

25th November
2022



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

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	Star of the Week	Reader of the Week
Benedict	Simon and Matthew	Harry
Finch	George and Clara	Raisa
Haydock	Oliver and Georgie	Jessica
Mary	Liam and Lucas	Moses
Marsden	Macy-Grace and Sienna	Aarya
Rigby	Caleb and Ruby	Ebony
Roe	Molly and Chloe	Liliana
Southworth	Harry and Tyler	Daniel
Ward	Chimdiebube and Benedict	Joseph
Woodcock	Alex and Jayden	Alan



Autumn Term Parents' Evening Tuesday 29th November 3:30 – 6:30pm – Please remember to book your appointment through SchoolCloud. Information on how to do this can be found on the school website in the Parents/SchoolCloud section, along with a very useful user guide. Today you will receive your child's interim report. It would be handy to have this available during your appointment.

GIFT Presentation - Last Friday, the GIFT Chaplaincy Team were welcomed officially by Father Mark into the parish. Now our team will go forth into the community to serve and show charity to those who are in need. Congratulations and good luck!



St Mary's & St Benedict's Pre-school - Places are filling up fast for the spring term. If you wish to secure a place, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Tempest Photos - A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Monday 28th November. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk



Olive School Visit - Ten pupils from Year 5 were invited to The Olive School in Blackburn to take part in an Interfaith Day workshop. Children and leaders of different religions enjoyed activities that celebrated our differences and the values that we share – peace, hope, love and charity.

The 'Coexist' banner created by the children.

Infant Nativity Productions - Children from EYFS will be performing '**Blessing of the Crib**' on Friday 2nd December at 2:00pm in the KS2 Hall. The KS1 nativity production, '**Baarmy Bethlehem**', will take place on Thursday 8th December at 10:00am, and Friday 9th December at 2:00pm, also in the KS2 hall. Information regarding these productions was sent home via the school app yesterday. Please order your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.



SRBC HAF Holiday Activities - South Ribble Borough Council and South Ribble Leisure have planned a week of activities this Christmas by offering their HAF programme of 'FREE activities and food' to children and families at local leisure centres. This holiday provision is for school aged children from reception to year 11 (inclusive) who receive benefits-related free school meals. Benefits-related free school meals (FSM) are available to pupils if their parents are in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits, and have a claim verified by their school or local authority. Full details of the programme and how to book are attached and can be found at <https://southribble.gov.uk/haf>

Preparing for Advent - As we prepare for this special time of year, we have been thinking about ways that we can help others. Advent begins on Sunday 27th November and throughout this time we are having a whole school focus on the foodbank to help make Christmas better for our local community.



If possible, we are asking families to donate one item of food each week. Thank you as always for your generosity.

2023/2024 Calendar – The 2023/2024 school calendar has been distributed today, via the school app. Please make sure you check the holiday pattern before you consider booking holidays. No child can afford to take extra time off from school as this does have an effect on academic progress and attainment. Please speak to us before making any holiday plans in term time as taking unauthorised leave could result in the issue of penalty notices.