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Saint Mary's RC Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Our week...

I am delighted to share some wonderful moments from our school life this week.

On Thursday 2nd October, we celebrated the Feast of the Guardian Angels, a special day in our school calendar. Father O'Brien and our GIFT Team led a beautiful liturgy, during which each class received a blessed angel. Our pupils were thrilled to take their own angel home - a meaningful symbol of protection and guidance.

I'm particularly proud of our Year 5 and 6 pupils who recently completed their Bikability sessions. They have worked incredibly hard to improve their cycling skills and road safety awareness. Every single pupil demonstrated tremendous commitment, becoming more confident and competent cyclists. Congratulations to all - well-deserved certificates have been awarded!

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible foodbank donations from our school community. Your kindness and generosity will make a significant difference to local families in need. These donations demonstrate the compassionate spirit that makes Saint Mary's such a special place.

Looking ahead, next Friday is World Mental Health Day. We will be marking this important day in our classes and invite pupils to come to school wearing yellow. We're asking for a £1 donation to Young Minds, which can be paid online. This is a wonderful opportunity to support mental health awareness and show our solidarity.

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 17: 5-10
"If you had faith"**



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Attendance

Meerkats- 98%
Ladybirds 88%
Wallabies- 98%
Rhinos- 90%
Wolf Cubs- 99%
Eagles- 99%
Dolphins- 97%
Quackers- 92%
Lobsters- 100%
Whole School- 96%



Stars of the Week- for being safe by having kind hands and kind feet

Meerkats- Jack Mc
Ladybirds- Kyren
Wallabies- Harlow
Rhinos- Patrick
Wolf Cubs- Darcy
Eagles- Nancy
Dolphins- Kelsey
Quackers- Eliana
Lobsters- Maddison S



Team Points


Arrowsmith

4965

5120


Campion


Barlow

4505

5170


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 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- 24th 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**

Church News

**Saturday Evening Mass-
6.30pm**

**Sunday Morning Mass-
10am**



Upcoming Dates

**8th October- School
Open Day for Reception
2026**

**9th October- GIFT Team
Family Worship (letter
to follow)**

**10th October- World
Mental Health Day
(wear yellow and £1
donation online)**

**20th October- Parents'
Evening (letter to
follow)**

**24th October- Non-
Uniform for luxury
hamper items (letter to
follow)**

**24th October- School
closes for half term**



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