

8th March
2024



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

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	Star of the Week	Reader of the Week
Beesley	Lucy and Sophie	Noah
Benedict	Jaxon and Aubrey	Ruadhan
Finch	Hanna and Aleks	Jessica
Haydock	Jenson and Beniamin	Alby
Marsden	Georgie and Jacqueline	Nora
Mary	Mila and Jack P	Jessica
Rigby	Callum and Oliver	Theo
Southworth	Niamh and Ethan	Maisie-Lou
Ward	Lewis and Harry	Nnennia
Woodcock	Annabel and Scarlett	Kacper



Mothers' Day Mass – On Sunday 10th March at 9:30am in church, there will be a special children's Mass to celebrate Mothers' Day. Please come along and join us. All children will receive a small treat to give to their mothers.



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.

Year 6 Anderton Centre Residential – Please remember the balance for the Year 6 residential has to be paid by Friday 15th March, if you have not done so already.

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.

If you wish your child to attend but have yet to pay, please let school know as soon as possible, as places are limited.



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.

'Easter' Themed Lunch – Lancashire School Catering Service are offering an 'Easter' themed lunch on Thursday 27th March. It will consist of Mrs Tiggy-Winkle Roast Turkey or Quorn Fillet with Yorkshire Pudding, Peter Rabbit's Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables. The dessert will be Flopsy, Mopsy and Cotton-Tail Chocolate Cornflake Nests.



If your child would like to join in the fun and they don't currently have school meals, please order and pay for the meal on ParentPay. If your child is in Beesley, Benedict, Finch or Haydock class there will be no charge and there is also no charge for children in the junior classes who are entitled to free school meals.

World Book Day- Thank you to everyone for joining in with this event. It was great to see all the children celebrating books and reading. The children completed book-related activities. Photographs will be shared on the class pages and English Curriculum page, as well as a selection being displayed in the library. Thank you for your support in celebrating this day. Your child has brought home a reading voucher which can be exchanged in participating booksellers or £1 off a book costing £2.99.