

22nd November 2024

Saint Mary's RC Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Our week...

This week, despite the freezing temperatures, some of our Year 5 pupils took part in Bikability. They all made fantastic progress and have learnt so much about how to keep themselves safe whilst riding out and about. Well done!

You will have noticed we now have an election underway for a new parent governor. There are three candidates. Each parent is entitled to one vote. Please use the ballot paper provided and follow the instructions carefully. The sealed vote can be posted into the ballot box in the school entrance. Votes close at 12pm on Monday 2nd December and will be counted after this. School Council will be selling hot chocolate every Wednesday from now until Christmas. Pupils can bring in 50p should they want a winter warmer at break time!

We have joined ASDA Cashpots! Please choose our school on your Asda app if you shop there and we will receive a cash boost towards school funds every time you do! Please encourage your friends and family to do the same!

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:

**John 18: 33-37
"Are you the King of the Jews?"**



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Attendance

Meerkats- 95%
Ladybirds- 92%
Dolphins- 96%
Rhinos- 97%
Wolf Cubs- 98%
Eagles- 96%
Tigers- 96%
Quackers- 95%
Lobsters- 94%
Whole School- 96%



Stars of the Week- for caring for our school environment

Meerkats- Emmie
Ladybirds- Camden
Dolphins- Roman
Rhinos- Harley-Rose
Wolf Cubs- Raahim
Eagles- Eli T
Tigers- Max
Quackers- Zane
Lobsters- Suzanna



Team Points


Arrowsmith

4470

4525


Southworth


Barlow

4320

4455


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

29th November- Non-uniform day- bottles

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 (letter to follow)

11th December- Aladdin on Ice

12th December- KS1 Nativity Performances (letter to follow)

13th December- Lobster's Stay and Learn (letter to follow)

17th December- Carol Concert in Church 2pm (letter to follow)

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

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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