

11<sup>th</sup> November  
2022



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

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|            | Star of the Week       | Reader of the Week |
|------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Benedict   | Emelia and Lacey       | Daniel             |
| Finch      | Noah and Jason         | Emily              |
| Haydock    | Aryia and Ife          | Oakley             |
| Mary       | Phoebe and Theo        | Stanley            |
| Marsden    | Aarav and Miley        | Isaac              |
| Rigby      | Mylo and Elias         | Thomas             |
| Roe        | Tristan and Laney-Rose | Hannah-Leigh       |
| Southworth | Elektra and Amelia     | Jack               |
| Ward       | Natania and Mia H-W    | Arthur             |
| Woodcock   | Luke and Freya         | Jayden             |



**Anti-Bullying Week** - Next week we will be kickstarting 'Anti-Bullying Week' with our annual 'Odd Sock's' day on Monday 14th November to celebrate how we are all different and unique.

Throughout next week the children will be participating in a number of Anti-Bullying activities and workshops across school. We will be appointing new Anti-Bullying ambassadors from each class in KS2 and there will be a competition across school to design our new Anti-Bullying posters for this year. The children are being asked to design a poster to promote reaching out for help and promoting a positive atmosphere in school with zero tolerance for bullying.



Prizes will be given in Friday's assembly for the competition winners and pictures of our Anti-Bullying week will be added onto the PSHE webpage for you to see what the children have been up to.



**Christ the King Celebration Mass** - The next children's monthly Mass will be on Sunday November 20th at 10:00am. During Mass there will be a special celebration for Christ the King. We need readers, singers, children to play percussion instruments and take up the offertory gifts. If your child wishes to take part please could you let school know. We welcome everyone to join us.

**Appeal for Readers** – Parents, carers and parishioners could you set aside some time each week to volunteer within school and help our children with their learning? We are actively seeking for adults to listen to children read. If you are interested please let the school office know. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

**Year 6 Residential 2023** – We are pleased to offer our Year 6 children the chance to attend a one-night residential trip to the Anderton Centre Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July until Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The Anderton centre offers high quality, unique, action packed experiences for schools. They use adventure and problem-solving activities to build confidence, increase self-esteem, develop teamwork, independence, and lots of fun along the way. The cost will be £110 per child, which includes transport. If you wish your child to participate please pay £20.00 deposit via ParentPay by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Payments can be made in instalments but the balance must be paid in full by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (unfortunately deposits will be non-refundable). The payment item will go live on Monday and a letter will be sent home shortly with further details.

**Autumn Term Parents' Evening** – Our Autumn Term Parents' Evening will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](http://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.

**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.**

**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.



