

GOOSEBERRY

JOURNEY FROM
SOUR TO SWEET

EDITION
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A Venture by
St. Mary's School, Nagina



MANAGER'S MESSAGE

With immense joy, I extend heartfelt congratulations to the staff and students for bringing forth the newest edition of Gooseberry. This humble publication serves as a dynamic platform where creativity blossoms, ideas take flight, and young voices echo with clarity and conviction.

Though modest in size, Gooseberry carries a powerful presence. Within its pages lie the dreams, aspirations, and reflections of our students—expressed through poems, essays, and illustrations that speak not only to peers, but also to parents, teachers, and the wider community. It is a mirror of youthful insight, and a lens through which we glimpse the vibrant world as seen by our children.

If nurtured with sincerity, this space can become a sacred ground where thoughts are cultivated, talents are revealed, and truth is spoken with love. Just like the fruit it is named after—tart at first bite, yet rich in flavor and lasting sweetness—the newsletter may challenge us, inspire us, and ultimately fill us with delight.

I thank every contributor who dared to dream, create, and give life to this edition. After the school's visionary leadership, it is your passion that truly actualizes the purpose of Gooseberry. May each reader find joy, inspiration, and a touch of thought-provoking reflection as you journey through its pages.

Rev. Fr. Anoop Peter CMI



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

With great pride, I present the third edition of Gooseberry, a showcase of the events and activities, vibrant harvest of imagination, insight, and collaboration of St. Mary's family. Like the fruit that bears its name, this magazine has grown through the seasons, nurtured by curiosity, strengthened by challenge, and ripened by perseverance. Each page you turn is a testament to what our school community can achieve when students, staff, and leaders unite around a shared vision.

I extend my deepest gratitude to our student editors and writers, whose fearless storytelling and thoughtful reflections bring fresh perspectives to life. To our dedicated editorial team and teachers, thank you for guiding ideas from seedling drafts to polished pieces and beautiful designs.

As we celebrate this milestone, let us look forward to future editions brimming with even bolder ideas and brighter dreams. Keep writing, illustrating, and innovating; your passion is the light that guides Gooseberry's journey forward.

Warm regards,

Fr. Shaiju Raphel CMI

VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Gooseberry boosts immunity with their burst of Vitamin C and antioxidants, likewise our school newsletter, Gooseberry, aims to enrich, energize, and adds vibrancy to life at St. Mary's. Nourishment fuels growth, and St. Mary's school offers a diverse array of opportunities to nurture every student's potential be it academical, creative expression or social commitment. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated team behind Gooseberry – teachers, students, and contributors – whose passion and dedication bring this vision to a reality. This edition is an avenue to elevate ourselves and uplift one another. May Gooseberry be the beginning of many enriching experiences ahead. May God bless you all.

Sr. Jismy Njaliyan SJSM



KG IN-CHARGE'S MESSAGE

It gives me immense joy to present the third edition of our school newsletter Gooseberry: From Sour to Sweet. Just as the gooseberry transforms in taste, our students to grow and mature through their learning journey, finding sweetness in knowledge, discipline, and values.

This newsletter is not merely a collection of activities, but a reflection of the tireless efforts, creativity, and dedication of our students, teachers, and parents. Each achievement featured here is a testimony to the spirit of teamwork and the pursuit of excellence at St. Mary's Family.

As we look forward to the future, let us continue to nurture curiosity, embrace challenges, and celebrate every milestone, no matter how small. My heartfelt appreciation goes to all who have contributed to making this publication a reality.

May God's blessings continue to guide and strengthen us in all our endeavours.

Sr. Anjali SJSM



BURSAR'S MESSAGE

More than printed pages, Gooseberry is a living reflection of our school's intellectual and creative spirit — a quiet archive of thought, effort, and imagination. Within its pages lie the echoes of minds at work: the dedication of staff who shape learning with intention, and the creativity of students who challenge boundaries with bold ideas. It is a space where the visible and invisible threads of education intertwine — where knowledge meets curiosity, and discipline meets innovation. Gooseberry stands as a testament to the belief that education is a living dialogue — not between teacher and student alone, but between generations, values, and visions. Each article, poem, and project is a footprint on the path of collective growth, reminding us that learning is not a destination, but a lifelong unfolding of meaning.

Rev. Fr. Nithin Airukattu CMI

CHIEF EDITOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Readers,

Every page of this NEWS LETTER is a reflection of the vibrant spirit that thrives within our school walls. It is a celebration of ideas, creativity, and the relentless curiosity that drives each one of us to explore, learn, and grow.

