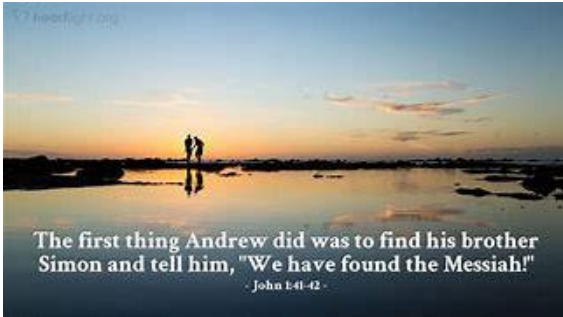




## Reflection



This Sunday, we hear how Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter, which means "rock".

Simon Peter was strong and dependable, like a rock and he was the foundation for the Church.

We are all part of God's family and so God knows us all by our name and loves and cares for us wherever we are in the world. God's family spreads out all over the world and includes all kinds of different people.

God wants us to treat each other fairly, with love and respect and to care for one another. So, how will you treat your brothers and sisters here and around the world in the coming week?

Prayer: Loving God, help us to remember that all people throughout the world are special, because you know us by our names and we are all your children. Amen.

## Happy New Year

We wish all our families a happy new year and hope you enjoyed your Christmas break. We look forward to another fun filled term in the run up to Easter.



Horsforth Children's Services  
Help to make a brighter future

**Need a helping hand?** **PACs**  
(Parent and Carer sessions)

General support sessions by telephone or in person, offering advice and signposting from one of our team

For parents/carers who have any worries or concerns about their child/young person  
One to one appointments are available by telephone or in person, please call 0113 3367724  
or email [info@horsforthchildrensservices.co.uk](mailto:info@horsforthchildrensservices.co.uk) to book a time:

We can offer appointments in person at our office in the Brownlee Stone Centre, Town Street or telephone appointments - you can choose which you prefer.  
Appointments will be kept to 25 minutes with the option to book another if this is not enough time.

## Emotional Wellbeing

Please be reminded of the range of support available for children and adults in our community. Horsforth Cluster offer a range of parenting classes which we always hear positive feedback from such as Parent Gym, supporting your child's emotional wellbeing and Silver cloud for anxiety. They also offer counselling for adults and children. If you have any concerns you can access a Parent and Carer session using the details here or on our website.

Please also see our [emotional support](#) section of the website or talk to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.

## Safeguarding

Mrs Hurley, Mrs Polzin, Mrs Leng, Miss A Roberts and Mrs Robertshaw are all designated safeguarding leads. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please do not hesitate to contact one of the above staff. There is also a link on our website under links to report a safeguarding concern and under the pupils tab there is an online worry box if the children wish to share a worry.

We will continue to tweet and send the National Online Safety Wake up Wednesday leaflets with our newsletters. Please try to read these so you can keep your child safe online. This week the focus is on free speech and hate speech.

## NEWSLETTER – 12 January 2024

### Open Classrooms

We are inviting all parents to come into their child's class to work alongside your child to learn about an area of their curriculum this half term. We hope you're able to join us. These sessions are 9-10am and wherever possible, younger siblings should not be brought. Please see dates below.

### Young Voices



The choir attended Young Voices on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January to be part of the largest children's choir in the UK. There were 4970 children singing together and being part of an amazing concert at Sheffield arena with professional singers, band and MC Grammar. The choir were perfectly behaved and sang beautifully. A massive thank you to Mrs Ellis for organising for St Mary's to be part of such an amazing experience and to all the children who were fantastic.

## RECEPTION ADMISSIONS 2024

The admission round for children wishing to start Reception in September 2024 is still live and families can make applications online until midnight on 15 January 2024.

If you live in Leeds, you apply online at [www.leeds.gov.uk/apply](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/apply).

Don't forget to hand your SIF into the school office via email or in person.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office - [office@stmaryshorsforth.org](mailto:office@stmaryshorsforth.org)



### Uniform

There are a number of children in school wearing the incorrect uniform. Please ensure your child is wearing the appropriate footwear, coloured socks and hair accessories. If you have any issues around uniform, please contact Mrs Hurley via the office.

If any parents have any good condition, spare children's underwear or socks, any donations would be greatly appreciated.

