12th January 2024



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

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	Star of the Week	Reader of the Week
Beesley	Freddie and Poppie	Lucy
Benedict	Níco and Síenna	Jack
Finch	Ellis and Emelia	Benjamin
Haydock	Clara and Casper	Bella
Marsden	Tyler and Lilly E	Lucas
Mary	Oliver and Ada	Evie
Rigby	Robert and William	Síenna
Southworth	Evie and Grace	Nikola
Ward	Harvey and Amelia	Elizabeth
Woodcock	Emily and Harry	Amy





Welcome back and Happy New Year to everyone!

School Admissions 2024 - If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery you can now apply for their school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application. You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. The closing date for primary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on 15 January 2024.

Spring Term Parents' Evening – Our Spring Term Parents' Evening will be held on Wednesday 17th January in the KS2 hall. Time slots can now be booked on School Spider for a face-to-face appointment on the evening, from 3:30pm until 6:30pm. Please remember the booking system will close at 3:00pm on Tuesday 16th January. Interim reports have gone home today which may be useful to bring along to the appointment.

Goodbye! - We said our goodbyes to Miss Delaney who left us at the end of the Autumn Term. We wish her all the very best as she continues her career at a new school.

Parish Mass – On Wednesday 17th January at 9:30am Parish Mass will be celebrated in the KS2 hall and not in church. Ward class will be attending and also during Mass, the Chaplaincy team will be officially welcomed into the parish by Father Mark. We welcome the parish to join us, in particular parents and carers of children in Ward class and the Chaplaincy Team.





Easter Activity Clubs - Chris and Marcus, our coaches from Pro-skill Sports Development, are running Easter Activity Clubs Tuesday 2nd April, Wednesday 3rd April, Thursday 4th April and Friday 5th April. Children can attend any session which run from 9:00am until 3:00pm and will need to bring a packed lunch.

Activities offered will be team games, multi-sports, dodgeball, cricket, football and netball. The cost is just £11.00 per child per day or £40.00 for all four days. Please book via ParentPay from Tuesday and please remember there are limited places.

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.

