

10th July 2026

Saint Mary's RC Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Our week...

In our last final full week of school this academic year we have been busy as ever! Pupils really enjoyed the Book Swap event on Monday! It was really lovely to see the joy on pupils' faces when they opened a book! We will hope to run this event again in the future.

Pupils also enjoyed a morning in their new classes on Wednesday. It was great to walk around and see pupils settled and happy in their new classes with their new staff. Roll on September!

The new school library is almost complete! The builders are moving out and over the summer we are just waiting on a new floor, furniture and a door then we'll be up and running! We can't wait for pupils to be able to start borrowing books but we'll update you more on this in September.

We were so pleased to receive the GOLD MARK for our efforts in PE. This is a huge testament to the hard work of Miss Woodcock, Mrs Moseley, Mrs Varey and Mrs Giller! Well done!

End of year reports for all pupils will be sent home on Monday after school. These will be in a sealed envelope.

As this will be the final newsletter of this academic year I'd like to say thank you to each and every one of you for your support and kindness throughout the year- we couldn't do lots of things without you all and we really do appreciate the partnership that we have.

Have a great summer when we finish next Thursday and we'll be ready to greet you again on Thursday 3rd September.

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:

Matthew 13: 1-23
**"A sower went out
to sow"**



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Attendance

Meerkats-95%
Ladybirds-92%
Wallabies- 95%
Rhinos-95%
Wolf Cubs-97%
Eagles- 96%
Dolphins-95%
Quackers-93%
Lobsters- 95%
Whole School- 95%



Stars of the Week- for being safe by using a calm voice in school

Meerkats- Hakim
Ladybirds- Mustafa
Wallabies- Harper
Rhinos- Eesa
Wolf Cubs- Bella
Eagles- Hanna
Dolphins- Autumn
Quackers- Erin
Lobsters- Jude



Team Points



Arrowsmith

5300

5390



Campion



Barlow

5440

5345



Southworth

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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 £7 per day including breakfast
- Breakfast Club 8am- 8.35am £4 per day including breakfast
- Afterschool Club 3.15-5.30pm £11 per day including a snack
- Afterschool Club 3.15-4.30pm £7 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) £7 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 260 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
1st June- 16th July**



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

Upcoming Dates

**13th July- Y6 Leaver's
Assembly 2pm**

**13th July- Reports sent
home**

**15th July- Leaver's
Liturgy in Church 2pm**

**Thursday 16th July- SATs
results to parents**

**THURSDAY 16th July-
School closes for
summer**

**THURSDAY 3rd Sept-
School Re-Opens**

Church News

Saturday Mass 6.30pm

Sunday Mass 10am

Baptisms by appointment

**If you have a child wishing
to make their First Holy
Communion please speak
to Father O'Brien**



10 Top Tips for Helping Children STAY SAFE ONLINE THIS SUMMER

Over the summer our children will, of course, have significantly more spare time now they are out of school. For many youngsters, it may be that a considerable amount of this extra freedom is spent online, using social media apps, video games, streaming services and other digital tech to have fun. For that reason, it's even more important for trusted adults to focus on online safety during the summer break – ensuring that our children are not only aware of the most common threats but also know what to do if they encounter something in the digital world that upsets or disturbs them.

1 ENGAGE WITH THEIR ACTIVITIES

It might not always be convenient, but try to make time to show interest in what your child's doing online. Ideally, get involved – by joining in with video gaming and discussing the apps they're using. It will make your child more likely to come to you with any future online worries or concerns.

2 FOSTER CRITICAL THINKING

Teach your child to question what they see in the digital world. As fake news increasingly uses AI to create believable audio, video and images, it will become even more important in future years to question the content that we see – and to know how to confirm it as true.

3 BE A DIGITAL ROLE MODEL

Take opportunities to demonstrate your empathy and understanding of others online, giving your child a positive template to follow. Watching you being a good digital citizen will help your child to learn an appropriate level of respect for the feelings, thoughts and privacy of other internet users.

4 EMPHASISE THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Among the internet's oceans of content, of course, are things which can be upsetting and concerning for young ones. There's always a chance that your child could stumble across inappropriate material, so it's wise to discuss in advance what they should do if this happens. Underline that they can always come to you if something online has worried them.

5 FIND A BALANCE

Communicating and competing online is fun, but shouldn't replace in-person socialising, exercise or being outdoors. Work with your child to find a healthy balance between their online and offline activities. Take into account what they're actually doing online: researching something or cooperating in a game, for example, is more valuable than simply browsing TikTok.

6 STAY AWARE

Keep an eye on your child's online activity and regularly check in with what they're doing. If you have serious concerns, you could discreetly view their browser history. The extent of monitoring should correspond to your child's age and maturity: younger children are likely to need closer observation.

10 REMEMBER TO HAVE FUN

Obviously, the digital world isn't without its dangers – but, when navigated safely, it remains an exciting, engaging and educational place. Be mindful of the many risks, of course, but don't let them discourage you from supporting your child to explore and enjoy themselves in the online space.

9 KEEP DEVICES UPDATED

Ensuring any devices that your child uses to go online have the most up-to-date firmware and software installed is hugely beneficial. Many people put off downloading these regular updates, but very often they contain vital software patches which help to keep your devices and data secure.

8 TEACH BASIC SECURITY

It's important that children learn to keep their personal data safe, and understand how strong passwords can help with that. Explain the basics of digital security (showing them examples, if possible) and when they're a little older you could move on to more advanced methods like multi-factor authentication.

7 TAKE (PARENTAL) CONTROL

It's wise to capitalise on the parental controls offered by most internet service providers and the devices and software that children use. These controls allow you to manage the kind of content your child is able to access, and they can usually be adjusted to reflect your child's specific age.

Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



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ages 4-12
years old

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HOLIDAY
CAMPS

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TENNIS | THEMED ACTIVITIES | CRAFTS + MUCH MORE...



VENUES ACROSS LANCASHIRE
21st July - 20th Aug | 7:30am - 6:00pm



We love, learn and grow together with Jesus

HOLIDAY LIST 2025/2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Re-open	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
Closure after school on	Friday 24 th October 2025
Mid –term closure	Monday 27 th October- Friday 31 st October
Closure after school on	Friday 19 th December 2025

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SPRING TERM 2026

Re-open	Monday 5 th January 2026
Closure after school on	Thursday 12 th February 2026
Mid-term closure	Friday 13 th February – Friday 20 th February
Closure after school	Friday 27 th March 2026

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SUMMER TERM 2026

Re-open	Monday 13 th April 2026
May Day closure	Monday 4 th May 2026
Closure after school on	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Mid-term closure	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May
Closure after school on	Thursday 16 th July 2026

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Total openings 190