

4th October 2024

Saint Mary's RC Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Our week...

Thank you for all your kind donations for our MacMillan Cake Sales. You have raised a wonderful £335 which will help so many people. Next week, on Monday, we will celebrate CAFOD Family Fast Day. We are inviting pupils to come in non-uniform and bring a donation for the local food bank.

We will also be supporting Mental Health Day with the charity Young Minds on Thursday. We will ask pupils to wear yellow on this day and to donate £1 to YoungMinds which can be paid online. As October is the month of the Holy Rosary, our pupil GIFT Team will be selling rosary beads for £1 at break times. Please send pupils in with money for these if they would like to purchase. Once we have sold out, we won't be able to get any more.

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 July 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: 2-16
"Let the children
come to me"**



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Attendance

Meerkats- 93%
Ladybirds- 91%
Dolphins- 100%
Rhinos-99%
Wolf Cubs- 97%
Eagles- 92%
Tigers- 96%
Quackers- 96%
Lobsters- 94%
Whole School- 95%



Stars of the Week- for

Meerkats- Theo
Ladybirds- Jerry
Dolphins- Elliot
Rhinos- Prosper
Wolf Cubs- Elise
Eagles- Lexi
Tigers- Beau
Quackers- Aaliyah
Lobsters- Marley-Rae



Team Points


Arrowsmith

4233

4407


Southworth


Barlow

4242

3905


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
4th Sept- 18th Oct**



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

Upcoming Dates

**7th October- CAFOD
Family Fast Day- non
uniform and bring an
item for the foodbank**

**9th October- Seeds and
Gardeners Worship in
school 2.30pm**

**10th Oct- Mental Health
Day (wear yellow, and £1
donation online)**

**14th Oct- Parents'
Evening**

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



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**



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w o n d e r f u l

w e e k e n d

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