

**1st November 2024**

# Saint Mary's RC Primary School Weekly Newsletter



## Our week...

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term break and enjoyed the autumn sunshine.

All classes enjoyed a Zumba Workshop yesterday; it was great to see pupils (and staff!) up and moving and enjoying!

All pupils have created a Christmas design which can be made into items such as Christmas cards, wrapping paper, mugs, gift tags etc. To see your child's design and to purchase please follow the link on the card that has been sent home this week The online store closes at 12pm on 11th November,

A letter about our Christmas Fair which this year will take place on **FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER.**

You may have seen our new banners giving a reminder about not stopping on zigzag markings. We have had police on the roads outside of school and tickets have been issued; this will be happening regularly so please make sure you drive and park safely and legally.

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:

Mark 12; 28-34

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul and with all your strength"



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## Attendance

Meerkats- 97%  
Ladybirds- 90%  
Dolphins- 94%  
Rhinos-100%  
Wolf Cubs- 99%  
Eagles- 94%  
Tigers- 95%  
Quackers- 99%  
Lobsters- 96%  
Whole School- 96%



## Stars of the Week- for following our behaviour mission

Meerkats- Eloisa  
Ladybirds- Princess  
Dolphins- Tymon  
Rhinos- Adele  
Wolf Cubs- Iris  
Eagles- Cain  
Tigers- Dylan  
Quackers- Lottie  
Lobsters- Maja



## Team Points

  
Arrowsmith

**5050**

**4820**

  
Southworth

  
Barlow

**4780**

**4935**

  
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](mailto: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**

- 8th November- Non uniform day- hamper items**
- 13-15th November- Book Fair in school**
- 14th November- Nasal Flu immunisations**
- 15th November- Gifts in a gift bag**
- 22nd November- Non-uniform day- chocolate**
- 29th November- Non- uniform day- bottles**
- 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 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Closure after school on	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
Mid-term closure	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October- Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
Closure after school on	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024

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### SPRING TERM 2025

Re-open	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Closure after school on	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Mid-term closure	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
Closure after school	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025

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### SUMMER TERM 2025

Re-open	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Good Friday closure	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Easter Monday closure	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025
May Day closure	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Closure after school on	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
Mid-term closure	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May
Closure after school on	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025

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**Total openings 190**