

**28th February 2025**

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



## **Our week...**

**Welcome back! We hope you all had a fabulous half term break. This second half of the Spring Term is always busy and even more so as it is our shortest term!**

**Thank you so much for all your donations of clothing items for Bag2School. The company collected and weighed our items on Wednesday and we had 410kg which is double the national average collection! This raised us £81 for school funds!**

**Just to note, the date for the GIFT Team Family Worship has changed- it will now be held on . Letters will be sent home soon. A reminder that lent begins next Wednesday. Pupils in Lobsters, Quackers and Tigers will be attending Mass at 10am in Church to receive ashes. You are very welcome to join us there. Ashes will be brought back to school and distributed to other pupils on this day. We will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 6th March- wear your character costume or your PJs and don't forget your wooden spoon entry!**

**Also on Friday 7th we will celebrate National Girls Football Day! ALL pupils can come in sports kits/ football kits on this day and the girls will take part in football activities as the aim is to have as many girls as possibly playing football at once!**

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

**This newsletter gives a great overview of what our school assemblies will cover this February 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 6: 39-45  
"Can the blind man lead the blind?"**



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## Attendance

Meerkats- 93%  
Ladybirds-88%  
Dolphins- 97%  
Rhinos- 97%  
Wolf Cubs- 94%  
Eagles- 95%  
Tigers- 94%  
Quackers-96%  
Lobsters- 94%  
Whole School-94%



## Stars of the Week- for always showing forgiveness

Meerkats- Tahira  
Ladybirds- Patrick  
Dolphins- Joey  
Rhinos- Ezra  
Wolf Cubs- Skylar  
Eagles- Zaynab  
Tigers- Felicity  
Quackers- Oliver  
Lobsters- Billy



## Team Points

  
Arrowsmith

4440

4570

  
Campion

  
Barlow

4250

4200

  
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)**

**Church News**

**Saturday Evening Mass-  
6.30pm**

**Sunday Morning Mass-  
10am**



**Upcoming Dates**

**5th March- GIFT Team  
Family Worship (letter to  
follow)**

**6th March- World Book Day**

**7th March- National Girls  
Football Day (letter to  
follow)**

**12th March- Science Fair**

**17th- Parents' Evening  
(letter to follow)**

**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**



**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

OPENINGS 73

### 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

OPENINGS 55

### 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**