun crafts and games. Visitors will also be able to grab a Christmas bargain at the pop-up charity shop and indulge in delicious cakes and a festive banger or burger.

Entry is free but donations are welcome (Santa's grotto has an additional charge).

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Falmouth Christmas Tree Festival 'Grand Switch-on' takes place on Sunday 1st December, 5.30pm at Princess Pavilions. Free entry! Entertainment by St Mary's School Choir and St Stythians Brass Band. Refreshments are available.

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Falmouth Live Nativity starts at 1pm from Events Square on Sunday 8th December. Follow the procession to visit the stable surrounded by real animals on the Moor. Free refreshments and children's activities are available in the Methodist Church afterwards.

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*Please note that signposting to any activities/services by St Mary's School does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation. It is recommended that parents/carers make their own enquiries to satisfy themselves as to the suitability of these. Under no circumstances will either St Mary's School or Plymouth CAST accept any responsibility or liability for any such activity/service.*

## Match Funding

Could any parent/family member who is linked to a Bank or Building Society that could offer match-funding for our Christmas Fayre, please get in touch with the School Office.

FOSMs are looking to boost the money raised at this festive event.



## Starting School—September 2020

Please note the deadline for applications to be submitted is 15th January. Please apply online at: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions) and complete the St Mary's School supplementary form, which is available from the School Office. If you apply on time you will be notified of your allocation on National Offer Day of 16th April 2020.

## Children in Need

A huge WELL DONE to all Year 5 pupils for their amazing effort last Friday. They sold a wonderful array of cakes during the day and raised £241.65 for this worthy cause.

A big thank-you also to parents for helping to bake, sell and buy cake!

## Free Picnic Tables

We have a small number of wooden picnic tables available. These are going FREE to any family at St Mary's School. Please see Mrs Pipkin in the School Office if interested. Tables need to be collected by the takers.

## Diary Dates

### **November**

- 24<sup>th</sup> Parish Mass 'Christ the King' at St Mary's Catholic Church, Killigrew Street at 10.45am
- 27<sup>th</sup> Penitential Service Mass
- 28<sup>th</sup> Reception visit to Falmouth Art Gallery
- 29<sup>th</sup> Dress Down Day – Bottle donations  
Active Travel Assembly

### **December**

- 1<sup>st</sup> 5.30pm St Mary's Choir at Falmouth Christmas Tree Festival
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Y1 Hearing Screening
- 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fayre  
Dress Down Day – Wear Christmas Clothes
- 8<sup>th</sup> St Mary's Choir at the Live Nativity
- 9<sup>th</sup> Reception Christmas Play 2pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Y1&2 Christmas Play 1.30pm & 6.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Y3&4 Christmas Play 1.30pm & 6.30pm  
Bags for School Collection (morning drop off)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Last Y5&6 Swim
- 13<sup>th</sup> St Mary's & Truro Male Voice Choir Concert at 7pm St Mary's Catholic Church
- 20<sup>th</sup> Last day of Autumn Term Infants finish at 3.15pm & Juniors at 3.30pm