

**24th October 2025**

# **Saint Mary's RC Primary School Weekly Newsletter**



## **Our week...**

First, a huge thank you to all parents who attended our recent parents' evening. We were delighted to see such fantastic engagement, with a significant percentage of parents joining us to discuss their child's progress. If you were unable to attend and would like a brief 5-minute appointment with your child's class teacher, please do reach out to them to arrange a convenient time.

We have been overwhelmed by the incredible generosity of our school community for our Christmas hamper donations. The luxury items we've received are simply amazing! I'm looking forward to getting creative and putting together some beautiful hamper displays. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase after the half-term break, so keep an eye out for this exciting opportunity.

I'm particularly proud to celebrate an excellent initiative from our School Sports Partnership. Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have been trained as play leaders. These pupils will now be leading games during break and lunch times, supporting and engaging with our younger pupils.

This is a fantastic leadership opportunity for our older pupils and a wonderful way to promote active playtimes.

As a reminder, school closes today for half-term. We hope you all enjoy a lovely, restful break together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 3rd November at our usual times.

Please also don't forget to pay online for the upcoming whole school trip to watch the pantomime Snow White on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

## **This month's worship newsletter for families:**

This newsletter gives a great overview of what our school assemblies will cover this October and prayers for you to say together at home:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

## **This week's Bible Scripture:**

**Luke 18: 9-14**

**"The tax collector went down to his house, justified, rather than the pharisee"**



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## Attendance

Meerkats- 98%  
Ladybirds 97%  
Wallabies- 92%  
Rhinos- 98%  
Wolf Cubs- 99%  
Eagles- 94%  
Dolphins- 95%  
Quackers- 87%  
Lobsters- 85%  
Whole School- 94%



## Stars of the Week- for being safe by using kind words

Meerkats- Hiba  
Ladybirds- George  
Wallabies- Louisiana  
Rhinos- Inaaya  
Wolf Cubs- Ezra  
Eagles- Fabian  
Dolphins- Eli  
Quackers- Pearl  
Lobsters- Martha T



## Team Points

  
Arrowsmith

5515

5815

  
Campion

  
Barlow

5840

5615

  
Southworth

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## **Wraparound Care**

We now have full wrap around care led by Play and Learn Scheme.

Times are as follows:

- Breakfast Club 7.30am-8.35am £7 per day including breakfast
- Breakfast Club 8am- 8.35am £4 per day including breakfast
- Afterschool Club 3.15-5.30pm £11 per day including a snack
- Afterschool Club 3.15-4.30pm £7 per day including a snack
- Afterschool Club 4.30-5.30pm (if pupils have already been in a club e.g. choir and wish to join afterschool club after this) £7 per day including a snack

To book, please click the link: <http://www.pals.schoolipal.co.uk/>

For any questions, please email [playandlearnscheme@gmail.com](mailto:playandlearnscheme@gmail.com) or call 07930924993

Play and Learn Scheme have begun the running of the breakfast and after school club provision in school and this is going really well! Pupils who have attended this week have thoroughly enjoyed their sessions. Don't forget to register to use the service using the link so that you can book your child on at any time (more details below). If you are dropping pupils off at breakfast club or collecting from after school club please ring the black doorbell rather than the school doorbell.



## **School Uniform**

At Saint Mary's we take pride in our appearance and know that first impressions count. We strive for all pupils to look smart and tidy when in school.

Our uniform policy can be found here:

Any pupil not wearing correct uniform will be asked to wear spare uniform from school until this can be rectified. Parents and carers will also be informed.



## **Safe Parking**

Please respect that 260 children must enter and exit school safely each day. This partly relies upon everyone parking safely and with due regard for others, including our neighbours. Please do not park across drives or in restricted areas.

Please can we ask that the staff car park is kept clear for staff cars ONLY. Some parents/Carers are pulling into the entrance to the carpark, especially in a morning and this is preventing staff from parking and is causing traffic on Mayfield Avenue.

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**PE Days**  
**3rd Nov- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec**



**Meerkats- Wed and Thurs**  
**Ladybirds- Thurs and Fri**  
**Wallabies- Tues and Wed**  
**Rhinos- Tues and Wed**  
**Wolf Cubs- Tues and Thurs**  
**Eagles- Mon and Fri**  
**Dolphins- Tues and Fri**  
**(swimming)**  
**Quackers- Mon and Fri**  
**(swimming)**  
**Lobsters-Friday**

## **Upcoming Dates**

**24<sup>th</sup> October- School closes for half term**

**3rd November- School re-opens for Autumn 2**

**7th November- Non-uniform for Gifts in Gift Bags**

**14<sup>th</sup> November- Non-uniform for chocolate items**

**21<sup>st</sup> November- Non-uniform for bottle items**

**24th November- Whole School Panto Trip**

**28<sup>th</sup> November- Christmas Fair (no Awards Assembly)**



## **Church News**

**Saturday Evening Mass-**  
**6.30pm**

**Sunday Morning Mass-**  
**10am**



**H a v e a**  
**w o n d e r f u l**  
**w e e k e n d**