In these pages, you will find the voices of young minds—some weaving stories that touch the heart, others presenting thoughts that challenge the mind.

A school is more than just a place of learning—it is a garden where every student is a unique flower, blooming in their own colour and fragrance. This magazine is a bouquet of such blossoms, tied together with threads of talent, teamwork, and dedication.

To our dear contributors, teachers and mentors, thank you for lending your words, art, and ideas and being a guiding light.

May this edition encourage you to think deeply, dream boldly, and believe in the power of your own voice. After all, the future belongs to those who dare to create it.

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Neetu Verma



ASSOCIATE EDITOR'S MESSAGE

In a world full of contemptuous words, we chose the words of love and passion. Creativity is a tool to gentle a soul and a community at large. This magazine is the reflection of our choices and our vision towards our magnificent institution. As we look back at our achievements and celebrations, I hope you envision a future outshining the past. Until then, keep writing, keep reading and most importantly, keep pondering.

Make good choices!

Ms. Shadwal Tulika



KG STAFF SECRETARY MESSAGE

Dear Little Ones and Loving Readers,
Each page of this magazine is filled with your colours and dreams. Let's continue this journey of fun and learning together! Remember, every smile you share makes the world brighter, and every little effort you make brings you closer to big achievements. Keep shining and keep spreading joy!"

Shaping little minds with love and care.
Best Wishes!

Ms. Sameeksha Thapan



STAFF SECRETARIES MESSAGE

It gives us immense pleasure to extend our heartfelt congratulations to every student and staff member on the publication of this edition of *Gooseberry*. This magazine is a reflection of our collective creativity, dedication, and passion for learning.

Each article, poem, drawing, and effort behind the scenes is a testament to the vibrant spirit that defines our school community. We deeply appreciate the hard work and enthusiasm shown by all contributors. Your voices and talents have made this magazine truly special.

Let us continue to inspire, support, and grow together. Well done, everyone!

Warm regards,

Mr. Ankush Malhotra

Ms. Garima Gilotra



MESSAGE BY HEAD GIRL & HEAD BOY

With immense pride and gratitude, we present this message as representatives of the student body. The school magazine is more than just a compilation of articles and achievements- it is a reflection of our shared journey, our creativity, and our spirit. It showcases the diverse talents, thoughtful expression, and relentless efforts of our fellow students and teachers. Each contribution, whether big or small adds life to these pages and captures the essence of our school's vibrant atmosphere.

As the head boy and head girl we feel honoured to witness the incredible potential that lives within our school community. This magazine strands as a symbol of dedication, unity, and excellence- values that we strive to uphold every day. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to every contributor and the editorial team for turning ideas into something so inspiring. May this 3rd edition ignite the same passion in every reader and encourage all of us to continue growing, learning, and leading with integrity.

Vishi Bishnoi (Head Girl)

Antony Kujur (Head Boy)

Stepping into a Year of Excellence



As we step towards a new beginning filled with hope and remuneration, we extend heartfelt welcome to each one of you in our **NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26**. As we commenced the new academic session on 17th March 2025. The session began with a prayer to seek wisdom and content. A series of new initiatives and revised zeal, we took a step towards a better future.

“English for Excellence: Fluency and Confidence through the Orientation by MyLinguaLines Pvt. Ltd.”

A **two-day Staff Orientation Programme** was conducted at **St. Mary's School, Nagina** by **MyLinguaLines Pvt. Ltd.** on **11th and 12th March** with the primary objective of encouraging teachers to communicate confidently in English.

On the first day, Miss Swati Chakraborty and Miss Shadwal Tulika led interactive sessions on spoken English and student-friendly teaching methods, which helped teachers explore practical ways of making classrooms more engaging.

The second day featured an inspiring session by Mr. Satish Nair, along with the company's HR, Miss Gnyanambika O, who emphasized professional growth and effective communication in English as a vital tool for teaching.

The programme was a valuable experience, motivating teachers to embrace English as a medium of communication while refining their teaching practices.



A Day of Gratitude, A Feast of Blessings

On 19th March 2025, our school came together in joy and reverence to celebrate the **feast day of Rev. Fr. Anoop Pynadath, CMI** our esteemed Manager. The occasion was marked by heartfelt expressions of gratitude, admiration, and warm wishes for a leader who continues to inspire with his wisdom, humility, and unwavering dedication.

