



# NEWSLETTER 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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WE PRAY ❤️ WE LEARN ❤️ WE SERVE

“To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark.” Victor Hugo

	Star of the Week	Reader of the Week	Attendance School Target - 96%
<b>Beesley</b>	Laria and Noah	Johnny	93.6%
<b>Benedict</b>	Bobbie and Nicole	Jack	93.2%
<b>Finch</b>	Tianna and Erin M	Lydia	95.2%
<b>Haydock</b>	Benjamin and Bridget	Theia	<b>100%</b>
<b>Marsden</b>	Paisley and Oliver B	Hunter	88.0%
<b>Mary</b>	Harvey and Jack P	Ada	94.0%
<b>Rigby</b>	Athena and Lacey	Scarlett	<b>97.7%</b>
<b>Southworth</b>	Phoebe and Leo	Lexi	<b>99.3%</b>
<b>Ward</b>	Jessica and Daniel	William	94.0%
<b>Woodcock</b>	Amy and Jack	Cadi	95.2%



**Attendance Matters** - Thank you for your continued support ensuring that your children arrive to school on time and attend school each day. We are delighted to see our overall attendance improving and we are getting closer to reaching our target of 96% across the whole school. However, we are still being impacted by term-time holidays and children arriving late after the registers have been taken. Please be aware that the Department for Education has recently announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes will come into effect on 19 August 2024, please see the separate information which was shared on the newsletter 24<sup>th</sup> May.

**A massive big shout out to Haydock class who will be enjoying chocolate cake in class today for having a perfect 100% attendance 😊**

**British Values** - British values are fundamental principles that define what it means to be a citizen of Great Britain. At SMSB, we develop and promote British Values throughout our school and within our curriculum every day. Our aim is to ensure children become valuable and fully rounded members of society who treat others with respect and leave school fully prepared for life in modern Britain.

The values are Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect and Tolerance, Individual Liberty. The whole school were involved in activities and discussions on Wednesday, with classes in each key stage moving around in a carousel sharing thoughts and ideas. We are very proud of the contributions our children made!



**Sports Day** – A fantastic day was had by all at Sports Day last week. The weather was kind to us and the afternoon went very smoothly, thanks to Chris and Marcus. All the children participated with great spirit and enthusiasm. Thank you to everyone for coming along to support and cheer them on! Congratulations to Mark House who were the overall winners!



**Summer Sports Camp** – Chris and Marcus are running a Summer Sports Camp each day from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July. If you would like your child to attend, please book and pay via ParentPay. The sessions will run from 9:00am until 3:00 pm and the cost is just £11.00 a day or £50.00 for the full week. Please remember they will need to bring a packed lunch and water.

**Hazardous Parking** – We take the safety of our community very seriously, especially our children. We politely ask that you do not park on the side of the road when dropping children off in a morning or picking them up after school. This is very dangerous for pedestrians and other road users.

**Year 6 News** – The children put on a fantastic performance of 'The School-O-Vision Song Contest' to their families on Tuesday and received rapturous applause! We are very proud of this talented group of children. Thank you to Mrs Aitken, Mrs Howarth, Mrs Daniels and Miss Raynor for helping them to put the production together.

They are looking forward to their residential trip to the Anderton Centre today and we hope they have an exciting and memorable time!

We look forward to celebrating their final Mass in church next Thursday 18th July at 9:30am. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us.

**Mission Day** – Today, the whole school celebrated Mission Day. The children discussed why our school logo has been designed as it has and what it represents and why are the three driver words 'we pray; we love; we serve' significant for us in SMSB. They also studied the wording of our Mission Statement and the intent behind it.

***Together in God's family we grow in faith, knowledge & love to reach our full potential, and to become the people that we are created to be.***

They looked at how the ten SMSB Gospel Values help us to reach that potential and to become the people we are created to be.

**Book Donations** – As part of our celebration of reading, we asked if any new or nearly new books could be sent in to school for prizes for 150 reads. Due to many children reaching this milestone, some several times within this school year, we need lots of books as prizes. We are delighted with the number that have been sent in. Thank you to everyone who has donated books. Please keep sending them in, we are extremely grateful.

