

21st March 2025

Saint Mary's RC Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Our week...

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening this week. 86% of parents and carers attended which is great and we hope that you found speaking to teachers and looking through your child's work helpful.

Members of our school council and eco committees helped Prospects Foundation this week plant tree saplings on Fairfield Field. It was a lovely thing to be involved with and it will be great to watch the trees grow overtime and recall our involvement.

Our GIFT Team attended the chaplaincy day at Mount Carmel this week. They looked at the meaning of 'hope' as part of the Year of the Jubilee and they worked really well with other pupil GIFT Teams from across the local area. You can see more photos of the day here:

<https://mountcarmelhigh.co.uk/news/2025-03-20-chaplaincy-day-pilgrims-of-hope-jubilee-2025>

The spring school disco was a hit last night! Lots of pupils attended and danced the night away looking fabulous! We raised a huge £277 which will go towards funding trips and visitors to enhance your child's learning. We also welcomed visitors Kath and Karen from Ossa Litter Pickers who held an assembly for pupils on waste and recycling which was really informative.

Next week, our school closes on FRIDAY 28th MARCH for our two week Easter break. These holidays are different to many others in the area so please make sure you have these dates in your calendar!

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 13: 1-9

"If it bears fruit next year, fine, if not, cut it down"



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Attendance

Meerkats- 99%
Ladybirds-94%
Dolphins- 100%
Rhinos- 98%
Wolf Cubs- 95%
Eagles- 95%
Tigers- 95%
Quackers-96%
Lobsters- 95%
Whole School- 96%



Stars of the Week- for showing a commitment to prayer during Lent

Meerkats- Sophia
Ladybirds- Shaemus
Dolphins- Abraham
Rhinos- Kuba
Wolf Cubs- Elijah
Eagles- Arlo
Tigers- Stevie
Quackers- Franchesca
Lobsters- Sienna



Team Points


Arrowsmith 3960

4050




Barlow 4120

3950



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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 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
24th Feb- 28th March**



**Meerkats- Wed and Thurs
Ladybirds- Tuesday and Fri
Dolphins- Tues and Thurs
Rhinos- Tues and Fri
Wolf Cubs- Wed and Fri
(swimming)
Eagles- Mon and Fri
(swimming)
Tigers- Tues and Wed
Quackers- Mon and Fri
Lobsters- Fri (Trident Military
all afternoon)**

Upcoming Dates

**26th- 28th March- PGL
residential**

**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**

Church News

**Saturday Evening Mass-
6.30pm**

**Sunday Morning Mass-
10am**



We love, learn and grow together with Jesus

HOLIDAY LIST 2024/2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

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

OPENINGS 73

SPRING TERM 2025

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

OPENINGS 55

SUMMER TERM 2025

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

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Total openings 190