The day began with a special prayer service, invoking divine blessings upon Father Anoop for his continued health, guidance, and spiritual leadership. This was followed by a vibrant celebration featuring a variety of colourful co-curricular performances, including dances, songs, skits, and messages—all offered as tokens of love and respect.

Students, teachers, and staff members enthusiastically participated, turning the day into a beautiful mosaic of joy, creativity, and unity. The stage came alive with performances that not only entertained but also reflected the values and vision that Father Anoop upholds within our school community. Every act reflected the values and vision that Fr. Anoop upholds within our school community. The event was more than a celebration—it was a tribute to a beloved leader whose presence continues to shape our school into a place of excellence, compassion, and faith. Fr. Anoop's leadership is a guiding light, nurturing both minds and hearts.

We are immensely thankful to everyone who contributed to making this celebration a memorable and meaningful event. Truly, it was a day of gratitude and a feast of blessings—a reflection of the love we hold for our beloved Manager, Rev. Fr. Anoop Pynadath.



With Gratitude We Part, With Hope We Start

A poignant moment filled with emotion and reverence unfolded as the St. Mary's School family bid a heartfelt **farewell to our beloved teacher, Mrs. Arti Mishra**, who concluded her **33 years of dedicated service** with grace and dignity. Her unwavering commitment, deep-rooted values, and sincere love for teaching have left an indelible mark on generations of students and colleagues. As she steps into a new chapter of her life, we carry forward the legacy of excellence she nurtured within these walls.

In the same spirit of celebration and new beginnings, a **warm and enthusiastic welcome** was extended to our newly appointed faculty members, who now become part of our ever-growing St. Mary's family. Their arrival brings with it fresh energy, new ideas, and the promise of continued growth.



Your journey starts now, make it count

A new journey of class XI began from 7th April 2025. With some familiar and some unfamiliar faces, we relished in the future prospects of the family. Rev. Fr. Anoop, Manager of the institution shared his valuable words in the morning assembly to motivate the students for their new session 2025-26. The class being a stepping stone for the Board exams, holds the most value as it forms the foundation upon which the school's reputation is built.

Leadership in Action



The **Investiture Ceremony** for the academic year **2025-26** was conducted on 12th April 2025 with great pride at **St. Mary's School, Nagina**, to formally bestow responsibilities upon the newly elected **Student Council**.

The ceremony was graced by our Honourable Chief Guest, **Mr. Veer Singh, BEO, Nagina**, whose inspiring presence elevated the grandeur of the occasion. Their words of encouragement resonated deeply, reminding the young leaders of the power and responsibility that come with their roles.

The event began with a warm welcome to our esteemed guests, including Rev. Fr. Anoop, Manager of the institution, and Rev. Fr. Shaiju, our respected Principal. The atmosphere was filled with pride and discipline as the newly appointed council members marched in, led by the school band.

The elected office bearers were honoured by the chief guests by giving them badges and slashes. All the office bearers pledged for doing their duties with honesty and full dedication.

The **Oath-taking Ceremony** was a solemn moment, where leaders pledged to uphold the values and vision of the school. In his address, Rev. Fr. Bishop Emeritus congratulated the council and encouraged them to lead with integrity, compassion, and courage.

The programme also featured inspiring speeches, a prayer song, and a brief cultural presentation, adding colour and warmth to the occasion. The ceremony concluded with renewed enthusiasm, marking the beginning of a new journey in leadership and service.



First Day of Learning, Lifelong Earning

St. Mary's School marked the sacred beginning of the academic year with the Vidyarambh Ceremony on 15th April 2025 marking a new chapter in a traditional and joyful initiation into learning for our youngest students.

The ceremony began with a prayer and lighting of the lamp, followed by the symbolic ritual of writing the first letter in a tray of rice, guided by, Rev. Fr. our esteemed chief guest, Rev. Fr. Shaiju (Principal), Sr. Jismy (Vice Principal), and Sr. Anjali (KG Incharge). The children, along with their parents, participated with excitement and reverence.

Our Chief Guest **Rev. Fr. George Kulangara CMI**, spoke of the vital partnership between parents and teachers, saying, “when home and school walk together, a child grows not just in knowledge but in character”.

The event beautifully blended culture, learning, and community spirit — setting a meaningful tone for the year ahead.



Bagless Day : Explore, Express, Enjoy



Keeping up with the tradition, our school celebrates **Bagless Day** at the end of every month — a day when students leave behind their heavy school bags and step into a world of creative learning and joyful exploration.

