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

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	Star of the Week	Reader of the Week
Benedict	Hanna and Aleks	Maximillian
Finch	Joshua and Emily G	Emily S-R
Haydock	Codie and Charlie	Dominic
Mary	Kezia and Mythraye	Alexander
Marsden	William and David	Jackson
Rigby	Charlie and Willow-Rose	Nnennia
Roe	Harley and Hallie	Lewis
Southworth	Dhyana and Nikifor	James
Ward	Isaac and Bettsy	Francis
Woodcock	Samuel and Finlay	Oliver S



Welcome Back – Welcome back to the start of another busy half-term! We have lots going on including Anti-bullying Week, Lancashire Mile Week, Parents' Evening and lots of activities and events during Advent. Please keep up to date by reading the weekly school newsletter. Please also keep us informed of any change to contact details to ensure you get all the messages and information we send through the school app.

ECO Club News - Congratulations to the newest members of our ECO club for being successful in their application to join the team. The children showed real enthusiasm in their first task of sprucing up our Science garden with a bit of painting, literally making our school a greener place to be!

School Hierarchy - It's always good to receive feedback. Any constructive suggestion helps school to improve and we do want that to happen. If you want to discuss things that affect your child then please understand that we have a hierarchy to assist us in dealing with this and, also, to allow us to escalate it as appropriate. This means that the class teacher is the first point of call, that will then move to the phase leader: Miss Fann is responsible for EYFS and Years 1 and 2; Mrs Hackett is responsible for Years 3 and 4; Mrs Aitken is responsible for Years 5 and 6. From there, any unresolved issues can move to Miss Mercer as Deputy Headteacher. Only as a last resort should incidents come to Mr Ballard as the Headteacher. This is standard practice across education and is in place to allow for complete discussion and amicable resolution before needing to resort to any other processes.

Autumn Term Parents' Evening – Our Autumn Term Parents' Evening will be held on Tuesday 29th November. Time slots can now be booked through SchoolCloud for a virtual appointment on the evening from 3:30pm until 6:30pm. A letter was sent home yesterday via the school app with information on how to book your appointment. The letter can also be found on the school website in the Parents/SchoolCloud section, along with a very useful user guide.

Poppy Appeal – Poppies and other goods are now available to buy from school from Monday. Suggested donations are: Poppy 20p, Snap bands £1.50, Poppy reflector 50p, Zip pull 50p, Wristband £1. Please buy a poppy for this fantastic cause and keep all servicemen and women in your thoughts.



School Admissions 2023 - 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 2023 is 23:59 on 15 January 2023.



Open Day – We will be having an Open Day for prospective parents on Thursday 10th November 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.

Healthy Lunchboxes - Please can we remind all parents that their child's lunchbox should contain foods from a variety of food groups and should only contain one treat (such as crisps or chocolate). Children are encouraged to vary this 'treat item' throughout the week. **The school is a NUT-FREE zone due to allergies.**



Nut-Free Zone - It is most important that, owing to an increasing number of children having severe nut allergies and can be seriously affected by someone else who is eating - or may have recently eaten - nuts, all parents and carers understand that this is a **nut-free school**. Please can we ensure that children **do not** bring nuts into school in any shape or form, including foods that contain nuts or **MAY** contain nuts.

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 the continuing food donations from the local Christian communities and schools. Thank you for your continued donations.