

ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY
NEWSLETTER – 3rd December 2021

SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to the parents and neighbours who helped our teachers to move their cars when stuck during the snowy weather at the beginning of the week. Great community spirit was shown, and much appreciated by our staff.

We would like to say congratulations to Mrs Townsend and her husband, on the birth of their new baby son Cooper, born a few days ago. We wish all the family well and send them our best wishes.

Just a reminder that our last school day this term is **Thursday 16th December**. Children should be collected at 3.20 pm as usual. Busy Kids will be available until 5.15 pm.

ADVENT

Thank you to everyone who has come in to school wearing something purple as part of our Purple Mondays during Advent.

Last Wednesday there was a very nurturing atmosphere in school as our older children met up with their younger 'prayer buddies'. Each child has a prayer buddy to think kind thoughts about during Advent. The prayer buddies read and discussed stories together.



On Thursday the prayer buddies met up to celebrate a special Christingle service – the children were respectful, listened to the service and sang beautifully together.

Thank you to Mrs Oldham, Mrs Barnes and the GIFT team for organising some lovely activities this week.



CHARITY DONATIONS

The poppy appeal for the Royal British Legion raised a huge £208.37 this year and we are truly grateful to everyone who purchased a poppy or accessory and donated to this cause.

The Children in Need Day raised a fabulous £281.94 – well done and a big thank you to all our pupils and their families for supporting this special charity day.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If you or anyone you know has a child due to start primary school in September 2022, the closing date for applications in Lancashire is 15th January 2022. Please click on the link below for further details. Please can [Apply online for a school place - Lancashire County Council](#)

We also have places in our Nursery class for children from the age of three. Please contact the office for more details.

PARENTS' EVENING

The parents' evening appointments have now taken place. Please contact the office if you still need to make an appointment to speak with your child's class teacher.

TRIPS

Our EYFS and KS1 pupils had a fantastic time at Thornton Hall Country Park on Friday, taking part in the magical Christmas adventure.



Our KS2 pupils will be watching the Treasure Island pantomime at the Middleton Arena this week.

We hope all the children enjoy their trips.

PHONICS

This week, Y2 will be taking part in their phonics screening assessments. They have been working hard to improve their phonics knowledge. Any child who does not meet the required standard in the assessments will have another opportunity in June, when knowledge has been consolidated over the next few months.

FESTIVE NEWS

This Friday will be our Christmas Jumper day and we are looking forward to seeing the children dressed up and ready for their tasty Christmas dinners.

WEEKLY AWARDS

STAR OF THE WEEK

Nursery – Kaiden Bamford
Reception – Koby Goodill
Year 1 – Amelia Hussain
Year 2 – Freddie Mellor
Year 3 – Charlie Hodgins
Year 4 - Amelia Nuttall
Year 5 – Theo Caine
Year 6J – Shad Abubakr
Year 6K – Jake Gough



ATTENDANCE

Here are our attendance figures for this week. The winning class will receive £10 for class treats.

Reception	94.1%
Year 1	91.4%
Year 2	92.5%
Year 3	82.4%
Year 4	88.3%
Year 5	95.8%
Year 6J (Mrs Jackson)	92.2%
Year 6K (Mrs Knowles)	97.1% (Winner)
Weekly Overall School Attendance is 91.4%	



BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Next week our Assembly theme is Love, and we will be finding out more about Jesus' trusted cousin and follower, John the Baptist.



Isaiah 40:3