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St Mary's and St Benedict's RC Primary School

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	Star of the Week	Reader of the Week
Benedict	Beniamin and Jamie	Eric
Finch	Lexie and Olivia	Esha
Haydock	Anu and Paisley	Lily
Mary	Aiden and Niamh	Athena
Marsden	Oliver M and Aarya	Oliver D
Rigby	Rozalia and Declan	Layla
Roe	Lewis and Iga	James
Southworth	Harvey and Annabel	Tyler
Ward	Charlie and Dylan	Maisie
Woodcock	Oliver S and Ava- Lea	Armaani



Welcome Back! - Welcome back to a new school year and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new families to our community. Families old and new, as always if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with school.

We would also like to welcome new staff to our school: Mr Moss will be working with us this year as Assistant Headteacher and will be teaching Ward class; Mrs Aitken is our UKS2 lead and will be teaching Roe class; Miss Fann is our EYFS/KS1 lead and will be teaching Benedict class; Miss Delaney will be teaching Southworth class; Miss Ward will be teaching in KS2 covering management and PPA time; Mrs Johnson is our new family Support Worker; Mrs Raynor and Miss Kay are our new teaching assistants.

Congratulations – We are delighted to announce that Mr and Mrs Murrell are new parents of a baby boy. Both mum and baby are doing well and we send our warmest wishes from everyone.

Celebration Assemblies – Every Friday we have a Celebration Assembly during which we award two children in each class certificates for 'Star of the Week' and one child 'Reader of the Week'. Parents and carers of these children are invited to attend and will get a message via the app on the day before, to let you know. The assembly starts at 9:00am in the KS2 hall, entry is through the side gates at the front of school.

Uniform Reminders - The children look extremely smart as we begin a new school year and we thank parents for supporting our uniform policy. Please remember that school shoes should be black, non-branded, suitable and durable enough for the children to be on the playground and the Daily Mile Track. Plain black socks should be worn by boys and plain white socks/navy tights for girls.

There are a number of children wearing earrings. Please can we remind families that we adhere to Lancashire County Council Health and Safety Policy and **do not allow any earrings**, as part of our school uniform policy. Children who have just had their ears pierced, or are worried about their ears healing up, should wear clear, rubber ear holders. School will not provide plasters to cover earrings.

Pre-loved Uniform – We have lots of good quality uniform which has been donated to school. Please contact school if you are interested in taking some.

Sacramental Programme – Children in Year 3 will be receiving information about enrolling on the Sacramental Programme, so that they can continue their faith journey and prepare to make their sacraments of Reconciliation (First Confession) and First Holy Communion during this academic year. Children in Years 4-6 who would like to make their sacraments should contact either the school office, the church office between 2:00 -5:00pm week days or Mrs Livesey 01772 336049, as soon as possible.

Harvest Celebration - Next Sunday September 18th at 9:30am in church, we will be holding our First Children's Sunday Mass of this school year. This will also be a special Harvest Celebration. Children are asked to bring a small contribution of food which they will take up in the offertory procession. Tins and packets are more useful than fresh produce. We hope that many of our families will be able to take part, the gifts will be passed on to The Food Bank to share with those less fortunate than ourselves.

Playground Equipment – As we begin a new academic year can we take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that children should not be using the playground equipment before or after school.

Brownedge Christians Together Food Bank - Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to the food bank last year. The food has made such a difference to so many people's lives. We are continuing the collection and we would very much appreciate tins of fruit, vegetables, meat, fish and rice pudding, which are the basic food items on their shopping list every week. If anyone would like to access the food bank, it is open Mondays and Fridays 10:00 – 11:00am. Thank you as always for your generosity and support

Dinner Money - School dinners this year will cost £2.40 a day. Please remember that if your child has moved to Year 3, you will need to pay for their school dinners, unless they are entitled to free school meals.

Queen Elizabeth II - Staff, Governors and pupils at St Mary's & St Benedict's are deeply saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As a community we will be reflecting on her lifetime of dedication to the nation and the inspiration she has given to many generations of pupils.

We will mark this period of national mourning within school whilst continuing to support pupils' learning and provide wellbeing support as required.

Our thoughts are with His Majesty King Charles III and the Royal Family at this time.

