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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	Jack and Aniela	Klay
Finch	Erin S and Jessica	George
Haydock	Leo and Clara	Kieran
Marsden	Emily and Oliver K	Kai-Reece
Mary	Anu and Alice	Alan
Rigby	Aiden and Sienna	Alexander
Southworth	Lucy and Leo	Lexi
Ward	William and Jessica	Daniel
Woodcock	Annabel and Leo	Ochelle



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

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 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.

New Website launched! - We have a brand-new website, please take a look! <https://www.smsb.lancs.sch.uk/> The website is there to keep parents and carers up to date with school news and notices, and to show case some of the great things our pupils are achieving. Shortly we will be communicating with parents and carers via the website. We will update you on this very soon!

Pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) - If your child is on our SEND register, please visit our SEND page of the website (found under 'Key Information') for further information about the support they will receive in school. There are also links to other pages containing information about external support groups and agencies, which may be of help or of interest to you and your family, regardless of whether your child is on our SEND register. The next reviews of Individual Education Plans and Learning Support Plans for SEND pupils are due to take place in the weeks either side of half term. If there is anything else you would like to clarify relating to SEND provision, please contact Mrs Hackett via the school office.

Uniform Reminders – The children look extremely smart as we begin a new school year and we thank parents and carers 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. School trousers/skirts/pinafores should be navy and **not** black or grey.

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.

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.

Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School Open Evening - This will be on Wednesday 27th September from 5:00pm. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 are invited to attend along with their parents and carers. If you wish to listen to the headteacher talk please visit their website and book on. If you want to look around you don't need to book, just turn up.

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.

Children Collecting Younger Siblings EYFS Key Stage – Mr Ballard, as headteacher, has made the decision that no pre-school or reception aged child can be collected by a primary school aged child. If your child is in the EYFS Key Stage and you wish them to be collected by a child who is in Year 7 or older, you must give written consent to the school office for such an arrangement. Mr Ballard remains responsible for the welfare of children leaving our school grounds.