

13th October
2023



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

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	Star of the Week	Reader of the Week
Benedict	Ruahan and Daksha	Grace
Finch	Lacey and Benjamin	Freddie
Haydock	Niamh and Jamal	Bridget
Marsden	Lexie and Archie	Paisley
Mary	Aarya and Lucas	Charlie
Rigby	Charlotte and Elodie	Lucas
Southworth	Owen and Mylo	Jude
Ward	Emily and Scarlett	Elektra
Woodcock	Autumn and Dhyana	Chloe



School Spider - Please remember to create your account on School Spider, if you have not done so already. If you are experiencing difficulties, please do not hesitate in contacting the school office for help.

Parents' Evening – This is to be held on Wednesday 18th October 3:30 – 6:30pm in the KS2 hall. Please book your appointment on School Spider. The booking system will close at 3:00pm on Tuesday 17th October.



Fantastic Book Awards - We are taking part in the Fantastic Book Awards again this year. This is an exciting opportunity for children to discuss and share their views about their reading. The children will vote for one of five books they consider to be a Fantastic Book Award winner.



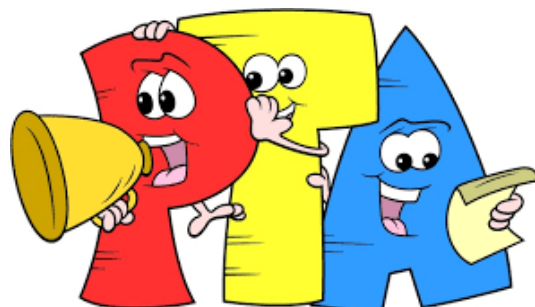
Children's Celebration Mass - On Sunday October 15th it is our monthly Children's Mass at 9:30am in church. All children are welcome to come and if they wish to take part, when you arrive at church, show them where you will be sitting then send them to the back of church to join the other children. They will process in with the priest, sit at the front for the first part of Mass, going back to families after the homily. After Communion instead of going back to the bench with the family, they come to sit in the side chapels ready to process out at the end.



Open Days - Our first Open Day for prospective parents will be on Tuesday 17th 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 9th November.

We Need A PTA! – The PTA is a voluntary Parent Teacher Association and much of the funding that enriches school life for your child is done by the PTA.

In the past they have sponsored the children's trips and visits by paying for transport, funded the Year 6 leavers' hoodies and contributed towards the development of the science garden. If you could spare some time, no matter how great or small, it would be gratefully appreciated - the more members they have the better! If you would like further information or to have a chat about joining the PTA please contact the school office.



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.