**ParentPay Debt** – Please make sure any ParentPay debt is paid by the end of term, this particularly applies to parents and carers of children in Year 6.

**School Uniform** - Please remember when you are purchasing school uniform for the new school year, that skirts/pinafores and trousers/shorts must be navy blue; white polo shirts are worn under a red cardigan/sweatshirt; sensible black school shoes; navy/black socks for boys and white socks for girls. Please also remember we don't allow large bags or rucksacks to be brought to school as space to store them is restricted. Your child should be bringing what they need in a book bag.

**Navy Unisex Joggers** - We have purchased a limited amount of navy unisex joggers for children in KS2, as required to wear on their PE days. These can be bought via ParentPay.

**Sacramental Programme** – Baptised Catholic children in Year 2 have received information today regarding enrolling onto 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 the next academic year. Older children 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.

**Idling Cars** - We politely ask that parents and carers turn their engines off whilst they wait outside school, in a bid to reduce engine emissions. We are raising awareness about idling cars to improve air quality and create a healthier environment for our school community.

Vehicle exhaust fumes are damaging to everyone's health, but especially for children, who breathe more and at a faster rate than adults. An idling engine produces unnecessary pollution and can produce up to twice as many exhaust emissions as an engine in motion. By not idling, drivers reduce the level of harmful emissions being released into the atmosphere and reduce their carbon footprint. Idling also costs more money, it is more fuel efficient to turn off your engine if you are going to be sitting more than 30 seconds and this will also reduce the wear and tear on your engine.

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**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. If you wish your child to have their ears pierced, please do this at the start of the summer holidays to ensure they heal before we return in September.

**Beginner's Guitar Group** - There will be a beginner's guitar group starting in September on Thursday mornings at 10:45am. The lessons will be provided by Carmel Galea who teaches at many local primary and high schools.

Beginners guitar letters have gone out to present pupils in Years 3, Year 4, and Year 5. Should anyone require extra letters, please email [carmel@cmg-guitars.co.uk](mailto:carmel@cmg-guitars.co.uk) or ask at the school office.

**School Dinner Cost Increase** – We have been informed by LCC Catering Service that school dinner cost is increasing to £2.70 a day from September. We still believe this is good value for money. They use only the best local and seasonal ingredients, providing delicious, healthy and nutritious home-cooked meals.

**Year 2 Notice** – Please remember if your child is moving up to Year 3 in September and they wish to have a school dinner, payment must be made on ParentPay. If they are entitled to benefit related free school meals then there is no charge. Please contact school if you're unsure.

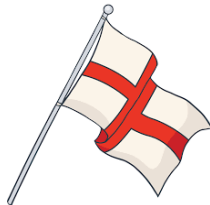
**Leavers' Lunch 'Goodbye Year 6'** – There will be a special lunch on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July consisting of homemade cheese pizza, vegetable samosa, pork or vegetarian sausage roll, tortilla chips, vegetable sticks & dips and homemade chocolate brownie. If your child would like to join in the fun and they don't currently have school meals, please order and pay for the meal on ParentPay. If your child is in Beesley, Benedict, Finch or Haydock class there will be no charge and there is also no charge for children in the junior classes who are entitled to free school meals.

**Moving-up Afternoon** - On Wednesday, the children enjoyed time spent in their new classrooms meeting the teachers who will be with them from September.

Please remember we break up at 1:30pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

**Family Support** – If anyone needs support, please remember you can contact Julia, our Family Support Worker.

Mobile-07706008185  
 Email-[family.support@smsb.lanCS.sch.uk](mailto:family.support@smsb.lanCS.sch.uk)



We hope you all have a fun and memorable evening watching England play in the Euros final on Sunday. We're expecting to have some tired children in school on Monday! Good luck England!



**Fun Fact of the Week** – The first footballs were made from pig's bladders!

**Riddle of the Week** – Why is it always hot at the end of a football match?  
 (answers to [office@smsb.lanCS.sch.uk](mailto:office@smsb.lanCS.sch.uk))

Well done to Miss Ward for correctly answering last week's riddle – Chile!