

29th September
2023



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

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	Star of the Week	Reader of the Week
Benedict	Klay and Gracie-Mai	Nico
Finch	Hanna and Chloe	Layla
Haydock	Ishaan and Bella	Beniamin
Marsden	Raisa and Jaqueline	George
Mary	Alan and Reegan	Jessica
Rigby	Esme and Demi-Jo	Robert
Southworth	Eunice and Grace	Luca
Ward	Kezia and Amelia	Harry
Woodcock	Isabelle and Joshua	Jayden



Parent Communication - The new school website is up and running and we ask that parents and carers log on to create an account. Over the next few weeks we will start to communicate with you via the school website and by Friday 20th October we will no longer using the school app - PA Connect. There have been issues with the app that have now been rectified. All parent usernames are now your First name and surname. There are no spaces, no full stops and are all lower case.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day – Next Friday we are collecting money for CAFOD. CAFOD is a charity that addresses issues of food and hunger around the world. We ask that the children donate 50p to this worthwhile cause. We are asking Children in KS2 gave up their morning snack in recognition of this. We are also collecting for the local Food Bank and we would very much appreciate tins of fruit, vegetables, meat, fish and rice pudding, which are the basic food items on their shopping list every week.

Harvest Celebration - our Children's Harvest Celebration was Sunday 24th September at 9:30am in church. Children brought a gift of food to take up in the offertory, for those who are less fortunate. Thank you to all staff and children who came to read, sing and support our Celebration.



Also, there will be **no** Celebration Worship in school on Friday 6th October because of a Whole School Mass for Our Lady of the Rosary. Kathryn Bradley will be playing the piano to accompany the children's singing. All parents and parishioners are warmly invited to come along.

Parents' Evening – This will be on Wednesday 18th October 3:30pm – 6:30pm. Bookings for Parents' Evening are made via the school website which will go live on Monday 2nd October.

School Admissions 2024 - Lancashire County Council's school admissions for children starting primary school or moving to secondary school in September 2024 opened on Friday 1st September 2023.

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery, or in Year 6, please 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 national closing dates for applications are:

- Tuesday 31 October 2023 for secondary applicants
- Monday 15 January 2024 for primary applicants.

Data Collection/Medical Forms – Please return these to school as soon as possible, if you have not done so already. It is vital we have these forms to update student details for emergencies.

Phil Earle Novels - School has bought some signed KS2 Class Novels from the author Phil Earle. His book, *When the Sky Falls*, won Children's Book of the Year at the 2022 British Book Awards. The children are keen to get reading!

