

St Mary's C of E School Primary School



Believe and Achieve Together

October 2025

ST MARY'S PTA



Thank you to all those who supported the Welcome Walk on Friday 19th September and to the members of the PTA who helped organise the event. It was lovely to see so many of our families!

The PTA is a great way of getting to know other families and staff, whilst making a real contribution to the quality of school life for all.

The PTA donate money every year to each class, which greatly enhances classroom and outside provision. Without the hard work and dedication of these parents, school would not be able to provide the education that we currently offer.

We are hugely grateful to all members of our PTA.

We are looking for new parents / grandparents to join our team. You do not need to have any specific skills- just a desire to get involved and support our special school!

We would love to see you at our PTA social on the 17th October at
The Red Lion - 7.30pm onwards - all very welcome!

CONTRIBUTIONS

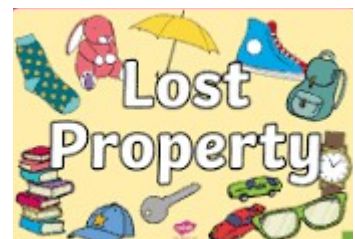
As a voluntary aided school, the Governing Body are expected to fund 10 % of any capital projects or projects resourced by capital funding in school. Over the last year, we have had several projects and going forwards, we would like to replace some of our carpets and redecorate our corridors.

Our pot of money is now empty, which restricts our ability to obtain further funding to develop our school. We would like to thank those families who contribute a small monthly amount to the school, which can be used to help towards any future building work. If you feel that you could contribute £2 or £3 each month, it would be much appreciated and would help us greatly. You can set this up directly with your own bank by using the sort code and account number available from the school office.

A small school like St Mary's has many advantages to offer and the Governors endeavour to maintain and improve the buildings as best we can, so your support is greatly appreciated. Many thanks to those of you that have already joined this scheme.

UNIFORM AND LOST PROPERTY

It has been wonderful to see our children return to school looking so smart in their uniforms. Please remember that there is no expectation on parents to buy uniform with logos - plain t-shirts, jumpers and cardigans are perfectly acceptable. Please REMEMBER to put your child's name in all items of uniform. Thankyou!



FRUIT SNACK

The Government provides a piece of fruit for every child in EYFS and Key Stage 1 classes. Therefore, pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 **do not** need to bring in their own snack for morning break. However, if they wish to, Doctors advise that GRAPES and CHERRY TOMATOES, are chopped in half or ideally quartered, as these are a common cause of food related choking incidents in under 5s.



At Key Stage 2, pupils who wish to have a snack at morning break can bring a healthy snack, such as fruit, fresh vegetables, plain popcorn, plain breadsticks, plain crackers, or plain rice cakes. We ask parents to check any packets for added sugars.

We have a wonderful snack trolley that children can buy from too!

Please could we respectfully remind all parents that we are an 'ALLERGEN AWARE' School.

We have some children in school who have a confirmed condition called Anaphalaxis. It is imperative for the well-being of these children, that everyone is vigilant in ensuring that nuts and hummus are not brought into school.

Thank you for your support with this.



PACKED LUNCHES

If your child is on packed lunches please ensure that you provide your own cutlery. If your child does have to borrow from school and it is mistakenly taken home please return it to school.

OPEN DAYS

We will be holding two 'Open Days' for all parents, grandparents and prospective parents on Tuesday 14th October and Wednesday 19th November. This is an opportunity for you to come and see the school in action and see what the children are learning.

OPEN DAYS 2025

at

**St Mary's C of E Primary School
Hawkshaw**

You're invited!
Join us for one of our
school open days!

We are delighted to be holding two
Open Days this year.

**Tuesday 14th October
&
Wednesday 19th November**

**9.30am - 11.30am & 1.30pm - 3.00pm
on both days**

No appointment necessary!
If you would like further information, please
email, stmaryshawkshaw@bury.gov.uk
or call the school office team on
01204 886167



Come and see what
our wonderful school
has to offer.
Our Year 6 children
will be so excited to
show you around and
share their
experiences with you!

St Mary's C of E
Primary School,
Bolton Road,
Hawkshaw,
BURY, BL8 4JL

You will be given a guided tour by a member
of Year 6.

We are offering two drop -in sessions:

9:30am - 11:30am

1:30pm - 3:00pm

(no appointment necessary)

Please come to see us. We'd love to see you
and show off our school!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our fantastic value ambassadors have designed and made posters this week, for the Harvest service donations. We are aiming to collect 300 tins of food (see poster for details!) Please start donating as many tins as you are able, we would really like to smash our target! Tins can be brought into school from WEDNESDAY 8th October. We welcome all families to the service in Church, on Thursday 9th October at 9.10am

Thank you all in advance.



PARENT EVENING AND BOOK FAIR

Please don't forget to book your Parent Evening appointment through the class link sent out earlier in the week - If you have any problems booking, please see Mrs Chamberlain in the school office - Thankyou.



The fabulous Book Fair will be with us from Monday 13th October - Thurs 16th October.

You can browse and buy from the stall during Parent Evening on the 13th October, and on Tues - Thurs that week, the Book Fair will be open in church after school 3.30pm - 4pm.

Please come and support us.

So many fabulous books at amazing prices. We are hoping to go cashless with this fair, so a QR code will be available for payments on the day.