

GOOSEBERRY

JOURNEY FROM
SOUR TO SWEET

EDITION

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A Venture by
St. Mary's School, Nagina



FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

I am delighted to present the fourth edition of *Gooseberry*, a magazine that beautifully captures the bittersweet journey of learning. Like the gooseberry itself—tart yet nourishing—the educational process invites our students to push forward with courage, patience, and resilience. True education is not limited to the pages of books; it is the art of applying knowledge, refining one's abilities, and calibrating the unique skills each child is endowed with.

This magazine reflects that very process. Every page showcases growth: the willingness to explore, the discipline to learn, and the creativity to express. Through their writings, artwork, and reflections, our students demonstrate how learning becomes meaningful when it moves from theory to practice.

I congratulate the editorial team, teachers, and students for presenting this spirit so thoughtfully. May *Gooseberry* continue to inspire our learners to grow with purpose and confidence.

Rev. Fr. Anoop Peter CMI



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It gives me immense joy to present the 4th edition of *Gooseberry*, a vibrant reflection of the achievements and activities of the second session of the academic year 2025–26. This magazine stands as a testimony to the creativity, commitment, and collaborative spirit of the students and teachers of St. Mary's Family.

Each page showcases not only accomplishments but also the values of dedication, teamwork, and excellence that define the strength our school community. The publication of this edition is the result of thoughtful planning, sincere effort, and hard work.

As the Principal, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the editorial team and to everyone who contributed to bringing out this wonderful edition. May *Gooseberry* continue to inspire, inform, and celebrate the spirit of our school family.

With warm regards,

Rev. Fr. Shaiju N. Raphel CMI

FROM VICE-PRINCIPAL'S DESK



The gooseberry teaches us that greatness is not measured by size but by value. In the same way, St. Mary's School strives to instil deep-rooted values, knowledge, and resilience in every child. Like the gooseberry—small in size yet rich in nourishment—we believe that true strength lies in character, discipline, and integrity. Education may begin with lessons and textbooks, but it matures into wisdom and resilience that shape life beyond the classroom. As a Vice Principal, I am proud that St. Mary's School nurtures young minds to grow strong at the core, just as the gooseberry strengthens the body from within. When character is nurtured early, success follows naturally, and may our students carry this inner strength wherever life leads them.

I sincerely appreciate all those who worked behind the curtain to make the fourth edition of *Gooseberry* a success. God bless you all.

Rev. Sr. Jismy Njaliyan SJSM



FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

Greetings to all,

Within *Gooseberry* lies the soul of our school. Programs, arts, and words come together to remind us that education is not the filling of a vessel, but the lightening of a flame. Every contribution is a spark, and together they illuminate the path we walk as one family.

Rev. Fr. Nithin Airukattu CMI



MESSAGE FROM THE KG PRINCIPAL

Kindergarten is the foundation where learning begins with love, care, and joy. Our little learners explore, play, and grow each day with curiosity and confidence. Through various classroom and co-curricular activities, they develop creativity, good habits, and social skills. This magazine is a beautiful reflection of their learning journey and happy moments. I wish all our children a future filled with success, smiles, and endless learning. God Bless you all!

Warm regards,

Rev. Sr. Anjali SJSM

MESSAGE BY CHIEF EDITOR



“A Magazine is not a collection of pages, but a reflection of young minds and creative hearts.”

Dear Readers,

It brings me immense pleasure to present the 4th edition of our school magazine- a beautiful of our students' dreams, creativity, and unstoppable spirit. Each page tells a story, each word carries a thought, and each artwork mirrors the bright future our children are shaping. It's a treasure chest filled with the voices, visions, and vibrant dreams of our young minds. Every page of the magazine glows with the creativity and a spark of imagination. This is a canvas where ideas bloom and talents shine.

May this edition continue to inspire to every reader, encourage new ideas, and strengthen the culture of excellence in our school.

Mrs. Neetu Verma



MESSAGE BY CO-EDITOR

Dear Readers,

Every great story begins with a spark an idea, a moment, a voice that dares to rise. As a Co-Editor of this magazine, I am honoured to help bring together the sparks that light up these pages.

This edition is a celebration of possibility. It reminds us that inspiration can be found in unexpected places, in the courage of individuals who keep moving forward, in the creativity that transforms challenges into opportunities, and in the collective power we hold when we choose to share our stories with the world. Each article, illustration, and insight you'll encounter here carries a message: **we are all capable of more than we imagine**. Whether you're seeking motivation, clarity, or simply a moment of reflection, may these pages encourage you to think boldly, dream widely, and chase what sets your soul on fire. To our contributors, thank you for pouring heart and hope into your work. And to you, our readers, thank you for joining us on this journey of growth and discovery. Let this issue be a reminder—your next chapter is always waiting to be written.

Ms. Ilma Fatma



MESSAGE BY CULTURAL INCHARGE

Finding the Best Within:

Being the Cultural In-charges has given us a beautiful opportunity to witness the transformation of our students—year after year, stage after stage. We have seen shy students bloom with confidence, and we have seen hidden talents rise when given a simple chance. One thing we strongly believe is that every student deserves an opportunity to discover the best within themselves. Each child is gifted in their own way, and all they need is faith, encouragement, and a platform to express who they truly are.

Personality grooming is not about perfection; it is about progress. It is about shaping a child to be expressive, responsible, and proud of whom they are. When students participate, interact, and challenge themselves, they automatically grow into confident individuals. Cultural activities open doors for imagination, discipline, and leadership— qualities that stay with them far beyond school life.

As teachers, we hold the responsibility of nurturing not just minds, but dreams. We feel blessed to be a part of their journey, guiding them to shine in their own unique and beautiful way.

