

6th December 2024

Saint Mary's RC Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Our week...

What a festive week we have had! The Christmas Craft sessions were very popular and all families made some beautiful decorations and enjoyed some time together.

Our pupil GIFT Team led a family worship on Advent. They beautifully explained the meaning of Advent and blessed the crib scene.

Father O'Brien also came to school on Friday to bless our Advent wreath in a beautiful liturgy.

Oswaltdwistle Mills have once again kindly donated a Christmas tree for our school hall. The pupils have been making decorations for the tree and I'm sure by this time next week it will be looking spectacular! There will be a social media campaign to vote for the best decorated tree in the schools so please look out for this and give us your vote!

Our whole school trip to see Aladdin on Ice is coming up soon!
Please make sure you have paid online.

Christmas Dinner Day will be on Wednesday 18th December. A dinner will be ordered for all pupils but please call the office if your child would not like one.

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 3: 1-6

**"Prepare the way for
the Lord"**



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Attendance

Meerkats- 89%
Ladybirds- 81%
Dolphins- 95%
Rhinos- 93%
Wolf Cubs- 95%
Eagles- 94%
Tigers-97%
Quackers- 98%
Lobsters- 88%
Whole School- 92%



Stars of the Week- for being positive and hopeful

Meerkats- Amayla
Ladybirds- Amelia
Dolphins- Isabella M
Rhinos- Sanha
Wolf Cubs- Evie T
Eagles- Hallie
Tigers- Felicity
Quackers-
Lobsters- Esmee



Team Points


Arrowsmith

4345

4205


Southworth


Barlow

4120

4590


Campion

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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
28th Oct- 20th Dec



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

Church News

If there are any children aged 7+ who are baptised Roman Catholic, live in our parish and would like to begin preparing for the sacrament of Confession and Holy Communion please see Father O'Brien ASAP after Mass



Upcoming Dates

10th December- KS1
Nativity Performances

11th December-
Aladdin on Ice

12th December- KS1
Nativity Performances

13th December-
Lobster's Stay and
Learn

17th December- Carol
Concert in Church
2pm

18th December-
Christmas Dinner Day

20th December-
School closes for
Christmas



Have a
wonderful
weekend

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