

18th October 2024

Saint Mary's RC Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Our week...

What a bust week to end our first half term of the school year. Parents' evening was a success on Monday evening; thank you to all who attended. 83% of parents/carers attended the event which is fantastic. I'm sure you all found the information shared useful. Dave Draws was in school on Wednesday and held amazing doodle style workshops for all KS2 classes. You can see photos of the day here <https://st-marys-roman-catholic-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/school-events-personal-development/> We held an Autumn Disco on Thursday evening. It was extremely popular and very well attended. All the children danced the night away and their excellent behaviour was praised by DJ Brian! School closes for half term today. We will re-open at the usual times on Monday 28th October ready to resume the Autumn term. Have a lovely break!

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 October 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 10: 35-45

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and give his life as ransom for many"



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Attendance

Meerkats- 84%
Ladybirds- 89%
Dolphins- 95%
Rhinos-93%
Wolf Cubs- 90%
Eagles- 90%
Tigers- 91%
Quackers- 98%
Lobsters- 90%
Whole School- 91%



Stars of the Week- for respecting other people

Meerkats- Bella
Ladybirds- Lamaisah
Dolphins- Isabella L
Rhinos- Albi
Wolf Cubs- Sienna
Eagles- Autumn
Tigers- Leah-Rey
Quackers- Kenzie
Lobsters- Freddie H



Team Points



Arrowsmith

4445



Barlow

4408

4265



Southworth

4625



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
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

18th Oct- Close for half term at the usual time

28th October- School reopens

8th November- Non uniform day- hamper items

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 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