Mrs. Mary Fatima and Mr. Faizan Akhtar

MESSAGE FROM THE KG CULTURAL SECRETARIES



Our little stars filled the school with joy, colors, and smiles through their wonderful cultural activities. Each performance showed their confidence, creativity, and happiness. This magazine captures their beautiful efforts and cheerful moments. May our children always keep learning, expressing, and shining bright.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Swati Bhardwaj & Mrs. T.N. Sangeetha



A Note of Gratitude by Asst. Head Girl and Asst. Head Boy

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the successful publication of Gooseberry, our school magazine. This edition is a reflection of the shared creativity and dedication of our school community. We sincerely thank our Principal for constant support and vision, which inspires every step of our journey. Our appreciation also goes to the Vice Principal and all our teachers for their encouragement and valuable guidance throughout the compilation process.

We are grateful to the Editorial Board for their meticulous work and to the Design and Photography Teams for adding artistic excellence to every page. A special thanks to our students, whose writings, artwork, and achievements bring colour, depth, and originality to this magazine.

We also acknowledge the unwavering support of parents and well-wishers, whose encouragement strengthens our efforts.

With warm regards,

Kavya and Arnab

Unity in Diversity – Eid-E-Milad Celebration at St. Mary's School



St. Mary's School joyfully celebrated **Eid-E-Milad** on 3rd September 2026, embracing the spirit of unity and honouring every religion. The occasion was graced by our esteemed Administrator, **Rev. Fr. Nithin CMI**, who served as the Chief Guest. In his inspiring message, he reminded the gathering of the values of peace, compassion, and harmony that bind us together as one community.

The celebration began with a soulful prayer song, setting a spiritual tone for the event. The students added vibrancy to the celebration through heartfelt performances, including a skit, melodious songs, and other creative presentations. Their enthusiasm and dedication reflected the true essence of the day—spreading love, respect, and togetherness.

The program not only enriched our cultural understanding but also strengthened the bonds of fraternity within our school community.

The celebration was concluded with a heartfelt note of thanks. And at the same time the names of our toppers of the academic session 2024-25, 100% attendance achievers and science exhibition winners were awarded with the trophies.





Teachers Day CELEBRATION

Honoring the Pillars of Education

'Teachers inspire us to dream, guide us to achieve, and help us become better human beings.'

St. Mary's family celebrated *Teachers' Day* on 4th September 2025, with warmth, enthusiasm, and heartfelt gratitude. All the Fathers, Sisters and Teachers were welcomed to the venue, followed by traditional *Tilak Ceremony* and *Badging* to honour the dignitaries. The campus came alive with vibrant student performances—speeches, dances, skits, and songs—each reflecting love and respect for their mentors. Teachers were honoured with photo frames as tokens of appreciation, and fun games added joy to the occasion.

Every smile and gesture echoed deep admiration for the guiding lights who nurture young minds—truly, *the only profession that builds every other profession*.



From every class flows the melody of a new dawn

Classwise Morning Assembly



“From tiny thoughts to towering dreams- one assembly one sky” with this great thought our shining minds showcase their talent to spark the Day Assembly. New thought, new words help to enrich our vocabulary and mind.

A school morning becomes truly meaningful when every class comes together to celebrate learning, values, and unity. The class wise assembly is not just a routine gathering- it is a beautiful symphony where every voice, every thought and every talent finds its place. Each class steps forward with confidence, sharing wisdom through different types of prayers, speeches, thoughts, news, History points of the day, new word and pledge performance that brightens the day for everyone.

