

23rd February
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St Mary's and St Benedict's RC Primary School

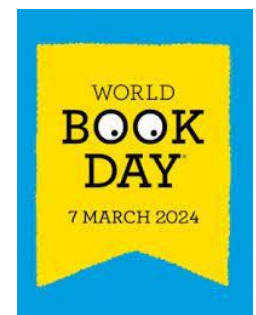
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	Star of the Week	Reader of the Week
Beesley	Johnny and Archie	Blake
Benedict	Bobbie and Nicole	Ava-Grayce
Finch	Emelia and Benjamin	Erin M
Haydock	Leo and Francesca	Janith
Marsden	Oliver K and Aryia	Silver
Mary	Harrison and Harvey	Miley
Rigby	Aurora and Aiden	Charlotte
Southworth	Ryan and Lucy	Ruby
Ward	Elias and Maisy	Daniel
Woodcock	Jayden and Leo	Kyle



World Book Day 2024 - On Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. As part of this day, we would like children to come dressed as a book character. This could be an entire outfit, or wearing/bringing a prop for the character, for example, a cardboard Ben Ten watch, a Harry Potter wand, or some large ears for the BFG!



Please do not feel this need to be an expensive event; a home-made costume/prop will be a great. Thank you for your ongoing help and support in our mission to make our children's education exciting, engaging and memorable! We can't wait to see what the children come to school as on Thursday 7th March!

Pupil Voice Questionnaire – This will close on Thursday 29th February. Please can you encourage your child to complete the questionnaire if they have not done so already. Results will be shared with the whole school after Worship on Monday 4th March.



<https://www.smsb.lancs.sch.uk/page/pupil-voice-questionnaire/145565>

Lent 2024 - We are now in Lent and that means we have a duty to prepare for Easter. We do this in our Catholic school by considering what Jesus invited us all to do which is to support the pillars of Lent – to FAST, to PRAY and to GIVE.



During this time of Lent, we will all be taking part in CAFOD's BIG Lent Walk: As a consequence, we will be walking more and asking those who can to GIVE to CAFOD. Please give whatever you can and encourage others to do the same: <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-marys-and-st-benedicts-biglent-walk>

As a whole school community, your support means a huge amount and we really appreciate each and every donation.

Children's Celebration Mass - This Sunday 25th February, it is our monthly children's Mass in church at 9:30am. Everyone is welcome to join us. It is a good way to help us on our journey through Lent. Please can children gather at the back of church to process in with Father and sit at the front. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.



Easter Activity Clubs - Chris and Marcus, our coaches from Pro-skill Sports Development, are running Easter Activity Clubs on Tuesday 2nd April, Wednesday 3rd April, Thursday 4th April and Friday 5th April. Children can attend any session (which run from 9:00am until 3:00pm) and will need to bring a packed lunch.

Activities offered will be team games, multi-sports, dodgeball, cricket, football and netball. The cost is just £11.00 per child per day or £40.00 for all four days. Please book via ParentPay, and please remember there are limited places.



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