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Pumpkin Picking

Class one enjoyed a wet but enjoyable trip to Roby Mill Pumpkin Patch. We had a great time exploring all the different shapes and sizes of pumpkins before we chose our own pumpkin to bring home. Thank you to the parents and grandparents for helping to make this day special.





Dear God,

Thank you for all that we have shared and achieved during this half term.
Thank you for our children, our families, our staff and everyone who makes our school community so special.

As we begin our half-term break, we ask you to watch over all our families. Keep them safe, happy and healthy, and give them time to rest, relax and enjoy being together.

Amen

Story Sparks – 2026 Year of reading

Week 3

Half term Challenge – Encourage children to choose from the following activities:

Take a photo of where you read together and email it through to s.christy@St-marks.lancs.sch.uk

This could be on the sofa, in the garden, at the park, on a bus, in a tent etc

Read aloud to someone different each time over the half term holidays

Create a story hunt – collect items that give clues to a book then share them with someone. Can they guess the story?

Make a wish list of all the books you'd like to read in the future

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Stars of the week

Value of Love

Daniel and Georgiana

Swimming Stars

Precious, Oscar and Henry

Toddler Group

Rev. Eileen is starting a Toddler Group which will be held in school from Friday 13th November from 10am. Please share this with your friends and families. Everyone is welcome.

Contribution of £1.00

After school clubs

Starting week beginning 9th November until week beginning 7th December

Monday	Chess – Y3,4,5,6
Tuesday	Drama – Y3,4,5,6 Art – all ages
Wednesday	Coding – Y3,4,5,6
Thursday	Eco-club – all ages D & T club – All ages
Friday	No clubs

All clubs are at a cost of £4.50

Christingle

Your children will be coming home with a 'Christingle' box, we ask, if you can, to make a donation into this box and bring it to the Christingle service at St Mark's Church on 24th December at 4pm.

If you are unable to attend the service, then please return the boxes to school during the last week of December.

Christingle is a joyful celebration that brings together families and communities to have fun, share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 2nd November	**School opens** Forest fun – bring an extra pair of shoes! And warmer clothing if needed. This will be every Monday.
Monday 2nd November	We are expecting a visit from the fire brigade
Friday 5th November	Break the rules day. Children can break up to 5 rules provided by school. 50p per rule
Friday 13th November	Children In Need – children can wear something spotty
Monday 16th November	Class 2 trip to Eco Town
Tuesday 17th November	Bike ability
Wednesday 18th November	Bike ability
Friday 20th November	Own clothes day – children to make a voluntary contribution for our bottle tombola
Friday 4th December	Sweets/chocolate donations towards the Christmas Fayre
Monday 7th December	Christmas Treasure Hunt – 50p to enter
Tuesday 8th December	Nativity at 2pm
Wednesday 9th December	Nativity at 9.30am
Thursday 10th December	Christmas jumper day and singing at the parishioners lunch
Friday 11th December	Christmas Fayre 2pm – 4pm
Tuesday 15th December	8am – Breakfast with Santa for £2.00
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Carol Service 4pm at St. Mark's church.
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas party day – party clothes and buffet lunch
Thursday 17th December	9am – Please join us for our last school mass of the year.
Thursday 17th December	**School closes at 2pm**
School Opens	**Tuesday 5th January**

Church Links

Starting 14th October @ 7pm in the Parish Hall	Everyone is welcome to attend an Alpha Course which is weekly until Advent. These sessions consist of a simple meal, a video and a time to talk.
Friday 27th November @ 2.30pm	Come and join the children in their church service with Rev. Eileen and John
Sunday 6th December @ 11am	All children are welcome to attend the 'Tree and Toy' service in church. We encourage unwrapped gifts to gift to children from younger children to teenagers.
18th December @ 11am in the church	There will be a healing service with Dr. Karen Groves from Queens Court Hospice. Everyone is welcome to attend.