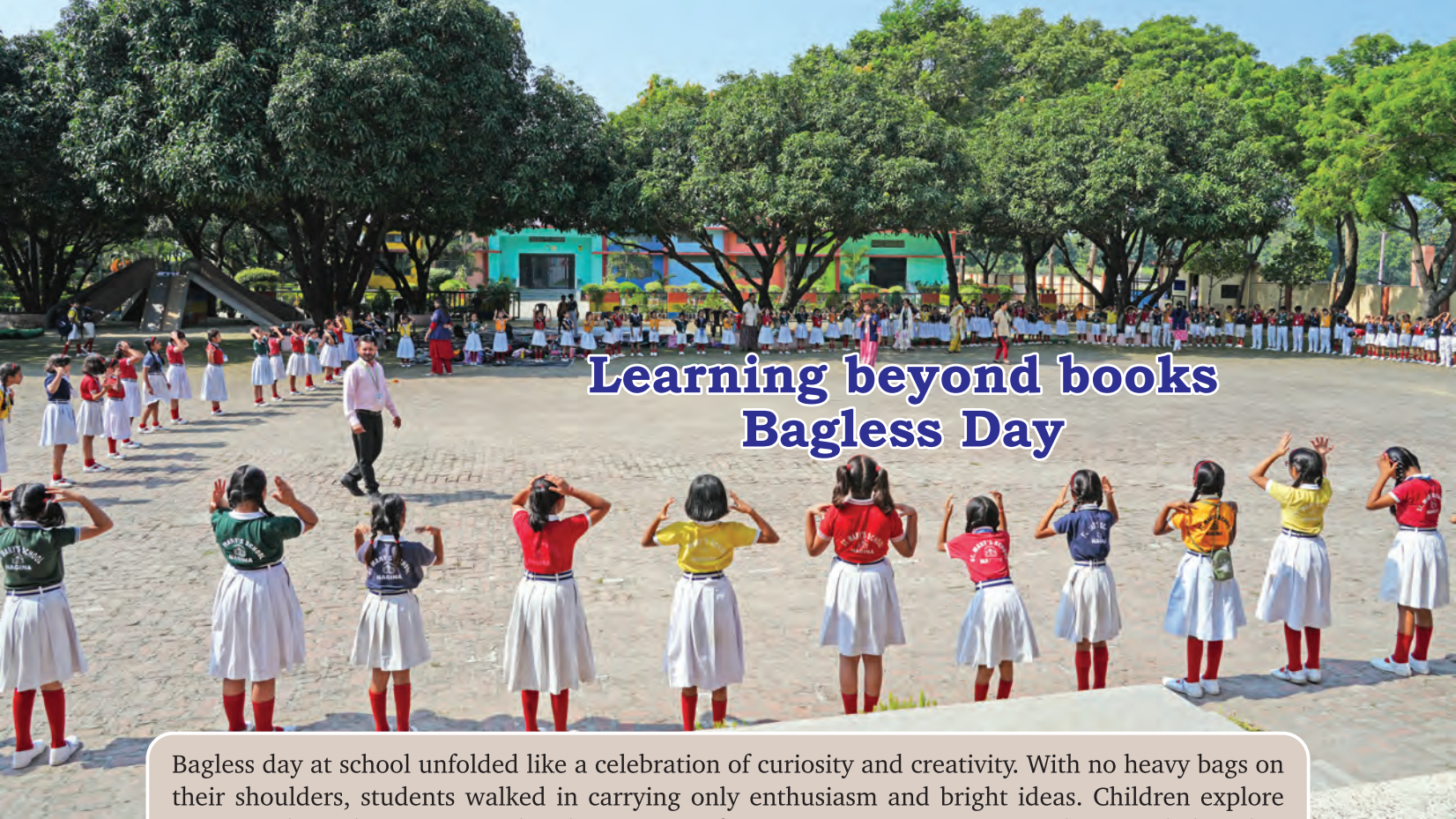
picnic

CLASS XII

BOOKS ASIDE, FUN WORLDWIDE

A day to remember – Amidst the busy schedules of studies, our super seniors delighted in a refreshing and joyful picnic at **Dehradun on 16 September 2025**, a day that will be cherished forever. The trip rejuvenated their young minds and added another golden chapter to their school journey. Captured in countless photographs and treasured through unforgettable moments, the picnic offered a much-needed pause from academic pressures. Smiles were packed along with the leftovers, and memories returned home with us—bright, lasting, and full of laughter.





Learning beyond books Bagless Day

Bagless day at school unfolded like a celebration of curiosity and creativity. With no heavy bags on their shoulders, students walked in carrying only enthusiasm and bright ideas. Children explore concepts through activities and make strategies for upcoming events. Day gently reminded us that education is not just about books, but about experiences that shape young minds.



(Classes I to V)

Our school campus turned into a platform for a ramp walk. Where our beautiful models, our tiny tots dressed as freedom fighters, doctors, animals, trees, fruits, fairies, superheroes and many more, stole everyone's hearts with their confidence and charm. With their innocent smiles and tiny yet powerful dialogues, each child spread a beautiful message of creativity, courage and awareness. Such a memorable day it was, filled with laughter, learning and little footsteps of confidence.

Encouraging Expressions Through Colours and Costumes





A Grand Celebration of Sportsmanship 9th Interschool Sports Meet

The much-awaited 9th Interschool Sports Meet **2025-26** was held from 16th October to 18th October with great enthusiasm on the grounds of **St. Mary's School, Nagina**, the proud host of this year's event. The event was organized by **The Department of Education, St. John's CMI Province, Bijnor**. Eleven schools with 660 athletes participated, making it a vibrant gathering of young athletes eager to showcase their talent, discipline, teamwork, sportsmanship and determination.

The ceremony was graced by **Dr. Anjani Kumar Chaturvedi, CO of Nagina**, as Chief Guest, whose inspiring words motivated participants to strive for excellence. The programme was meticulously planned under the guidance of **Rev. Fr. Shaiju Raphel, our Principal**, and efficiently assisted by **Rev. Fr. Biju, Programme Convener**, along with **Rev. Fr. Bino** and **Rev. Fr. Jomon**. Adding to the grandeur was the presence of **Provincial Superior Rev. Fr. Davis Varayilan**, whose blessings elevated the spirit of the event.

The program began with the reception of the chief guest followed by a prayer dance invoking divine blessings. Rev. Fr. Anoop Manager of the Host School delivered the welcome speech meanwhile Rev. Fr. Shaiju Principal of the school introduced the Sports meet 2025-26.

The spirit of the event was ignited with the torch bearer's run followed by Flag hoisting by Chief Guest declaration of the Sports Meet opened and the release of the balloons by Fr. Provincial and pigeons by Chief Guest symbolizing freedom and peace.

The day was filled with cheers as athletes competed in track and field events, displaying discipline, perseverance, and sportsmanship. In the end, **Ghaziabad School claimed the championship**, while **St. Mary's School, Nagina, proudly secured the runner-up position**.

The closing ceremony was graced by **Rev. Fr. Davis** President of the St. Jhon's Society as the Chief Guest of the day. The meet concluded with a vibrant prize distribution ceremony, leaving behind memories of unity, youthful energy, and healthy competition—a true celebration of the spirit of sports.



Tiny champs in action



Sports Day was a joyful and exciting day for our KG students, celebrated on 25 October 2025. The school ground was filled with laughter, smiles, and cheerful energy. Little children enthusiastically took part in fun games and races. They enjoyed running, clapping, and cheering for their friends. Every child participated with great happiness and confidence. It was a memorable day full of fun, learning, and joyful moments.”



Celebrating Leadership and Vision : Birthday celebration of our administrator Rev. Fr. Nithin!

The birthday of our administrator, **Rev. Fr. Nithin**, was celebrated on 27th October 2025 in the campus of St. Mary's School Nagina with great joy and enthusiasm.