This unique initiative allows students to **explore, express, and enjoy** as they engage in house activities and club meetings. Under the guidance of their teachers and house in-charges, students plan for upcoming events, participate in fun-filled activities, and collaborate with their peers.

Bagless Day provides a refreshing break from routine academics and encourages learning beyond books. It helps children discover hidden talents, enhance their leadership skills, and build stronger bonds with their teams — all while having fun in a relaxed environment.

This monthly tradition continues to bring smiles, spark ideas, and nurture the all-round development of our students.



Shape Your Dream with the Right Path CAREER COUNSELING SESSION

A **Career Counseling Session** was organized in our school with the theme "**Shape Your Dream with the Right Path**" to help students make informed academic and career choices. The session was conducted by **Ms. Akansha Arora**, Educational consent and training expert, and was attended by students from Classes 9 to 12.

Ms. Akansha guided students in understanding their strengths, exploring various career options, and choosing suitable streams. Through interactive discussions, she highlighted the importance of aligning passion with planning. The session also included tips on entrance exams and future-ready skills.

Our Principal, **Rev. Fr. Shaiju** encouraged students to pursue their dreams with determination and direction. The session concluded with a Q&A round, leaving students more confident and focused about their future.



Dribble your Way to Glory

Victory at the 2nd Fr. Raymond CMI



We are proud to share that the St. Mary's Basketball Team has emerged as the **Champions** at the **2nd Fr. Raymond CMI Basketball Tournament 2025-26**, held at **St. Joseph's Academy, Ghaziabad**. This remarkable victory has added yet another golden feather to our cap.

Our heartfelt congratulations to the entire team for this outstanding achievement! Their dedication, teamwork, and relentless spirit truly stood out throughout the tournament.

A special note of appreciation goes to **Mr. Neeraj**, our dedicated coach, who was also honoured with the **Best Coach Award** for his unwavering commitment and expert guidance. We also extend our warmest congratulations to **Master Rudra**, who was declared the **Most Valuable Player (MVP)** of the tournament for his exceptional performance on the court.

In addition to this victory, our **Senior Boys Badminton Team** reached the **semifinals**, showcasing commendable skill and perseverance. The Junior Boys Badminton Team participated actively in the league matches, and we applaud their spirited effort and enthusiasm.

On behalf of the entire St. Mary's family, our Principal, Rev. Fr. Shaiju, congratulates all the participants and encourages them to continue striving for excellence both on and off the field.





Boys of St. Mary's Shine at CISCE Zonal Basketball Tournament

Play with passion, respect your game and enjoy every moment on the field: We are proud to share that the **Under-17 and Under-19 Boys' Basketball Teams** of St. Mary's School secured the **Runners-Up trophies** at the CISCE Zonal Basketball Tournament, held at Sophia School, Meerut.

Our teams displayed commendable sportsmanship, teamwork, and determination throughout the matches, earning well-deserved recognition and making the St. Mary's family proud.

A special word of appreciation goes to **Mr. Neeraj**, our dedicated coach, whose tireless training and encouragement played a crucial role in this success. We also extend heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Ankush Malhotra and Mrs. Mridula for accompanying and supporting the students during the two-day event in Meerut.

The team was further recognised at the **St. Mary's school fest** by our designated **Chief Guest, Dr. Anjani Kumar Chaturvedi (PPS, CO, Nagina)**.

Splash, Slide & Swing - Kiddies' Fun King! **A Day of Joy and Laughter for Our Little Stars**

The campus of **St. Mary's School, Nagina** came alive with colours, laughter, and excitement during the lively event “**Splash, Slide & Swing - Kiddies' Fun King**”, organized specially for students of Nursery to Class V.

The school ground was transformed into a mini fun fair, filled with swings, slides, bouncy castles, water play, and exciting game stalls. Children gleefully explored every activity, their faces glowing with joy and enthusiasm.

Under the careful supervision of teachers, the little ones played freely and safely, creating happy moments and lasting memories. The event not only brought joy but also encouraged active participation, teamwork, and bonding among peers.

“**Splash, Slide & Swing**” was a delightful break from the classroom — a celebration of childhood, fun, and togetherness that left every child smiling.



ST. MARY'S sports fest 2025

A Grand Celebration of Team Spirit and Talent

The vibrant grounds of **St. Mary's School** came alive with cheers, energy, and enthusiasm as the much-awaited **Inter-House Sports Fest 2025-26** conducted on 28th and 29th April 2025 unfolded with grandeur and glory. Spread across two thrilling days, the event was a celebration of athleticism, discipline, and sportsmanship — reflecting the school's commitment to holistic development.

