

**7th March 2025**

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



## **Our week...**

This week saw us begin our Lenten journey as we celebrated Ash Wednesday by receiving ashes blessed by Father O'Brien. Lobsters, Quackers and Tiger's pupils all attended Mass in Church to receive their ashes and their behaviour was impeccable.

We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday. This is always such a fun day in school. The pupils looked so cosy in the pjs and some of the costumes were amazing! The wooden spoon competition saw pupil's creative sides blossom and the entries were so good! It was such a hard decision to choose winners! Thank you all for getting involved.

National Girls Football Day has been celebrated today! All pupils came to school in football kits or sports clothes and Accrington Stanley helped us create football activities so all our girls in school could take part together!

Science Fair will be held on Wednesday next week. Pupils are invited to take part in an investigation at home and produce something to show at the fair. Prizes will be given and all entries will be showcased after school in the hall on Wednesday so please come and have a look!

Next week some classes are getting some chirpy little visitors! We will update you more next week but we are very excited!

### **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 4: 1-13**

**"Do not put the Lord  
your God to the test"**



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## Attendance

Meerkats- 97%  
Ladybirds-90%  
Dolphins- 99%  
Rhinos- 93%  
Wolf Cubs- 97%  
Eagles- 92%  
Tigers- 96%  
Quackers-94%  
Lobsters- 93%  
Whole School-95%



## Stars of the Week- for showing good team work

Meerkats- Martina Marie

Ladybirds- Eva

Dolphins- Joshua

Rhinos- Ava

Wolf Cubs- Lucas

Eagles- Joby

Tigers- Haneya

Quackers- Jude

Lobsters- Heera



## Team Points

  
Arrowsmith

4410

4390

  
Campion

  
Barlow

4455

4010

  
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  
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**

**12th March- Science  
Fair**

**17th- Parents' Evening**

**17th- School photos  
(letter to follow)**

**20th March- Spring  
Disco (letter to follow)**

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

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

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

**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 <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**