Our honourable Manager **Rev. Fr. Anoop** shared his heartfelt words for Fr. Nithin. He appreciated his commitment towards his duties and his dedicated role in nurturing the school's growth and spirit

The celebration was marked with vibrant performances by students, including dance and cultural presentations that reflected their joy and admiration. As a token of love and gratitude, the management and staff presented Rev. Fr. Nithin with heartfelt wishes and a special gift, symbolizing the deep respect and affection he inspires within the school community.

Celebration came to an end with the beautiful thank note by **Fr. Nithin**. He expressed his heartfelt gratitude to everyone for the warm wishes and encouraged all to continue working together in unity and joy.





**EK OMKAR,
ONE HUMANITY**

St. Mary's school Nagina celebrated an auspicious occasion of Guru Nanak Jayanti along with the feast day of our beloved Vice Principal Rev. Sr. Jismy on 4th November 2025 in our own campus. The programme began with students chanting "Satnam Waheguru" in the form of a prayer song invoking God's blessing for peace, harmony and gratitude followed by a skit depicting key moments from Guru Nanak Dev Ji's life, highlighting his message of love, truth, and equality.

Our Principal, Rev. Fr. Shaiju Raphel CMI, appreciated the efforts of students and teachers, and also shared insights of life, vision and divine teaching of Guru Nanak Dev ji along with the great wishes for Rev. Sr. Jismy for her dedicated service, guidance and commitment to the school community.

This event not only paid tribute to the great Guru but also inspired us to live as responsible, compassionate individuals.



'Tiny Tots, Tremendous Talent'

Fancy Dress Competition - KG Section

The KG section joyfully celebrated a Fancy Dress Competition on 22 November 2025, where tiny participants amazed everyone with their creativity and confidence. The children came dressed as a delightful mix of social, environmental, patriotic, and cartoon characters, making the event both entertaining and educational.

The stage came alive with characters like traffic signals, trees, butterflies, peacock, soldiers, doctors, Mother Teresa, freedom fighters, along with popular and imaginative portrayals of Masha, Missile, and other creative characters. Through their costumes, the children beautifully conveyed messages of road safety, save trees, love for nature, peace, patriotism, and awareness, while cartoon characters added fun and excitement to the celebration.

The competition helped build self-confidence, stage presence, and expressive skills among the young learners. Their innocence, enthusiasm, and colourful attire made the event truly memorable and a grand success.

Celebrating the joy of childhood with creativity and smiles

Children's Day & Handmade Magazine release!

Children's Day was celebrated with great joy as teachers conducted the assembly and performed delightful cultural programmes in honour of the students. Fun games, dances, songs, and skits filled the day with excitement, while classrooms were beautifully decorated and students received sweets and tokens of love.

The highlight of the celebration was the release of the Handmade Class Magazine — something new launched in our school. Lovingly prepared by students, the magazine showcased stories, poems, drawings, and craft work, reflecting creativity and teamwork. It was unveiled by our Manager, Rev. Fr. Anoop, and warmly appreciated by a panel of judges.

A Prize Distribution Ceremony honoured outstanding student contributions, inspiring everyone to explore their talents. The day was concluded with the result of best handmade magazines category and class wise as well as words of appreciation by Rev. Fr. Anoop our esteemed Manager, who praised the dedication of students and teachers. The celebration truly embodied joy, creativity, and togetherness.





'A Tribute to Leadership, Integrity and Educational Excellence'

Birthday Celebration of Our Principal Rev. Fr. Shaiju CMI and Vice Principal Rev. Sr. Jismy SJSM

Our school celebrated the birthdays of our esteemed **Principal, Rev. Fr. Shaiju**, and our respected **Vice Principal, Rev. Sr. Jismy**, with great joy and reverence on 24th November 2025.

The celebration commenced with a grand welcome of our dignitaries and a special assembly that included a prayer service, invoking God's blessings upon **Rev. Fr. Shaiju** and **Rev. Sr. Jismy**. The school choir presented a soulful rendition, adding grace to the event. Students offered heartfelt speeches expressing their appreciation for the guidance, vision, and support provided by both leaders.

On this special day, the school also hosted an **Interhouse Group Dance Competition**, adding vibrancy and excitement to the celebration. Each house performed with enthusiasm, elegance, and teamwork, showcasing cultural richness and artistic talent. The event added a festive charm and made the occasion even more memorable.

Rev. Fr. Anoop our Manager felicitated both the special guests of the day with his valuable words about their dedication, commitment and tireless efforts for the betterment of the institution. As a gesture of love and respect, students presented thoughtful gifts to **Rev. Fr. Shaiju** and **Rev. Sr. Jismy**, symbolizing their admiration and gratitude. The cake-cutting ceremony, accompanied by applause and cheerful wishes, further enriched the celebration.

The celebration concluded with a unique and creative activity by Our beloved teacher: Live portrait making of our Rev. Fr. Shaiju and Rev. Sr. Jismy, shared sense of joy and unity, reflecting the strong bond within the school community. The presence and leadership of **Rev. Fr. Shaiju** and **Rev. Sr. Jismy** continue to inspire everyone to strive for excellence, discipline, and holistic growth.



Proud Achievement for Our School Basketball Team

Basketball at our school is more than a sport—it is a journey of discipline, teamwork, and determination

It is a moment of immense pride and joy for our school as our talented basketball team has achieved a remarkable milestone. **Five outstanding players** from our school have been selected to participate in the **29th Uttar Pradesh Junior Basketball Tournament**, a prestigious platform that recognises young sporting talent from across the state.

The selected players are: **Arnav Thakur, Vansh Sethi, Harsh Pal, Akshit, Aakash Gautam**

Their dedication, discipline, and relentless hard work have earned them this well-deserved opportunity. This achievement not only highlights their individual excellence but also reflects the strong guidance provided by our coaches and the unwavering support from the school.