The Inaugural Ceremony began with the ceremonial reception of the **Chief Guest, Dr. Anjani Kumar Chaturvedi (PPS, CO, Nagina)**, by the school band, followed by tilak and badge pinning. A graceful prayer dance set a serene tone for the day. The school sports flag was hoisted, and the Olympic torch was lit, symbolizing the flame of passion and excellence. The Chief Guest's inspiring address encouraged students to give their best, both on and off the field.

Events such as the Aerobic Dance, March Past Competition, and the Oath-Taking Ceremony highlighted the discipline and team coordination of each house. The inaugural day concluded with the first round of events and prize distribution, marking a powerful start to the fest.

The **Concluding Day** was equally spirited. It began with a prayer song, followed by track and field events and the much-enjoyed Teachers' Game, which added a delightful touch of fun and laughter. The excitement peaked as the March Past Results Individual Champions and Category-wise Champions were announced, celebrating the efforts of our outstanding athletes.

The climax of the day was the declaration of the Overall Champion House and the Runner- Up House, both greeted with thunderous applause. **The flag-lowering ceremony** marked the symbolic end of the fest, followed by a heartfelt **Vote of Thanks** by the Sports Captain, expressing gratitude to the management, staff, and volunteers for making the event a grand success.

The fest concluded with the National Anthem instilling a sense of pride and unity. The Inter-House Sports Fest 2026 was not just a competition, but a celebration of perseverance, unity, and the undying spirit of St. Mary's.





HONOUR WORK HONOUR WORKERS



'Workers Day' is a special occasion to thank and respect all the helping hands who make our school campus neat and clean every day. They perform their duties with honesty and full dedication. They reached early and fulfilled all their duties on time. Today they- the guards, the gardeners, the maids, and the peons were honoured. They taught us the value of hard work and honesty through their hard work and dedication

St. Mary's School observed **Workers' Day on 1st May 2025** with gratitude and warmth, celebrating the silent heroes of the campus — our dedicated non-teaching staff.

The event began with a prayer dance and lamp lighting, followed by an inspiring address by **Rev. Fr. Anoop**, highlighting the dignity and value of every worker. A group song and a heartfelt felicitation ceremony led by **Rev. Fr. Shaiju** honoured the efforts of our support staff. The **social club** rendered a meaningful title giving ceremony for all the didis and bhaiyas based on their unique qualities that we all adore and admire.

Students presented a meaningful **skit** and a lively **group dance**, while Mr. Shadab expressed appreciation on behalf of the staff. Fun games added cheer and energy to the event.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks by the Sports Captain and the **National Anthem**, reminding us all that behind every smooth-running day at school stands the strength of those who work behind the scenes.

Academic Excellence Continues – Results of Session 2024-25

On 30th April 2025, the results of the academic session 2024–25 were officially declared, and St. Mary's School proudly upheld its legacy of academic brilliance by achieving a 100% passing rate in both ICSE and ISC Board Examinations. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the unwavering dedication of our students, the tireless efforts of our faculty, and the steadfast support of the school management. The entire school community came together to congratulate and celebrate the students who performed exceptionally well and secured meritorious ranks.



CMI Vision of EDUCATION

Rev. Fr. Matin Mallath, General Councillor for Education at CMI Curia, led a one-day workshop centered on the transformative vision of CMI education. The session explored holistic development, value-based learning, and the evolving role of educators in shaping a future-ready academic ecosystem.



FROM ZONAL TO NATIONAL A path paved by St. Mary's School

In a remarkable achievement, Charchit Bharati, Rudra Chauhan, and Manthan Vishnoi from St. Mary's School, Nagina, have secured coveted spots on the national basketball team. Their outstanding performance in the Under-19 Meerut team, particularly during the triumphant Meerut Zonal Championship victory, impressed selectors.

The students expressed heartfelt gratitude to the school management, led by Principal Rev. Fr. Shaiju, for their unwavering support and encouragement. Special thanks were also extended to Rev. Fr. Anoop, our manager, Rev. Fr. Nithin, our administrator and Vice Principal Rev. Sr. Jismy.

The entire St. Mary's family extends warm congratulations, blessings, and best wishes to these talented athletes as they embark on their national journey.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATION

St. Mary's School | 5th June 2025

“He who plants a tree, plants hope.” —Lucy Larcom

St. Mary's School proudly observed World Environment Day with a series of meaningful activities that inspired awareness, action, and responsibility toward nature.

