

17th January 2025

Saint Mary's RC Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Our week...

Thankfully we've seen a return to milder weather this week which has meant our pupils have been able to play out safely once again! On Wednesday Danny Hoyle from LCC Road Safety Team came into school. He measured all our KS2 pupils to see whether or not they still needed a booster seat in the car. Pupils went home with stickers giving advice but many already said they followed the law already. Danny also trained some of our KS1 staff to teach Right Star Road Safety to our KS1 pupils which will begin later this term.

Some pupils in KS2 were trained as Play Leaders on Thursday. This was excellent training and will help them support our younger pupils in playing group games together at break and lunch times.

A letter has been sent home giving information about the upcoming GIFT Team Family Worship on Thursday 23rd January. This will be focusing on the launch of the Year of the Jubilee. Please complete the form and return to your child's class teacher if you or another family member are attending so your child can attend too.

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:

John 2: 1-11

"The master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine"



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Attendance

Meerkats- 94%
Ladybirds- 88%
Dolphins- 96%
Rhinos-99%
Wolf Cubs- 93%
Eagles- 96%
Tigers- 96%
Quackers- 98%
Lobsters- 97%
Whole School- 95%



Stars of the Week- for showing love towards others


Meerkats- Riana
Ladybirds- Arianna
Dolphins- Eli
Rhinos- Jessica
Wolf Cubs- Olivia
Eagles- Carson
Tigers- Nancee
Quackers- Aleeza
Lobsters- Alex



Team Points

 **3800**
Arrowsmith

 **3575**
Barlow

3890 
Campion

3655 
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

**23rd Jan- GIFT Team
Family Worship
2.45pm (letter to
follow)**

**3rd Feb- PGL
Parent/Carer meeting
(letter to follow)**

**6th Feb- Wolf Cub's
Stay and Learn session
(letter to follow)**

**13th Feb- Meerkat's
Stay and Learn session
(letter to follow)**

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

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

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

OPENINGS 62

Total openings 190