

31st January 2025

Saint Mary's RC Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Our week...

This week we have taken part in some local sports activities. Our A Team Boys Football group went out after school on Wednesday and, despite losing some matches, they represented our school brilliantly. Some of our KS1 pupils attended a gymnastics workshop on Thursday and they had such a great time and all performed with smiles. Thank you to our pupil sports ambassadors who helped the event run smoothly.

Mrs Bentley will begin her new role as school business manager on Monday. We are really excited to welcome her to our school family and we are certain you will all make her feel at home. Please show her some patience as she settles in.

Last week, we sent a letter and text about the school office updating their records for pupils, this includes contact details and medical information. Please click on the link to make sure we have yours, even if nothing has changed:

<https://forms.office.com/e/GtwSEwKBif>

Please can we remind everyone that our car park at school is for staff only unless you have previously arranged with us to use it. Pulling onto the car park or blocking it's entrance preventing staff from parking safely and taking up precious space on the road.

This month's worship newsletter for families:

This newsletter gives a great overview of what our school assemblies will cover this January 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 2: 22-40

**"This child is chosen
by God"**



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Attendance

Meerkats- 96%
Ladybirds- 91%
Dolphins- 99%
Rhinos-97%
Wolf Cubs- 93%
Eagles- 94%
Tigers- 98%
Quackers- 98%
Lobsters- 98%
Whole School- 95%



Stars of the Week- for always using beautiful manners


Meerkats- Hope
Ladybirds-Vinny
Dolphins- Leo
Rhinos- Sanha
Wolf Cubs- Thea
Eagles- Isobel
Tigers- Stevie
Quackers- Eva
Lobsters- Jake




Team Points


Arrowsmith 4250


Barlow 3920

4605 
Campion

4655 
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
6th Jan- 14th Feb**



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

Upcoming Dates

**3rd Feb- PGL
Parent/Carer meeting**

**6th Feb- Wolf Cub's
Stay and Learn
session**

**13th Feb- Meerkat's
Stay and Learn
session**

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

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

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

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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

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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