

**28th March 2025**

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



## **Our week...**

We've reached the end of another busy but fun term! We started our week with a fantastic concert from our Rocksteady pupils. They have worked so hard with their instruments and it's always a pleasure to see them grow in confidence and skills as the weeks progress.

Accrington Stanley held a reward day for pupils yesterday due to fantastic behaviour this term. All pupils had a great time taking part and really enjoyed the activities.

We waved off some pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 on Wednesday as they left for the residential trip to PGL in North Yorkshire. They are due back later this afternoon and we are certain they'll all be exhausted but happy! Thank you to all our amazing staff who accompanied them on this trip and for giving up their time.

School closes today for our two week Easter break. We return in Holy week which is a very special week in the Catholic calendar. On our return pupils will all learn about the event of Holy Week leading up to Easter Sunday and why this is significant for us as Catholics.

There is also the Easter Raffle and the Bunny Hop on Wednesday 16th April; tickets for the raffle will still be on sale when we return from our break. Why not use the break to get more sponsors for the Bunny Hop?

Have a lovely break together; rest and relax and let's hope the weather is kind to us!

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

This newsletter gives a great overview of what our school assemblies will cover this March 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 15: 11-32

"Son, you are always with me and all that is mine, is yours"



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## Attendance

Meerkats- 94%  
Ladybirds-89%  
Dolphins- 97%  
Rhinos- 97%  
Wolf Cubs- 95%  
Eagles- 95%  
Tigers- 94%  
Quackers-95%  
Lobsters- 93%  
Whole School- 94%



**Stars of the Week-**  
for showing a commitment to almsgiving during

### Lent

Meerkats- Georgia  
Ladybirds- Freddie  
Dolphins- Alice  
Rhinos- Amelia  
Wolf Cubs- Jake  
Eagles- Malachi  
Tigers- Maddy OW  
Quackers- Igor  
Lobsters- Arlo



## Team Points

  
Arrowsmith

3525

3525

  
Campion

  
Barlow

3440

3580

  
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 £5.50 per day including breakfast
  - Breakfast Club 8am- 8.35am £4 per day including breakfast
  - Afterschool Club 3.15-5.30pm £9 per day including a snack
  - Afterschool Club 3.15-4.30pm £6 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) £6 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 270 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**  
**14th April- 23rd May**



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

## **Upcoming Dates**

**28th March- Finish for  
Easter holidays**

**14th April- School re-  
opens**

**15th April- Dolphins  
Stay and Learn**

**16th- Sponsored  
Bunny Hop**

**16th April- Easter  
Raffle**

**17th April- School  
closes for the Easter  
weekend**

**22nd April- School  
reopens to resume the  
Summer Term**

## **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 2024/2025

### AUTUMN TERM 2024

Re-open	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Closure after school on	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
Mid-term closure	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October- Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
Closure after school on	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024

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### SPRING TERM 2025

Re-open	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Closure after school on	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Mid-term closure	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
Closure after school	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025

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### SUMMER TERM 2025

Re-open	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Good Friday closure	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Easter Monday closure	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025
May Day closure	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Closure after school on	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
Mid-term closure	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May
Closure after school on	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025

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**Total openings 190**