

10th January 2025

Saint Mary's RC Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Our week...

Welcome back! Believe it or not, we are now in our Spring Term... maybe the weather will get the message soon! Thank you all for your patience this week with the adverse weather conditions, it is appreciated. In situations where we do need to close school we will make a decision before 7am and will inform you all by text, email and on social media. Please make sure your contact details are up to date with the school office.

Children have started PE this week and PE kits **MUST** be in school. If pupils do not have the correct kit they may not be able to take part in the lesson.

Pope Francis has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope", and is a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. Pupils in school will be learning more about this on the launch day later this month and also throughout the year.

We have a lunch time welfare position available. Please click the link for more details :

Mrs Bentley will begin her new role as school business manager in the office on 3rd February. In the interim we have Jayne Smith working in the office with us; please be kind and patient with her as she is new to school.

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 3: 15-16

"I baptise you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming"



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Attendance

Meerkats- 85%
Ladybirds- 89%
Dolphins- 91%
Rhinos-98%
Wolf Cubs- 95%
Eagles- 93%
Tigers- 91%
Quackers- 94%
Lobsters- 98%
Whole School- 93%



Stars of the Week- for playing nicely with others


Meerkats- Laura
Ladybirds- Lamaisah
Dolphins- Ava S
Rhinos- Albi
Wolf Cubs- Jacob
Eagles- Mahamad
Tigers- Charlie
Quackers- Oscar
Lobsters- Heera



Team Points


Arrowsmith 3885


Barlow 3655

4180 
Campion

4210 
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

Christmas Mass Times:

**Christmas Eve- Carols
Around the Crib 5pm**

**Christmas Eve- Mass
5.30pm**

**Christmas Day- Carols
Around the Crib 9.30am**

**Christmas Day- 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

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