Our School Manager **Rev. Fr. Anoop Peter** congratulated our young champions and wished them great success as they represent both our school and the district at the state-level tournament. Their accomplishment is an inspiration for all students and a proud moment for the entire school community.

Outstanding Performance in U-19 Basketball Tournament

Our school proudly celebrates the commendable achievement of our senior basketball players who showcased exceptional skill and teamwork in the **Under-19 Basketball Tournament**. Representing the school with determination and sportsmanship, **Manthan, Rudra, and Charchit** delivered an impressive performance that led our team to secure the **Runner-Up position**.

Adding to this proud moment, **Charchit** has been **selected to represent at the SGFI National level**, a remarkable accomplishment that reflects his dedication, talent, and hard work. We are equally delighted to share that **Rudra Chauhan** has been chosen as a **standby player** for the **SGFI Nationals**, further highlighting the strength and potential of our school team.

Their achievements serve as an inspiration to all aspiring athletes in our school. We all the students congratulated them wholeheartedly and wished them continued success in their future sporting endeavours.

Another Feather in Our Cap — Selection for SAI Residential Scheme

Our school is delighted to share yet another proud achievement in the field of sports. Two exceptionally talented basketball players, **Arnav Thakur** and **Harsh Pal**, have been **selected for the prestigious Basketball Residential Scheme of the Sports Authority of India (SAI)** at the **Training Centre in Chhattisgarh**.

This selection is a remarkable recognition of their skill, discipline, and consistent hard work. Being chosen for the SAI residential programme offers them an excellent opportunity to train under expert coaches, refine their game, and compete at higher levels.

Their accomplishment brings immense pride to our school community and serves as a motivating example for all aspiring athletes. We congratulate **Arnav** and **Harsh** on this outstanding success and wish them a bright and promising future in the world of basketball.

The Class that led with Confidence



To encourage excellence and foster a culture of responsibility, our school proudly presents the **Best Assembly Award** and the **Best Discipline Award** every month. These awards serve as a recognition of the collective efforts of classes that demonstrate outstanding performance, coordination, and conduct.

The **Best Assembly Award** is given to the class that prepares and presents the most meaningful, well-organized, and impactful morning assembly. Creativity, clarity of message, participation, and overall presentation are key criteria considered during the evaluation.

The **Best Discipline Award** acknowledges the class that consistently upholds exemplary behaviour throughout the month. This includes punctuality, adherence to school rules, respectful conduct, and maintaining cleanliness and order in the classroom and corridors.

By honouring these achievements, the school aims to inspire students to cultivate discipline, teamwork, leadership, and responsibility in their daily routines. These monthly recognitions not only motivate students to strive for excellence but also contribute to a positive and vibrant school environment.

Discover your Potential, Plan your Career



Career Guidance Session

On 25th & 26th of November 2025 our school had the opportunity to host an enriching **Teacher Training and students 'Career Counselling Programme** facilitated by the Assistant Professors: **Dr. Nidhi Raj Gupta, Mr. Kenneth Wilson Bavachon** and

Ms. Minu from **Kristu Jayanti Deemed to be University,**

Bengaluru. The session was designed to support teachers in enhancing their professional growth to be remained updated and for the students to guide them about their choices of their career.

They provided valuable insights into counselling techniques, student engagement strategies, and the role of teachers in shaping learners' career aspirations. The training also included interactive modules on communication, classroom mentoring, emotional intelligence, and effective guidance practices. Through case studies, discussions, and practical demonstrations, the professors emphasized the importance of fostering a supportive environment that encourages students to understand their strengths and make informed decisions.

The program was concluded with an expression of gratitude to honour the Assistant Professors with a token of love for their expertise, dedication, and contribution to enhancing our teachers and students' skills. The team of Kristu Jayanti college also presented a token of love to our honourable principal Rev. Fr. Shaiju Raphel. With the vote of thanks by one of our students the session ended with positivity and confidence among students as well as teachers.



'Healthy Bites, Happy Smiles'



CELEBRATION

Fruits Day was celebrated on 13th December 2025 with great joy and excitement. The children came dressed cheerfully and brought a variety of fruits, making the classroom colourful and lively. Through fun activities, discussions, and interaction, students learned the names of different fruits, their colours, taste, and the importance of eating fruits for good health. The celebration helped develop healthy eating habits and made learning enjoyable, leaving the children happy and enthusiastic.



Charity Initiative for Differently-abled Persons Your kindness can change your life.

Our school organized a **meaningful charity initiative** to support differently abled persons, demonstrating compassion, empathy, and social responsibility. A few students from each class, accompanied by teachers, actively participated in distributing essential items such as clothes, books, stationery, and medical supplies, along with handmade gifts and greeting cards.

The team visited a local organization **Palna Bhawan** in Dodhrajpur, where students presented various programmes like prayer song, dances with special dance of Santa added excitement to the event. Those differently abled children were seemed very happy after getting the toffees by Santa. They enjoyed the moment to dance with our students and teachers. The experience was heartwarming, as students engaged in conversations, shared smiles, and brought joy to those they met.

This initiative was not only about giving material support but also about spreading kindness and understanding. The participation of students and teachers highlighted the school's commitment to community service and inspired everyone to contribute positively to society.



Celebrating Our Teachers : Monthly Birthday Festivities at School

At our school, every month brings a special reason to celebrate—our beloved teachers! At the end of every month, birthday celebration is a heart-warming tradition that honours the dedication, hard work, and care that our teachers bring to the school community.

The celebration begins with a small gathering, where management and staff come together to wish each other a happy birthday. The atmosphere is filled with laughter, smiles, and cheerful flowers are presented.

