

14th March 2025

Saint Mary's RC Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Our week...

This week was British Science Week. We held our Science Day on Wednesday where all classes held investigations. We also held our annual Science Fair on Wednesday and we had so many entries from pupils with fantastic scientific investigations and explanations!

As part of British Science Week we have had four sets of chicks visiting us from Emily's Farm in Oswaldtwistle! The pupils have loved these (and so have the staff) and lots of work around life cycles has taken place.

Our annual Easter Raffle will take place on Wednesday 16th April, just after we return from our Easter holidays. Tickets have been sent home and these can be purchased for £1 per strip and money can be given to class teachers. There are lots of prizes to be won including chocolate eggs, sweet treats and Easter raft activities. School Photos will take place on Monday. Siblings who do not attend school should enter via the courtyard at 8.30am and into the hall for photos then. Siblings who are in school together will have their photo throughout the day. Please make sure pupils look smart. Parents' Evening is also on Monday. Please make sure you have your appointment with your child's class teacher. If you can't make it on Monday please let us know and we can arrange an alternative time.

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 9: 28-36

"Jesus was transformed before the disciples eyes"



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Attendance

Meerkats- 94%
Ladybirds-91%
Dolphins- 97%
Rhinos- 97%
Wolf Cubs- 95%
Eagles- 93%
Tigers- 96%
Quackers-96%
Lobsters- 85%
Whole School-94%



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

Meerkats- Eligha
Ladybirds- Inaaya
Dolphins- Brody
Rhinos- Amelia
Wolf Cubs- Sean
Eagles- Mahamad
Tigers- Beau
Quackers- Mustafa
Lobsters- Tawheed



Team Points

 **4060**
Arrowsmith

4020


Campion

 **4150**
Barlow

4215


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 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)**

Church News

**Saturday Evening Mass-
6.30pm**

**Sunday Morning Mass-
10am**



Upcoming Dates

**17th March- Parents'
Evening**

**17th March- School
photos**

20th March- Spring Disco

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

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

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

**15th April- Dolphins
Stay and Learn (letter
to follow)**

**16th- Sponsored Bunny
Hop**

16th April- Easter Raffle



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