

**17th October 2025**

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



## **Our week...**

Thank you all for your efforts on World Mental Health Day last Friday! the pupils looked great and we raised a total of £135

I'm delighted to share some wonderful moments from our school recently. Our pupils in Quacker's class had a heartwarming afternoon visiting Springhill Care Home, where they spent time connecting with residents and creating beautiful new friendships. It's these moments that truly define the spirit of our school community.

The Christmas Fair letter has been sent home, and we're gearing up for an exciting event! Next Friday, 24th October, will be our first non-uniform Friday. We're asking families to bring in luxury items for our Christmas hampers - your support makes such a difference.

Raffle tickets will be on sale after half term, and we'll keep you updated about their availability. Mark your calendars for Friday 28th November - we can't wait to see you there! As always, we expect this to be a super fast sell out, so be sure to come on down and join in the festive fun.

These events are fantastic opportunities for our school community to come together and support each other. Your continued enthusiasm and participation mean the world to us.

Letters have now been sent home about Parents' Evening which will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Please make sure to book a time slot with your child's class teacher. If you cannot attend on that specific day, kindly contact the teacher to arrange an alternative date.

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: 1-8**

**"God will give justice  
to his elect, who cry  
to him"**



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## Attendance

Meerkats- 92%  
Ladybirds 91%  
Wallabies- 97%  
Rhinos- 95%  
Wolf Cubs- 99%  
Eagles- 92%  
Dolphins- 92%  
Quackers- 84%  
Lobsters- 93%  
Whole School- 93%



## Stars of the Week- for being respectful by sharing with others

Meerkats- Rex  
Ladybirds- Julia  
Wallabies- Kylo  
Rhinos- Hanna  
Wolf Cubs- Haris  
Eagles- Iris  
Dolphins- Amelia P  
Quackers- Maddy O-W  
Lobsters- Jiyon



## Team Points

  
Arrowsmith

4875

4885

  
Campion

  
Barlow

4695

4560

  
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 Sept- 24<sup>th</sup> Oct**



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

## **Upcoming Dates**

**20th October- Parents'  
Evening**

**24<sup>th</sup> October- Non-  
Uniform for luxury  
hamper items**

**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**

*We love, learn and grow together with Jesus*

## **HOLIDAY LIST 2025/2026**

### **AUTUMN TERM 2025**

Re-open	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025
Closure after school on	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
Mid –term closure	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October- Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
Closure after school on	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025

### **OPENINGS 73**

### **SPRING TERM 2026**

Re-open	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Closure after school on	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Mid-term closure	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February
Closure after school	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026

### **OPENINGS 54**

### **SUMMER TERM 2026**

Re-open	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
May Day closure	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Closure after school on	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026
Mid-term closure	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May
Closure after school on	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2026

### **OPENINGS 63**

**Total openings 190**