The day began with a special morning assembly organized by the Socials Club, where students delivered a thoughtful speech on the theme of environmental conservation. Their message reminded everyone that small actions — like planting a tree — can have a big impact on the planet.

Rev. Fr. Anoop, our School Manager, and Sr. Jismy, our Vice Principal, encouraged student participation by presenting saplings to selected students, recognizing them as young ambassadors of change.

Later in the day, every student received a plant sapling to take home and nurture, promoting the message of "Plant at Home, Care for the Earth." The initiative aimed to involve families in building a greener tomorrow.

Adding to the celebration, the school also planted saplings within the campus grounds. These were graciously provided by the Department of Education, further strengthening our commitment to sustainable practices and environmental stewardship.

The day's activities reflected the school's continued effort to instill ecological values and responsibility in young minds — truly living the message.





ST. MARY'S DAY CELEBRATION

St. Mary's School, Nagina, came alive with colour, pride, and joyful spirit on **16th July 2025** as students, staff, staff-family members and dignitaries gathered to celebrate **St. Mary's Day**.

The celebration began with a warm welcome extended to our esteemed guests, including **Rev. Fr. Thomas Massey from the Meerut Diocese** as the Chief Guest, along with Rev. Fr. Anoop our Manager, Rev. Fr. Shaiju, our Principal, and other dignitaries.

The day featured a delightful Fashion Show by our Kindergarten students, drawing cheers and smiles from all. The **Inter-House Group Dance** Competition showcased talent, energy, and team spirit among senior students. Judging the event, we were joined by a special member of the jury, Mr. Josephine from St. Mary's School, Jaspur.

In a unique turn of events the school opened the gates for the family members of the staff. An inter-personal celebration catered to fun activities, lively music and surprise gifts and lunch held for the staff and families extended a warm link between both. Family members poured their heartfelt gratitude as we came to an end of the celebration.

St. Mary's Day served as a reminder of the values of service, unity, and commitment — values that continue to define the St. Mary's family.





TINY TOTS and THEIR RAINBOW CELEBRATION

A wave of cheer was brought on **26th July 2025** with the celebration of **Colours Day**, when the KG students arrived dressed in bright shades, filling the campus with happiness and a lively splash of colours.

The series of events created a memorable and joyful experience, beautifully blending devotion, creativity, and celebration for the youngest members of the St. Mary's family.



Adding to the festive spirit, the school also celebrated the Feast Day of **Sr. Anjali SJSM, the dedicated KG In-charge**. The Feast Day of Sister Anjali on 26th July 2025 was celebrated with love, prayers, and cake-cutting. Alongside, our KG students marked Colours Day, spreading cheer in their bright outfits and making the day even more special for the little ones and the staff.



Rhythm, moves and house pride - 'Let's set the stage on fire'

INTER-HOUSE DANCE AND SOLO SINGING COMPETITIONS

A Showcase of Talent and Team Spirit

Throughout the academic year 2025-26, the campus of **St. Mary's School, Nagina** echoed with rhythm and melody during the much-anticipated **Inter-House Dance and Solo Singing Competitions**, held on various Saturdays across various months.

Students from all houses participated enthusiastically in solo and group performances, showcasing their creativity, confidence, and coordination. These competitions not only celebrated the artistic flair of our students but also fostered teamwork, healthy competition, and house spirit.

Winners were awarded house points, and appreciation was extended to all participants for making each Saturday event a memorable and melodious experience.

ST. MARY'S

UNDER-14 BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Crowned District Champions!

We are proud to announce that the **Under-14 Boys' Basketball Team of St. Mary's School, Nagina** has brought laurels to the institution by winning the **District-Level Basketball Tournament** held in Bijnor, organized by the **Bijnor Basketball Association**.

The team showcased outstanding skill, teamwork, and determination throughout the tournament, ultimately emerging as **Champions**, filling the entire St. Mary's family with immense pride and joy.

We appreciate **Mr. Neeraj Kumar**, the team's dedicated coach, whose consistent guidance and motivation were instrumental in this remarkable achievement.

Heartfelt congratulations to the entire team for their hard work and success!





Devotion and Delight

Janmashtami 2025

Janmashtami was celebrated at St. Mary's School, Nagina with great enthusiasm and devotion on 11th August 2025. The occasion was graced by Rev. Fr. Anoop, who was the Chief Guest for the day.

