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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

10th December 2025

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been lovely to see the festive excitement building in school, and as we head into the final days of term, we have plenty still to look forward to.

Today, we enjoyed our Christmas lunch, and **tomorrow, Thu 11 Dec**, we'll be supporting Save The Children with **Christmas Jumper Day** (£1 donation if you can).

Next week is full of celebrations. On **Mon 15 Dec**, we have our **Christmas Service at St Mary's Church** at 9.30am, along with FS singing at 9.00am and 2.45pm. Our **KS1 Nativity** takes place on **Tue 16 Dec** at 2.00pm and again on **Wed 17 Dec** at 9.30am. On **Thu 18 Dec**, we'll enjoy **KS2 Carols** (9–10am) followed by our **Christmas Parties** and disco in the afternoon.

There are also some lovely local events coming up, including the **Walkley Christmas Market** on **Sat 13 Dec**, plus the **Community Cinema screening of Elf** (6–10pm) and **Ranger Day** at Philadelphia Gardens (10.30–12.30) on **Sat 20 Dec**.

Thank you for your continued support during this busy and joyful time. We can't wait to celebrate the rest of the festive season with you.

Mrs Burgess x



Dates for your Diary

- **11th Dec** Christmas Jumper Day
- Supporting Save the Children - bring £1
- **15th Dec** - Christmas Service at St. Mary's Church - 9.30 a.m.
- **15th Dec** - FS singing at 9.00 a.m. followed by Christmas activities or, 2.00 p.m. followed by FS singing at 2.45 p.m.
- **16th - 19th** - Christmas Jumper Day
- **16th Dec** - KS1 Nativity 2 p.m.
- **17th Dec** KS1 nativity 9.30 a.m.
- **18th Dec** KS2 carols 9 -10 a.m.
- **18th Dec** - Christmas Parties and DISCO
- **19th Dec** - Break up for Christmas holidays until Monday **4th Jan 2026**



WALKLEY

CHRISTMAS

MARKET

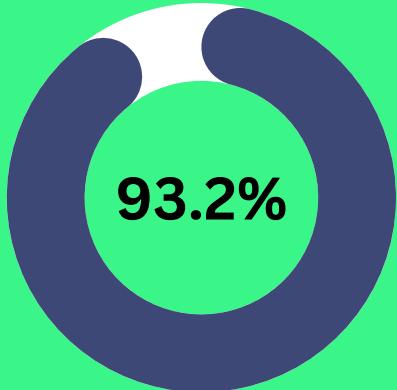
Saturday 13th December



Walkley Events Collective are running a Christmas market on Saturday 13th December from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Walkley. There will be many stalls with a fantastic range of products from local makers: jewellery, chocolate, honey, textiles, prints, candles, etc.

You can enjoy authentic street food and homemade cakes while listening to live music. You can join in with a festive Christmas Treasure Trail and even meet Mrs Christmas and her Elves! Facepainting and other children's activities are available.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

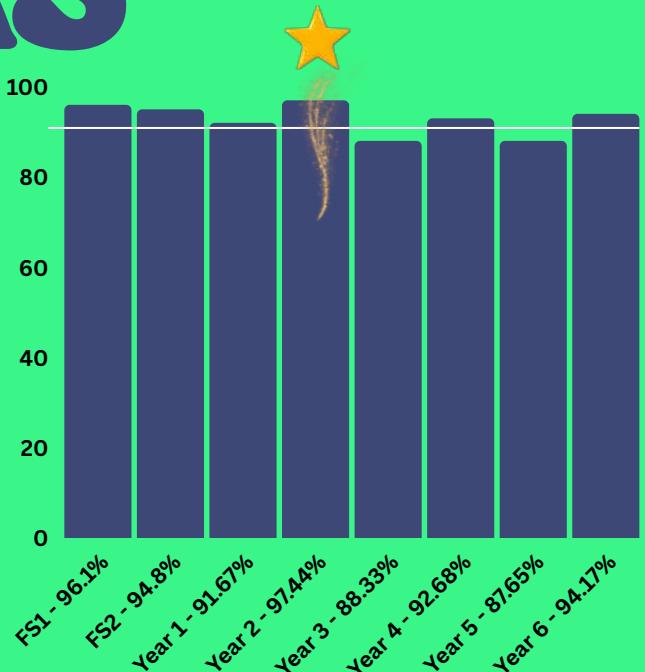


Our whole school attendance for the week 93.16%

All classes that achieved 97% and above will get an extra 10 minute break.



WELL DONE Y2



Y2 are class winners this week with 97.44%
WELL DONE!



Year 1

Shape Explorers!

Year 1 have had a fantastic week diving into the wonderful world of 2D shapes!

Our young mathematicians have been busy spotting shapes in the classroom, sorting them by their properties, and using them to create colourful patterns and pictures. From identifying circles, squares, rectangles, and triangles to discussing sides and corners, the children have shown amazing curiosity and confidence.

One of the highlights of the week was our “Shape Hunt Adventure,” where the children searched around the school to find real-life examples of 2D shapes. They were so excited to discover shapes in windows, signs, books, and even their lunchboxes!

We are incredibly proud of how engaged and enthusiastic the children have been. Their creativity shone through in every activity, and it’s been wonderful to see them working together as shape experts.

Well done, Year 1—keep up the brilliant work!



Foundation

Dark nights and Sparkly Lights Topic

As part of our 'Dark Nights and Sparkly Lights' topic, Foundation Stage have been learning to mix primary colours to create secondary colours.

They have also been learning to use vocabulary such as 'dark' and 'light' when creating shadows.



COMMUNITY CINEMA

Saturday
20th December



6pm - 10pm



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We're fundraising for
Walkley Festival in Ruskin Park 2026

Dress Up



Singing

Christmas Cracker Disco



Walkley Community Centre,
7a Fir Street S6 3TG

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SO MUCH
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A FIVER!

Saturday 20th December
10:30 - 12:30

RANGER DAY PHILADELPHIA GARDENS

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SUGGESTED
DONATION £1

CHRISTMAS DISCO PARTY

MUSIC BY
DJ WEBB



**ST MARY'S PARENT FORUM
PRESENTS:
BUNS, BAKES AND GLOW
ITEMS FOR SALE
BRING LOOSE CHANGE!**