The simple act of sharing cake and laughter strengthens the bond between teachers and management fostering a sense of unity and warmth within the school. The monthly birthday celebration is more than just a party—it is a reminder of the respect and admiration.

Through this delightful tradition, our school not only celebrates birthdays but also honours the spirit of teaching. Every smile, every wish, and every cheer reflects the love and appreciation that make our school a nurturing and happy place to learn.



Teachers' Presentation : When teachers speak, Wisdom takes the stage



St. Mary's School provides a vibrant platform for teachers to present speeches on topics connected to their own subjects. Each week, a teacher is assigned to deliver a presentation. Through well-prepared talks, visual aids, and occasional demonstrations, teachers captivate their audience and transform the sessions into experiences that are both informative and inspiring. This initiative not only strengthens teachers' confidence and subject expertise but also enhances their efficiency in the classroom. At the same time, it offers students the invaluable opportunity to learn directly from their own mentors in a fresh and engaging way.

It also enhances a culture of continuous learning, mutual respect, and shared growth within the school community.





A SEASON OF LOVE AND LIGHT



The Christmas celebration was held on 22nd December 2025 with great joy and enthusiasm under the title : '**Gloria 2K25**'. The celebration began with a heart-warming assembly. The stage was beautifully adorned with twinkling lights, colourful baubles, and a sparkling Christmas tree, creating a truly festive atmosphere. The air was alive with music as students presented carols, dances, and skits that joyfully depicted the story of Christmas.

Rev. Fr. Joseph Chako, Manager of St. Mary's School, Nehtaure, graced the occasion as the chief guest and shared an inspiring message on the true meaning of Christmas. The much-anticipated entry of Santa Claus added excitement and delight, filling the ground with laughter and cheer.

A Christmas gathering was then held, during which the management, teachers, staff, and non-teaching staff exchanged gifts with their "Christmas friends," further strengthening bonds of friendship and joy. The day concluded with a lively get-together, leaving everyone with cherished memories of togetherness, gratitude, and the true spirit of Christmas.





St. Mary's School Nagina celebrated Republic Day with great zeal on **26 January 2026**. The programme commenced with the hoisting of the National Flag by the Chief Guest of the day, **Rev. Fr. Thomas Appanchira, CMI**, Rector, **St. Joseph's Seminary, Najibabad**, followed by the official salute to the National Flag and singing of the National Anthem. The inspiring speech of the Chief Guest highlighted the duties as responsible citizens. The members of the Student Cabinet presented an impressive and disciplined march-past, and the Chief Guest formally received their salute that filled the atmosphere with pride and patriotism. The celebration concluded with the distribution of sweets and the collective taking of a pledge by all students to uphold the values of **unity, integrity, and discipline**.

WINGS TO FLY, ROOTS TO REMEMBER : CLASS OF 2026 BIDS ADIEU

The school ground transformed into a hub of nostalgia and celebration on 31st January 2026 as we bid farewell to our Grade 12 batch. It was a day where every performance served as a tribute to the years spent together.

Celebrations began with the welcoming of our chief guest **Rev. Fr. Davis Torch Bearer of St. Jhon Province Society Najibabad** with all honourable dignitaries. After welcoming the guests' holy prayers had been chanted by the students for seeking blessings of Almighty.

It was a day dedicated to celebrating the journey of our seniors through a spectacular showcase of talent and heart. Fr. Davis Chief guest of the day enlightened the path of our 12th class students with his motivational and valuable words. As well as **Fr. Anoop Manager of the Institution and Fr. Shaiju Head of the institution** wished them best for their coming journey ahead and guided them for their bright future.

A Stage Full of Memories

Our seniors shared their journey of the school with their sweet and salty memories which left everyone emotional.

The juniors **Class XI** pulled out all the stops with a lineup that kept everyone on the edge of their seats:

The floor shook with high-octane dance medleys, blending trendy hits with nostalgic classics that had the seniors cheering. Soulful singing performances by teachers and students echoed through the hall, capturing the bittersweet essence of moving on. A witty, relatable drama performance stole the show, reenacting hilarious "senior moments" and teacher-student banter that left the audience in splits.

After all the performances we all the Stmarians enjoyed very tasty meal together and collected a lot of memorable moments to click pictures.

The event wrapped up with the much-anticipated Title Ceremony, where seniors were crowned with fun monikers that perfectly matched their vibes. As the final slideshow of memories played, there wasn't a dry eye in the house. All the celebration came to the end with the thank note by one of our seniors.

To the Class of 2026: You've left an indelible mark on these hallways. The stage is now yours—go make the world your own!



SKETCHING



Ms. Sana

Sketching from real life is far more profound than merely reproducing what we see; it is an art of keen observation and thoughtful reflection. When we study and sketch real objects, people, or elements of nature, we cultivate the ability to perceive subtle details that often escape casual attention. This disciplined practice nurtures patience, sharpens concentration, and enriches creative intelligence.

Engaging in real-life sketching enables us to forge a deeper connection with our surroundings and to recognise the inherent beauty present in ordinary moments. Whether it is the delicate shadow of a tree, the graceful curve of a hand, or the intricate texture of a leaf, each sketch becomes an enlightening exercise in mindful seeing.

For every aspiring artist, real-life sketching is not merely a skill; it is a gateway to imagination, expressive freedom, and artistic confidence.



Kumari Gunjan Rani
VI-A

- ❖ A day on Venus is longer than a year on Venus.
- ❖ A group of flamingos is called flamboyance.
- ❖ A spider cannot eat if it doesn't have fangs.
- ❖ The shortest complete sentence in the English language is "I am."
- ❖ A cockroach can live for a week without its head.
- ❖ Snakes smell with their tongues.
- ❖ A watermelon is 92% water.
- ❖ The bulletproof vest, windscreen wipers, and fire escapes were all invented by women.