The celebration featured vibrant cultural performances by the students, beautifully depicting the life and teachings of Lord Krishna through songs, dances, and skits. The highlight of the programme was the fancy dress competition by the little ones, whose delightful portrayals of Lord Krishna and Radha brought smiles to everyone's faces.

On the same day, the school also honoured student achievements by presenting the Best Discipline Award and the Best Assembly Award for the month of July. The celebration was a perfect blend of devotion, talent, and recognition, leaving behind a memorable experience for all.





A Nation in Every Heart CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE THE ST. MARY'S WAY

The spirit of patriotism and unity echoed across the campus of St. Mary's School, Nagina as the school celebrated **Independence Day 2025-26** with great pride and enthusiasm. The event was a vibrant tribute to India's hard-earned freedom and a reminder of the responsibilities that come with it.

The day began with a ceremonial welcome of the **Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Thomas Appachira CMI**, Rector, St. Joseph's Study House, Najibabad and former principal of St. Mary's School, Nagina, along with our **special guests from Germany, Ms. Christa Maria and Fr. George Palimattam CMI** and the team of management, marked by a traditional Tilak ceremony, badging, and a grand reception by the school band. The programme officially commenced with an inspiring Welcome Address by Rev. Fr. Shaiju, our principal, who reflected on the significance of the day and encouraged students to uphold the values of freedom, unity, and service.

A graceful Prayer Dance set a reverent tone, followed by the Flag Hoisting Ceremony, National Anthem, and the Pledge, led by the Head Boy. The event was filled with youthful displays of cultural performances and rhythmic March past.

The **Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Thomas Appachira CMI**, addressed the gathering with an inspiring message, highlighting the role of youth in shaping the future of the nation and emphasizing the joint responsibility of parents and educators in this journey. The program further blended into the unveiling of the Exhibition; **Elan 2k25**.





A HARMONY OF SCIENCE, ART, AND INNOVATION

St. Mary's School, Nagina hosted **Elan 2k25: The Science and Arts Exhibition** with great energy and creativity. A key highlight of the Independence Day celebration was the inauguration of the Science Exhibition, where students presented a variety of innovative and thought-provoking models. Each display reflected the curiosity, imagination, and hard work of the young minds. Our special judges from St. Mary's School, Jaspur took their diligent time to reflect on each presentation before giving their judgement.

Adding flavour to the day, the exhibition also featured **food stalls** that offered a delightful break for visitors while promoting student philanthropy and teamwork.

This year's event carried a special charm with the launch of the **English Radio** - a live, student-led broadcast running throughout the programme. Complementing the festive atmosphere, the **school choir** filled the venue with **live music**, creating an inspiring and lively backdrop for the day's activities.

Elan 2k25 truly lived up to its name by blending **science, art, music, and innovation**, making the celebration a memorable experience for all.





GREEN GOSPEL

Ecological Challenges and Waste Management

In a step towards sustainable development, On 23rd August, 2025, St. Mary's School, Nagina welcomed **Rev. Sr. Ekta FSLG**, to educate and guide our students. The seminar elaborated on the techniques of segregating waste and reducing the circulation of plastic. Catering to the alarming signs of mass natural calamities as a result of pollution, the seminar stood as a precautionary measure. The seminar was organized by the Department of Social Work, St. John's Province, Bijnor.



Staff Excursion to Jaipur, Ajmer & Pushkar : A Joyful Journey of Bonding and Relaxation

St. Mary's School organized a joyful two-day trip to Jaipur, Ajmer, and Pushkar for its teaching staff. Starting on 6th February, the excursion offered a refreshing break filled with sightseeing, laughter, and bonding—celebrating the dedication and spirit of our educators.



A Heartfelt Goodbye to Our Seniors

A Celebration of Memories

St. Mary's School bid a heartfelt farewell to Class XII students with a warm celebration organized by Class XI. The event honoured their school journey with emotion and joy, graced by esteemed guests including Rev. Fr. Davis Varayilan CMI and school leadership. The ceremony concluded with an agape, symbolizing unity, gratitude, and cherished memories.



5 GOLDEN RULES FOR STUDENTS

1. **Dream Big** - Your dreams decide your direction.
2. **Work Hard** - There's no elevator to success; you must take the stairs.
3. **Use Time Wisely** - Every minute counts, use it well.
4. **Stay Positive** - A strong mind can turn problems into opportunities.
5. **Build Character** - Marks fade, but values last forever.

