

13th September 2024

Saint Mary's RC Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Our week...

Welcome back! We've all had a fantastic start to the new academic year and I'm sure this will continue. It's been lovely to walk around school and see pupils on task and learning and also really adapting well to our new behaviour policy. We have welcomed our new Reception pupils who have all settled in wonderfully and are now part of our school family. We have also welcomed our new HLTA Mrs Collins who is working in Eagles class- we know you will make her feel very welcome.

Most of our pupils are wearing correct uniform at all times- thank you to parents and families for ensuring this. There are a couple of areas we would still like to improve as we move forward.

Thank to all parents and carers who attended our Meet The Teacher night yesterday. It was great to see so many of you there and we look forward to working together for the best interests of your child.

Please make sure you return your child's annual consent letter signed as soon as possible. Not returning the form will make staff assume we don't have consent and we don't want any pupil to miss out.

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 8: 27-35

"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me"



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Attendance

Meerkats- 94%
Ladybirds- 93%
Dolphins- 94%
Rhinos- 100%
Wolf Cubs- 95%
Eagles- 96%
Tigers- 98%
Quackers- 98%
Lobsters- 98%
Whole School- 96%



Stars of the Week

Meerkats- (will begin next week)

Ladybirds- Patrick
Dolphins- Martha
Rhinos- Alfred
Wolf Cubs- Indie
Eagles- Maryam
Tigers- Holly
Quackers- Leighton
Lobsters- Freddie E



Team Points


Arrowsmith

4070

4040


Southworth


Barlow

4015

4040


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

**Tuesday 17th Sept- Cake
Sale 50p each
Tuesday 24th Sept- Y3
Accrington Stanley shirt
giveaway
Friday 27th Sept-
MacMillan Coffee
Afternoon 2.45pm (no
assembly)
Thurs 10th Oct- Mental
Health Day (wear yellow,
letter to follow)
Mon 14th Oct- Parents'
Evening (letter to follow)
Fri 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 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