KATHAK

**An Interdisciplinary Art Form Connecting Mathematics,
Science, Social Science & Literature**

Ms. Swarnima Massey



"Physics kicks in when we execute pirouettes or in the language of Kathak" – 'Chakar'

I am safely saying that I have learned more about literature, science, social science and math in my Kathak classes compared to lessons. Let's start with the math; Kathak is deeply rooted in math from following any taal like Teen taal, Jhaptaal, Dhamar or learning the tatkaar of the taal or dancing in Tihai. There are two essential components in science that I feel extremely crucial to Kathak. Initially understanding human anatomy is crucial to observe to avoid injury and then understanding of physics to avoid and maintaining muscle movement accuracy. Understanding conservation and explanation of angular momentum, inertia & velocity makes pirouettes much easier. Various social events like Bhakti movement, Sufi movement, British rule, Islamic rule has shaped the landscape. Compositions of Mirabai, Surdas, Kabir, Amir Khusrao etc defines our socio-economic culture. Science and Social science in Kathak are further encapsulated by "Parmelu" or "primilu"; composition which combines syllables of dance & sound of nature, for example; Dhad-Dhad – clouds/lightening, or Chanananana or Kina – Anklet resonance sound.

In short Kathak is an all-encompassing art form that really helps you understand life through its rules and grammar.



Friendship



Kumari Gunjan Rani
VI-A

Friendship is one of the most beautiful relationships in life. A true friend is someone who understands you, supports you, and stays by your side in both good and bad times. Friends bring happiness, share secrets, and make life more enjoyable. They help us grow by giving honest advice and standing with us when we face difficulties.

Good friends never judge and always encourage us to do our best. They listen without being asked and care without expecting anything in return. Friendship is based on trust, love, respect, and honesty.

It is said, "A friend in need is a friend indeed." This means real friends are those who help us when we need them the most.

HOPE



Ilma Anwar
VII-B

Don't cry, my dear sisters, don't cry today.
The storm may be raging, thunder crashing,
with clouds threatening and lightning flashing.
Darling, the sky won't always be that way...
Dear brothers, don't burden you this night.
The sky may be dark as a raven's wing,
and you don't know what the next turn may bring,
but on the horizon, a line breaks bright...
These troubled times are treacherous,
and though often wondering whether
you will eat or starve...
But each day is a day which our God carved;
even now, His provision is enough...
Dream of that day with each silver lining...
A cloudless day, with a bright sun shining...



Visions of Tomorrow



Aryan Kumar, VI-B

Close your eyes and let
Your imaginations fly away.
See a picture of where
You wish to be one day.
Let the colours of your
Heart takes command
To paint the picture of your
Dream and place it in your hand.
Hold on tightly and nurture it,
But allow it room to grow.
When you reach your dream,
Open your hand and let it go.
Close your eyes and search for
Another, caring for it as before.
Never stop searching, achieving, and
Letting go, for that is what dreams are for.

YOU CAN



Peehu Rani
VII-C

If you think you're beaten, you are.
If you think you dare not, you don't.
If you'd like to win but think you can't,
It's almost a cinch—you won't!
If you think you'll lose, you're lost,
For out in the world you'll find
Success begins with a fellow's will;
It's all in a state of mind.
If you think you're outclassed, you are.
You've got to think high to rise.
You've got to be sure of yourself before
You can ever win the prize.
Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man,
But sooner or later the one who wins
Is the one who thinks he can!

Countries with a Difference



Divyanka Verma
IV-A

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| 1. No temple | Saudi Arabia |
| 2. No night | Norway |
| 3. No Snake | New Zealand |
| 4. No Mountains | Maldives |
| 5. No Volcano | Denmark |
| 6. No Railway | Afghanistan |
| 7. No River | Vatican City |
| 8. No President | Vatican City |
| 9. No Arm force | Iceland |
| 10. No Mosquito | Iceland |



Anam Fatma
X-B

Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
that cannot fly.
Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field
frozen with snow.

WE ALL ARE UNIQUE



Aariz, III-C

Not everyone can be number one,
But everyone shines at something fun!
I'm not the topper every day,
But I draw nice pictures hip hip hooray!
Some run fast, some sing a song,
Some solve sums all day long.
Marks are not the only way,
To see how bright we shine each day.
My class is best, we laugh and learn,
My teachers teach with rules and concern.
They guide us well, both kind and strict,
Helping every child to do their bit.
So please don't judge by marks alone,
Each child has talents of their own.
We are different, and that's true,
We all are unique—me and you!

Enrich Your **VOCABULARY**



Aaradhay Verma
X-A

1.	Hubristic	Excessively proud or self-confident
2.	Phlegmatic	Having an unconditional and calm disposition
3.	Irascible	Made angry easily
4.	Punctilious	Showing great attention to detail
5.	Egocentric	Very selfish
6.	Equanimous	Very calm
7.	Avaricious	Very greedy
8.	Crest fallen	Very disappointed
9.	Verbose	Very talkative
10.	Cantankerous	Very irritable
11.	Vexed	Very angry
12.	Perspicacious	Sharp minded
13.	Indefatigable	Tireless
14.	Magnanimous	Very Generous
15.	Obdurate	Very Stubborn



Student Struggle



Atiti
VI-C

Riya was a good student, but the pressure of homework and exams became too much. she felt tired, worried, and alone in her struggle.

One day, her teacher noticed her silence and spoke to her kindly. Riya shared how stressed she felt, and the teacher reminded her that it's okay to ask for help.

With small breaks and support, 'Riya slowly felt better. She learned that every student struggles, but no one has the struggle alone.

COMMON SENSE

Q1. Which spills more easily when you carry it in a bucket—water or sand?

