

**28th November 2025**

# **Saint Mary's RC Primary School Weekly Newsletter**



## **Our week...**

We kicked off our Christmas festivities by taking the whole school to watch the pantomime Snow White at the Empire Theatre in Blackburn. The pantomime was excellent and the pupils laughed and danced their hearts out! Pupils behaved brilliantly and as ever we were really proud of them. Thank you to all our governors and family members who accompanied us - we couldn't have done it without you!

Our Christmas Fair took place today... and wow! What a fair it was! The stalls were bustling and it was great to see our school community getting together over a slice of pizza and a cuppa! Father Christmas was very popular and a welcome addition to our fair! The raffle was drawn at the end of the fair and names of all the winners will be posted on Facebook. Prizes have been sent to classrooms and will be sent home with pupils on Monday if they weren't collected today. Thank you all so much for your generosity in your donations; the fair is only possible with your support. We will let you know a grand total of money raised when we have counted the takings.

Christmas Craft sessions for both EYFS/KS1 and KS2 are taking place next week. These are always really popular and places are taken very quickly. If you have been allocated a place then you will have had a confirmation email. Please let us know if you can no longer make it as we have lots of families on reserve lists.

Christmas Nativity tickets are on sale from Monday in the school office. They are £2 each and you may now buy as many as you like!

### **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:**

**Matthew 24: 37-44**  
**"Stay awake so that  
you may be ready"**



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## Attendance

Meerkats- 86%  
Ladybirds 90%  
Wallabies- 98%  
Rhinos- 88%  
Wolf Cubs- 99%  
Eagles- 98%  
Dolphins- 94%  
Quackers- 96%  
Lobsters- 97%  
Whole School- 94%



## Stars of the Week- for being ready by trying my best in all my work

Meerkats- Isla  
Ladybirds- Raees  
Wallabies- Riana  
Rhinos- Isabella M  
Wolf Cubs- Ruby W  
Eagles- Isla  
Dolphins-  
Quackers- Evie  
Lobsters- Riley C



## Team Points

  
Arrowsmith

4690

4585

  
Campion

  
Barlow

4570

5110

  
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](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 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  
3rd Nov- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec**



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

### **Church News**

**Saturday Evening Mass-  
6.30pm**

**Sunday Morning Mass-  
10am**



### **Upcoming Dates**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Dec- EYFS/KS1 Christmas  
Craft Session**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Dec- KS2 Christmas Craft  
Session**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Dec- Ladybirds Stay and  
Learn**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Dec- GIFT Team Family  
Worship 2.45pm**

**8<sup>th</sup> Dec- Quackers and  
Lobsters nativity 6.30pm**

**9<sup>th</sup> Dec- Wolf Cubs, Eagles and  
Dolphins nativity 6.30pm**

**10<sup>th</sup> Dec- All KS2 nativity  
1.30pm**

**15<sup>th</sup> Dec- Lobsters Stay and  
Learn (letter to follow)**

**16<sup>th</sup> Dec- EYFS/KS1 Carol  
Service in Church 2pm (letter  
to follow)**

**17<sup>th</sup> Dec- Christmas Dinner  
Day- Wear Christmas jumpers**

**19<sup>th</sup> Dec- School closes for  
Christmas at 3.15pm**



**H a v e a  
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 2025/2026**

### **AUTUMN TERM 2025**

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

### **OPENINGS 73**

### **SPRING TERM 2026**

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

### **OPENINGS 54**

### **SUMMER TERM 2026**

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

### **OPENINGS 63**

**Total openings 190**