

14th October
2022



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

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	Star of the Week	Reader of the Week
Benedict	Freddie and Jenson	Casper
Finch	Jack and Niamh	George
Haydock	Archie and Hannah	Ben
Mary	Alex and Maisie	Theo
Marsden	Harvey and Alan	Fabian
Rigby	Ariana and Maisy	Declan
Roe	Liliana and Amelia	Autumn
Southworth	Isabelle and Jack	Amelia
Ward	Leo and Mia B	Mia H
Woodcock	Oliver G and Liam	Dornika



Pre-school Visit to Forest School - This week in Pre-school we had a visit to Forest School, we enjoyed collecting leaves, acorns and sticks. Back in class we created pictures using some of the items collected.

Open Days – Our first Open Day for prospective parents will be on Tuesday 18th October 9:30 – 10:30am, 1:30 – 2:30pm and 3:30 – 5:30pm. If you are new to the school, please come along and view our wonderful school for yourself. We will be having another Open Day on Thursday 10th November.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day – Last Friday we collected money for CAFOD. Children in KS2 gave up their morning snack in recognition of this. CAFOD is a charity that addresses issues of food and hunger around the world and we raised £58.90 for this worthwhile cause. Thank you to all who donated.



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- HARVEST
and BUILD a
BRIGHTER WORLD

DIGITAL LEADERS

Digital Leaders - Four digital leaders have been appointed to ensure efficient ICT use across school: Chloe C, James C, Annabel and Nikifor. Their responsibilities will include maintaining iPad trolleys, managing laptops, making sure we are eco-friendly in our ICT use and using our technology resources safely and responsibly.



Logo Mission and Rebranding - As we transition from one period of school's history into the school that we are becoming, we are reviewing each and every aspect of our school identity. For many years, our school has retained the same logo so this is one area we are rebranding along with our values that we share.

More information can be found on the school website and a letter was sent home on Monday asking you for your input. What do you like or what do you not like? What do you think of our choice of words? Are we doing enough to grow in faith? How could we seek to witness more faithfully to the Gospel? Please click on the link to fill in the questionnaire. <https://forms.gle/SK6T7sSobnGYyQo76>

School Admissions 2023 - If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery or in Year 6, 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 2023 is 23:59 on 15 January 2023. **The closing date for secondary applications for September 2023 is 23:59 on 31 October 2022.**

Supplementary Information Forms (SIF) must be returned to the school along with a copy of a Roman Catholic Baptism Certificate, if you want the school to consider your child Roman Catholic. Please let family and friends know if this applies to them.

Water Bottles and Toilet Breaks - We take an age appropriate policy to toileting to try and ensure that learning time is not disrupted by children routinely going to the toilet during lesson time. We remind children to go to the toilet at break times, however if they cannot wait they would be allowed to go.

Every class has their own arrangements for water bottles to ensure that children stay hydrated throughout the day. Please ensure children have a water bottle filled with fresh water each day to support us with this. In the interest of good dental care, we follow Lancashire County Council's guidance in not allowing fruit juices, including fruit cordials or flavoured water.



Pre-loved School Uniform – We have lots of good quality school uniform which has been donated to school. Please contact school if you are interested in taking some. If you have any items of good quality uniform to donate, please drop off at the school office.



Playground Equipment – Please may we remind parents and carers that children should not be using the playground equipment before or after school. This school rule is for the safety of your children in preventing accidents. Staff aren't around in the playground to supervise children on the equipment at this time.