

20th December 2024

Saint Mary's RC Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Our week...

We've had another fun and festive week in school. Our school choir have been touring around Oswaldtwistle performing in various places such as Spring Hill Care Home and Oswaldtwistle Mills. They are a fantastic choir and everyone has enjoyed listening to their carols.

All KS2 led our wonderful Carol Service in Church on Tuesday. They sounded beautiful and it was also lovely to see this event so well supported by yourselves- thank you!

Our school council made a snowman and donated this to Ossy Elves for their grotto this year- we won first prize for our creation and they all went home with a selection box as their prize!

We also sadly wave goodbye to Mrs Reddin, our school bursar. After 26 years she is now retiring. We will all miss her but wish her the very best as she moves on to new adventures!

We have ended our term today with our Advent read-around. This is a lovely liturgy in which we as staff tell the Christmas story to the pupils; it's really important that they know the true meaning of Christmas. Please try and get to Mass over Christmas, I now Father O'Brien would love to see you there. Thank you for all your support this term, it is much appreciated; you all contribute to the happy and thriving school that we are. We all wish you a very happy and Holy Christmas and hope you all have a lovely break with your families.

This month's worship newsletter for families:

This newsletter gives a great overview of what our school assemblies will cover this December 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 1: 39-45
**"Blessed are you
among women"**



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Attendance

Meerkats- 79%
Ladybirds- 93%
Dolphins- 99%
Rhinos- 96%
Wolf Cubs- 93%
Eagles- 93%
Tigers- 90%
Quackers- 94%
Lobsters- 91%
Whole School- 92%



Stars of the Week- for being a peacemaker

Meerkats- Bella
Ladybirds- Jerry
Dolphins- Krystiana
Rhinos- Harry
Wolf Cubs- Thea
Eagles- Lexi
Tigers- Julia
Quackers- Jiyon
Lobsters- Ruby



Team Points



Arrowsmith



Barlow

Well done
Campion who
have won this half
term!



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
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

**20th December-
School closes for
Christmas at the usual
time**

**6th January- School re-
opens for the Spring
Term**

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

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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