

14th February 2025

Saint Mary's RC Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Our week...

This week has been such a busy week with lots of curriculum enrichment taking place.

On Monday we all celebrated NSPCC Number Day. Pupils took part in lots of exciting maths challenges such as in Year 6 planning and budgeting for their dream holiday with £10,000!

On Tuesday, we took part in Safer Internet Day. Classes all discussed how to stay safe online including safer internet use and scam detectives! Also on Tuesday as part of our Year of Hope celebrations, we held a mini pilgrimage to celebrate the fest day of Our Lady of Lourdes. Pupils all blessed themselves with Holy water then took a walk around our labyrinth reading various prayers and looking at images.

On Wednesday we had a fantastic visitor as part of our equality mark work; Bart Gee. Bart has visible disabilities and he spoke to the pupils about the challenges he has faced and how he has overcome them. Bart was incredibly inspiring to both pupils and staff alike.

You can see lots more detail including photos on our website here:
<https://www.stmarysoswaldtwistle.co.uk/school-events-personal-development/>

Bag2School collection will be happening at school at 9am on Wednesday 26th February. Every child has brought home an empty plastic bag and a leaflet detailing what items can be donated. Please share this with your wider family and neighbours. School receive money for the amount of tonnes we recycle! Please DO NOT bring in donations before Wednesday 26th February as we have no where to store them safely. you can find out more by clicking the link here: <https://bag2school.com/>

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: 20-26

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God"



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Attendance

Meerkats- 88%
Ladybirds- 85%
Dolphins- 96%
Rhinos- 94%
Wolf Cubs- 82%
Eagles- 91%
Tigers- 93%
Quackers-91%
Lobsters- 88%
Whole School-90%



Stars of the Week- for always being honest

Meerkats- Haniyah
Ladybirds- Naveyah
Dolphins- Hanna
Rhinos- Haris
Wolf Cubs- Muhammad
Eagles- Hadiqa
Tigers- Madeleine
Quackers- Madison
Lobsters- Jonah



Team Points



Arrowsmith



Barlow



Campion



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

**14th Feb- School closes for
half term at the usual time**

**24th February- School
reopens for the second half of
Spring Term**

**26th Feb- Bag2School
Collection 9am**

**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)**

**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 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