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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
Beesley	Amir and Maria	Nico
Benedict	Emelia and Erin M	Beniamin
Finch	Jack and Raisa	George
Haydock	Oakley and Harrison	Francis
Mary	Charlie and Lexi	Kezia
Marsden	Charlotte and Lucas	Aarya
Rigby	William and Jude	Elizabeth
Roe	Molly and James	Autumn
Southworth	Emily and James	Annabel
Ward	Natania and Gracie	Joseph
Woodcock	Ava and Finlay	Bella



**Finley's Families** - On Tuesdays 10:00am-12:00pm at Carr Street Community Café, Finley's Families have a play space for parents and carers who wish to come along for a brew and let their little one play! The session is free of charge and open to all.

**Industrial Action by Members of NEU** - A letter was sent home on Wednesday regarding the intended industrial action days by members of NEU. The first day will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February and as 10 of our teaching staff are potentially affected, school will be fully closed on this day. The outcomes of this first action will give us much greater clarity on how many affected teaching staff may wish to take part in this strike action to inform a decision on the future industrial action days.

**School Communication** - Please remember to activate the school app, if you have not done so already, to ensure you receive information that is sent home and also to ensure your child doesn't miss out on school events. Please contact school if you have any problems with either the school app or ParentPay. We had complaints yesterday from a number of parents informing us that they hadn't received messages regarding the school disco. Whole school messages are sent to all families and we can access a report of delivered messages. Once messages are sent from school it is up to the parent or carer to read them and it is not school's responsibility if a parent or carer chooses not to.

**No Photographs** - Please remember that parents and carers are not allowed to take photographic images/videos of children on school premises. This is to protect and safeguard all children whilst in our care.



**Carpark Safety** - For parents and carers who use the school carpark when dropping off and picking children up from SMASH, please note that there is a footpath along the boundary fence for pedestrians to use. It is extremely dangerous to let children walk amongst moving cars on the carpark, especially during times of the day that are dark.



**Community Larder** - Please continue to support our local food bank by bringing into school an item of food each week. The Community Larder is situated at the back of St Aidan's Church Hall, on Station Road and provides food and support to individuals and families from Bamber Bridge, Clayton -le-Woods, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale. It is open Monday - Friday 9:30am - 11:30am and is dependent upon food donations from local Christian communities and schools. Thank you for your continued donations.