Success is not a destination—it's the result of what you do **every single day**. Start today, stay consistent, and one day, you'll thank yourself for not giving up.

1. "Your future is created by what you do today, not tomorrow."
2. "In the dictionary, success comes after work—and in life, too."
3. "Small steps every day lead to giant leaps in the future."
4. "Exams test your memory, but life tests your character."

"Dream with courage, work with heart—

Success will follow, as sure as the dawn's start."

UKG CONVOCATION CEREMONY

Held on **8 March 2025**, the UKG Convocation Ceremony was a heart-warming milestone as our youngest learners stepped into a new chapter. Dressed in miniature graduation robes and caps, the children proudly received their certificates, as their smiles lit up the hall. **Rev. Fr. (Dr.) Siby Pallupetta, from the Diocese of Bijnor**, the Chief Guest, not only graced the occasion but also led an insightful session for parents, highlighting the importance of nurturing emotional, social, and cognitive growth in early childhood.



A Memorable Visit from Rev. Fr. Davis Varayilan CMI

We were honored to welcome Rev. Fr. Davis Varayilan CMI, President of the Society, to our school on July 7th. His presence during the morning assembly was both uplifting and motivational. Father addressed the students and staff with heartfelt words, emphasizing the value of dedication, discipline, and holistic education.

Later that day, during a special staff meeting, he took time to personally appreciate our teachers for their unwavering commitment and the commendable academic achievements of our students. His encouraging words served as a powerful reminder of the impact educators have in shaping young minds.



SATURDAY ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHT

Our little artists lit up the day with creativity and joy!

On 23rd August 2025, our Nursery, LKG, and UKG students celebrated a vibrant Saturday Activity filled with creativity—Nursery kids enjoyed hand printing, LKG students explored thumb painting, and UKG children showcased their craft skills, making the day a joyful blend of colors, fun, and learning.



I Dream with Open Eyes



Vihan Shandilya
IV B

*I dream with open eyes and wide,
With stars and rainbows by my side
A world of kindness, love, and cheer,
Where smiles grow bright and skies are clear.
I see a park in every street,
With singing flowers at my feet.
Birds that talk and clouds that play,
And trees that dance the night away.
A robot friend to help us clean,
A solar school that's always green,
No one cries all are fed,
With happy dreams tucked in each bed.
I may be small, but dreams are tall,
Together we can change it at all.*

QUOTES TO MIND



Navya Gupta
VI



1. "Your life is just like money and have to spend, it depends on you."
2. "If you can learn letter, you can do better."
3. "Don't be others servant, build your life and own it."
4. "Your life is just like a blooming flower, if you want to bloom it anymore, water it."
5. "Education is just like a diamond, that only some people gain."

When Her Soul Met His Silence

(Characters : Solace & Storm)



Ms Puja Gilotra
(Teacher)

The day Solace met Storm, the world stood still,
It felt like magic, against all will.

**Solace's heart raced fast, beyond control,
A thousand butterflies filled the soul.
Solace gazed at Storm, lost in surprise,
Like dreams had opened in tender eyes.
But the next day came, so cold, so bare,
Silence and sadness hung in the air.**

Solace didn't know why skies turned blue,
As if happiness suddenly flew.

But soon, again, a moment came,
Of joy, of hope, of love's sweet flame.

**Storm never knew what Solace could see—
The little things that set the spirit free.
Solace smiled once more, the heart did sing,
Yet sorrow returned, like a hidden sting.**

Still, Solace prayed with all the heart,
For love to win, for a brand-new start.
And when a wish is soul so pure,
God shows paths so bright, so sure.

**Then came the day—so full of light,
When hearts entwined and felt so right.
But Storm, with pride and shadows to show,
Hid gentle feelings that would not grow.**

Yet Solace, brave, so strong, so true,
Knew what was wanted, and what to do.
Through storms and fire, the path was crossed,
With love so deep, whatever the cost.

**There was a time when hope felt gone,
When even the strength could not hold on.
But faith returned, a radiant sign,
To rise once more and make Storm mine.**

Now hand in hand, they walk the way,
Through every dark and sunny day.
With smiles, with fights, with tears that fall,
But love, real love, survives it all.

**So here they are, in their own song,
Bitter, sweet, where hearts belong.
Not perfect, but perfectly true—
A love like this, found by few.**

ART GALLERY



Archita Garg
IX A



Nancy Bada
IX A



Anvesha Rajput
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