Answer: Water

Q2. In a book, is page 23 a right-hand page or a left-hand page?

Answer: A right-hand page

Q3. Which burns faster—green wood or old dry wood?

Answer: Old dry wood

Q4. What weighs more—a cup full of feathers or a cup full of water?

Answer: A cup full of water

Q5. When will today become yesterday?

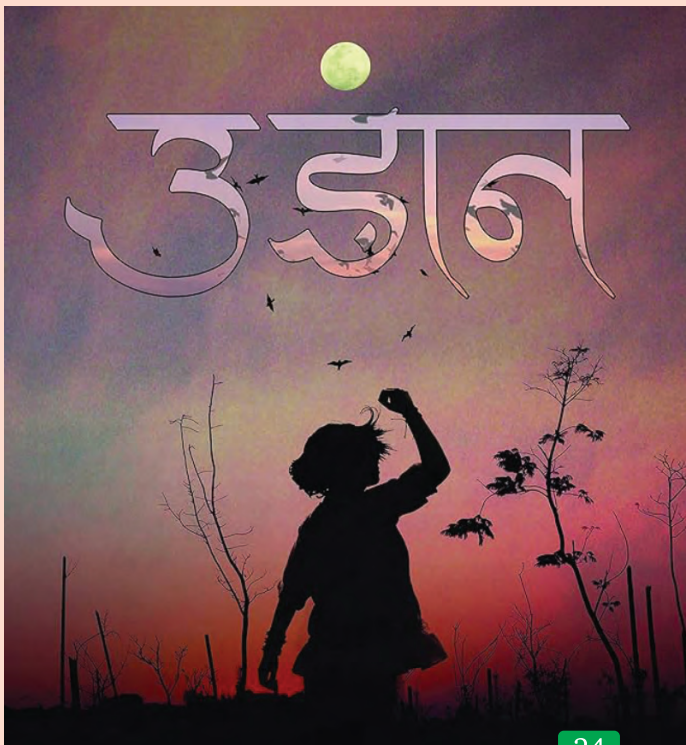
Answer: Tomorrow



**Asfiya Ameen
V-B**

Dreams are the hopes that give meaning to our life. They inspire us to work hard and become better. Our goals help us turn those dreams into reality. When we stay focused and believe in ourselves, even small efforts can bring big changes.

I believe that everyone should have a dream and the courage to follow it. Challenges may come, but they are a part of the journey. If we keep moving forward with patience and confidence, we can achieve anything we aim for. Dreams guide us, and goals help us reach them.



श्रीमती वन्दना रानी

डर की दीवारों को तोड़ो,
हौसलों को दो पहचान।
छोटे कदम भी मंज़िल तक,
ले जाते हैं एक दिन महान।
अंधेरो से मत घबराना,
दीप स्वयं बन जाओ तुम।
मेहनत, धैर्य, आत्मविश्वास—
इनसे ही ऊँची होती है उड़ान।

ठंड और एहसास



श्रीमती शिवानी पाण्डेय

आज का दिन कुछ ठंड भरा था
चारों तरफ कोहरा ही कोहरा था

सुबह उठते माँ के हाथ की चाय पीने का
मन हुआ
पापा के साथ समय बिताने का मन हुआ

बहन के साथ बातें करने का मन हुआ
कभी मुस्कुराने तो कभी ठहाका लगाने
का मन हुआ

लेकिन ज़िम्मेदारी ने समय से पहले ही
बड़ा कर दिया
इन प्यारे लम्हों को बस कल्पना सा कर
दिया

ज़िम्मेदारी इतनी कि शब्दों में भी ना
समाएं
कि ज़िंदगी को ज़िंदगी सा जीने का मौका
भी न दिया

होली, दिवाली, ईद, बैसाखी

सब त्योहार समय पर आ रहे हैं
पर समय ऐसा कि हम अपनों से
मिल भी नहीं पा रहे हैं

सबके साथ खुश रहना भी सीख लिया
मुस्कुराहट के साथ बातें करना भी सीख
लिया

घर की याद हर पल इतना सताती है
कि बता भी नहीं कर पा रहे हैं

किस्मत कुछ ऐसी हुई कि
हम अपनों से मिल भी नहीं पा रहे हैं

तकदीर?
तकदीर ऐसी थी या हमने खुद ही बनाली
है
ये आज तक समझे नहीं
उम्र बढ़ रही है या ज़िम्मेदारी बढ़ा ली है

ऐ ज़िंदगी अब तू ही बता
ऐ ज़िंदगी अब तू ही बता

तू हमसे खेल रही है
या हम तुझसे खेल रहे हैं

कुछ समझ नहीं आ रहा कि हम ज़िन्दगी
कैसे जी रहे हैं

ये शहर बड़ा अजनबी सा लगता
सबके साथ रहकर भी अकेला सा लगता
है

मुस्कुराहट के पीछे का गम किसी
को नहीं दिखाई देता

खुशी के पीछे का मौन किसी को
सुनाई नहीं देता

सामने होने पर सब अपने लगते हैं
पीछे होने पर सब सपने लगते हैं

आज का दिन कुछ ठंड भरा था
चारों तरफ कोहरा ही कोहरा था

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**Durfshan
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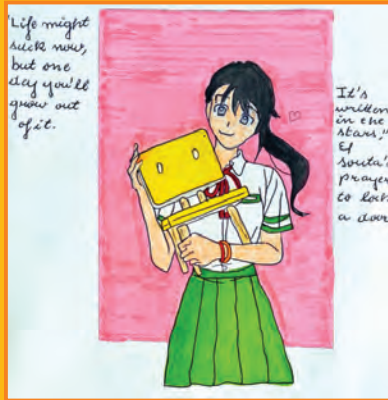


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