#### For boys, the uniform is:

- Black shoes and grey or black socks
- Grey trousers
- White button-up collared shirt (long or short-sleeved)
- School navy blue jumper with logo
- School tie (elasticated version for KS1 and self-tie version for KS2)

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### For girls, the uniform is:

- Black shoes
- White socks or grey tights
- Grey skirt/trousers/pinafore (blue gingham dresses may be worn after Easter)
- White button-up collared shirt (long or short-sleeved)
- School navy blue jumper or cardigan with logo
- School tie (elasticated version for KS1 and self-tie version for KS2)

### P.E. kit for both boys and girls:

- Trainers
- Royal blue shorts
- School white t-shirt with logo

### Games kit

- Trainers
- Plain blue or black jogging bottoms
- School logo hoodie (outdoor)
- School white t-shirt with logo

- Children may not wear jewellery to school. Anyone with pierced ears should wear one pair of studs during school time.
- Make-up or nail varnish is not allowed in school.
- Long hair should be tied back with either a discreet headband or clips. These should be of a **single colour, blue or white**, to complement the school uniform.
- Extreme haircuts, hairstyles and hair dye are not allowed.
- Jumpers and cardigans must have the school logo on.

### Class assemblies

As per the newsletter prior to Christmas, don't forget class assemblies now start at 9.05am so parents don't have to wait so long outside following drop off.

### Punctuality

We have a number of parents who are routinely late for school. This impacts the children and the office. Please leave additional time for parking so that the children can come into school at 8.50. Parents who are routinely late will be referred to the Horsforth cluster attendance officer.

#### Headteacher Awards

Reception – Rory M & Alexander P

Year 1 – Alessandro T & Ivy A

Year 2 – Melody G & Owen C

Year 3 – Betty T & Alfred C

Year 4 – George JG & Ayden Y

Year 5 – Alanna D & Ethan S

Year 6 – Lauren S & Thomas O'R

#### Virtue Awards – Faith

Reception – Charles D

Year 1 – Emma B

Year 2 – Maya P

Year 3 – Lucy H

Year 4 – Ursula P

Year 5 – Lois Q

Year 6 – Dexter B

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### Diary dates

Please note changes or additions in red. \*denotes parents welcome

### January

Tuesday	16		Year 3 start swimming
Tuesday	16	9.00am	Year 6 open classroom*
Wednesday	17	9.00am	Year 1 open classroom*
Thursday	18	9.05am	Year 2 class assembly*
Tuesday	23	9am	Year 3 open classroom*
Wednesday	24	9am	Year 4 open classroom*
Thursday	25		Open the Book
Friday	26	9.30am	Year 3 and Reception Mass in church*
Tuesday	30	9am	Year 2 open classroom*
Tuesday	30		Year 3 trip
Wednesday	31	9am	Year 5 open classroom*
Wednesday	31		Year 3 Class Saint Day – St John Bosco

### February

Thursday	1	9.05am	Year 1 class assembly*
W/B	5		Year 5 Bikeability
Monday	5	4.00pm	Year 5 residential parent meeting via Zoom*
Monday	5	3.40 – 6.10pm	Year 2 parent's evening*
Wednesday	7	3.40 – 6.10pm	Year 2 parent's evening*
Thursday	8	9.05am	Reception and Year 6 class assembly*
Friday	9	2.00pm	Reception stay and play*
Friday	9		School closes
Sunday	18	11.00am	Family Mass*
Monday	19		School opens
Friday	29		Open the Book

### Parish News

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION 2024

To receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation your child must have been baptised as a Catholic and be in year 3 or above. There are 3 different times and places for these sessions. The Wednesday sessions take place at Holy Name Church Hall at 6pm or at St Mary's School at 6.30pm. The Sunday sessions take place at the Assumption Church Hall at 3pm. All sessions last for approximately an hour and attendance is required at all sessions unless you have made other prior arrangements with the priests or catechists. In case of illness please contact the priest/catechists ASAP before the session. If you haven't registered your child for the sessions, please contact the catechist team ASAP at:

catechist.ourladyofkirkstall@dioceseofleeds.org.uk Session 1 Sun 14th Jan Session 2 Either Wed 17th Jan or Sun 21st Jan Session 3 Either Wed 24th Jan or Sun 28th Jan Session 4 Either Wed 31st Jan or Sun 4th Feb There won't be a single Reconciliation Service this year. Children will be invited to come to the normal parish times for confession or to the extra times which we will let the families know about towards the end of the preparation sessions. These extra sessions will be timed to start at the end of the school day.

#### SUNDAY MASSES (Saturday Vigil)

Holy Name	6.30pm
St. Mary's	8.15am
Holy Name	9.00am
Assumption	9.45am
St Mary's	11.00am
Holy Name	11.15am