



A small school with a big heart

NEWSLETTER

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Stars of the Week

Jimmy: for amazing counting in maths!

Bodhi: for creating a super tree trunk painting!

James S: for his hard work, focus, and attitude
in all lessons!



Big Hearts

Darcy: for her persevering, and her great
big smile!

Jasper: for being a kind and caring friend.
You always make sure everyone is
involved.

Jasmine R: her incredibly high aspirations
and positive outlook ... always!



**Congratulations to Henry and
Cara, who both had birthdays
this week. Happy Birthday!**

NOTICES

Goodbye, Mr Warrilow: today we said goodbye to Mr Warrilow, who is leaving to start his new life abroad. We will miss Mr Warrilow, who has been a valued member of the team and we thank him for the hard work and support that he has given the school. We wish him very good luck in his new life.

Open Evening: on Tuesday 7 November we will be holding an open evening in school between 4pm and 6pm. This is so that parents of children due to start Reception in September 2024 can look round school and meet our teachers.

The 48-hour Rule: your periodic reminder about this rule. Unfortunately, we cannot accept children into school until 48 hours has passed from the last time they were sick or experienced diarrhoea. As you know, this is the official health rule and we are obliged to implement it consistently. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Children in Need: on Friday 17 November we will be marking Children in Need by wearing anything yellow, or spotty in school. A link for donations will be sent out nearer the time so that families do not need to send money into school.

School gate: when entering or leaving school premises, please ensure you close the gate. This is for the safety and security of your children.

Year 6 parents! As your child is due to start secondary school in September 2024 - apply for their school place now! www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools (Closing date 31 October 2023.)

Harvest collection: at harvest time we are thinking of those who are struggling. If you are able to send in any donations of non-perishable food items in the next week, we will make sure they reach those who need them. Many thanks for your support.

Smart-style watches in school: if your child needs to wear a watch in school, please ensure it is a plain analogue watch. Digital/smart/smart-style watches, many of which make noises and have colourful displays, are proving to be a distraction in class. In addition, they would have to be removed for PE and then there is a risk of them getting lost.

PE Days: please note that PE kits will be kept in school in order to allow for flexibility in the timetable so that we can consider other events going on in school, the weather, and so on. Please send PE kits in a bag on a Monday morning. Children will bring them home for washing on a Friday. Please ensure each item is labelled clearly.

Earrings in school: a polite reminder that small plain studs are the only earrings that are allowed in school. Please ensure they are NOT worn on PE days.

Ordering uniform: the link for parents to order uniform directly from the suppliers is <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/StMarysCatholicPrimarySchoolPR30PN>

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 3 October	Music lessons, choir and band in school time
Wednesday 4 October	Forest School 3.30 to 4.30
Friday 6 October	Archery 8am (for those whose places have been confirmed)

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 9 October	Year 6 mosque trip
Wednesday 11 October	Creation Mass at Claughton Church 9.10am
Thursday 12 October	Year 5 & 6 visit to Cobble Hey's wildflower meadow
Friday 20 October	Fire Service visit for Yr 2 fire safety and Yr 5/6 road safety
Friday 20 October	School closes at <u>3.30pm</u>
Tuesday 31 October	Last day to apply for secondary school
17 November	Children in Need
Friday 1 December	School Christmas Fair
Thursday 21 December	School closes for Christmas at <u>1pm</u>

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine...

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that, in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our sisters and brothers in need.

May we walk in your ways, so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend. See you on Monday!