

30th November 2024

Saint Mary's RC Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Our week...

This week we have been preparing for the next few busy week's in school as we head into Advent.

The pupils are all busily rehearsing for performances; KS1 are performing nativities this year and KS2 are performing in the Carol Service in Church. Tickets are on sale for the nativity performances and a letter will be sent about the Carol Service soon.

Oswaldtwistle 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 November 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 21: 25-28

"There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars"



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Attendance

Meerkats- 94%
Ladybirds- 92%
Dolphins- 97%
Rhinos- 97%
Wolf Cubs- 96%
Eagles- 95%
Tigers- 95%
Quackers- 97%
Lobsters- 94%
Whole School- 95%



Stars of the Week- for being a good friend

Meerkats- Hope
Ladybirds- Lola
Dolphins-Ava MT
Rhinos- Everleigh
Wolf Cubs- Ellie M
Eagles- Harley
Tigers-Maya
Quackers- Jude
Lobsters- Freddie H



Team Points


Arrowsmith

4770

4580


Southworth


Barlow

4840

4825


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**

Upcoming Dates

**2nd December- Parent
Governor Ballot closes
12pm**

**3rd December- Christmas
Craft Session KS1 9-10.15am**

**4th December- Christmas
Craft Session KS2 9-10.15am**

**6th December- Christmas
Fair in school (3.15-5.30pm)**

**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
(letter to follow)**

**20th December- School
closes for Christmas**



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**



**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

OPENINGS 62

Total openings 190