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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	Zachary and Logan	Maddie
Benedict	Erin M and Lacey	Jenson
Finch	Olivia-Grace and Joshua	Lexie-May
Haydock	Jessica and Oliver	Alice
Mary	Alexander and Lucy	Phoebe
Marsden	Tommy and Gordon	William
Rigby	Elliot and Elizabeth	Noah
Roe	Iga and Autumn	Chloe
Southworth	Georgina and Chloe	Tyler
Ward	Leo and Macey	Mia H
Woodcock	Jayden and Freya	Angelica



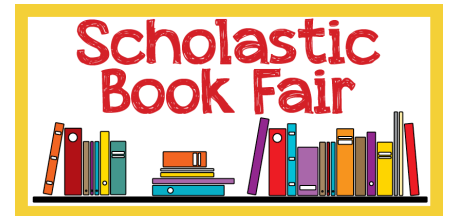
**Spring Term Parents' Evening** – Thank you to all those who attended Parents' Evening on Wednesday. It was a good turnout and staff were overwhelmed with the many positive comments voiced during the evening. Well done to the school prefects who did a commendable job in ensuring the event ran smoothly.

**Easter Activity Club** - Chris and Marcus, our coaches from Pro-skill Sports Development, are running Easter Activity Clubs Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th April for KS1 children and Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th April for KS2 children. All sessions run from 9:00am until 3:00pm and children will need to bring a packed lunch. Activities offered will be team games, multi-sports, dodgeball, cricket, football and netball. The cost is just £10.00 per child per day and there are limited spaces. Please book via ParentPay.



**Goodbye!** - Mrs Stokes is leaving at the end of the Easter term. She has been a teacher here since 2015 and has taught all across KS2, as well as working a variety of subjects. School would like to thank her for her service and we wish her well in the future.

**Book Fair** - We will be having a Book Fair in school Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 3:15pm - 4:00pm. Please come along and have a browse at the wonderful selection of books available to buy. You can pay easily and securely by using the online payment link at [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay) (simply select the school from the drop-down menu).



If you're unable to visit the Book Fair, your child will be sent home with a Wish List and you can pay for their chosen books also by using the online payment system.



**World Book Day Winners** – Winners of the Masked Reader competition were Hanna, Silver, Paisley, Sienna T, Harlow, Lacey T, Finley R, Kyle, Annabel, Autumn, Joseph A and Ava. The winners of the Create a Character competition were Lacey S, Jayden A, Isaac B, Evie N, Petra, Maisy, Annabel, Ochelle and Fran.

**St Joseph's Penny Appeal** – Today the children have enjoyed raising money for St Joseph's Penny Appeal which funds the work of the charity CARITAS in our Diocese of Salford. We will let you know next week how much money the children have raised.

**Palm Sunday** - Next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, it is Palm Sunday which celebrates the beginning of Holy Week. There will be children's Mass at 9:30am in Church. Everyone is welcome so please come along and join us.



**Hate Crime and Social Media** - To support our anti-bullying policy and to promote awareness, PC Ash Gibson from the Hate Crime Unit will be visiting Year 6 on Wednesday afternoon and PCSO David Gaskill will be visiting all KS2 on Thursday afternoon to talk about social media usage.



**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.

**Please remember we break up for the Easter Holidays at  
1:30pm next Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March!**