



NEWSLETTER 14th June 2024

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WE PRAY WE LEARN WE SERVE

“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one.”
- George RR Martin

	Star of the Week	Reader of the Week	Attendance School Target – 96%
Beesley	Maya and Alexander	Ella-Marie	95.5%
Benedict	Luey and Maria	Daksha	97.3%
Finch	Erin M and Matthew	Emelia	99.1%
Haydock	Noah and Theia	Francesca	91.3%
Marsden	Paisley and Lilly E	Rudhra	92.7%
Mary	Ada and Charlie	Cairo	96.7%
Rigby	Ethan and Jacob	Gordon	96.3%
Southworth	Declan and Ebony	Owen	91.3%
Ward	Kezia and William	Scarlett	90.7%
Woodcock	Leo and Tyler	Iga	97.7%



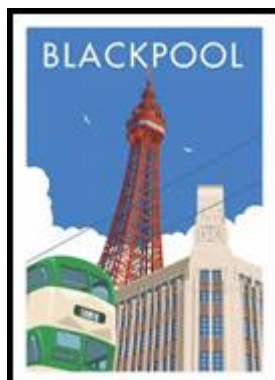
Going to school every day
makes it easier for your child
to keep up in lessons.

Expectations - When we set high expectations for children in terms of attendance, punctuality and behaviour, they rise to them; this week has shown evidence of this. Well done to the five classes who have reached our target of above of 96%. Attendance is so important to support pupil progress and as you know, there is a clear and proven link between high levels of attendance and pupil attainment.

It is at this time of year we get increased numbers of parents and carers requesting holiday leave. As always, taking of holidays during term time is highly discouraged and unless there are exceptional circumstances, it is unlikely that any holiday request will be authorised.

Congratulations to Finch class! A nearly perfect attendance again this week – 99.1%!

New Baby Arrival – We are delighted to share the news that Mrs Venables’ baby boy arrived this week! Mr and Mrs Venables are over the moon and we all can’t wait to meet him.



KS1 Trip to Blackpool – Children in KS1 are looking forward to their trip to Blackpool. They will be visiting the Sea Life Centre, seeing the sights along the prom and will hopefully have time to fit in an ice-cream! A letter with further information will be sent home soon. Please pay £15.00 on ParentPay as soon as possible if you have not done so already.

‘The School-O-Vision Song Contest’ - Year 6 are practising hard for their end of year production which is called ‘The School-O-Vision Song Contest’. We can’t wait to see it!

The production will take place on Tuesday 9th July at 5:30pm. A letter has been sent home today with all the details.

Southworth Class Visit the Tale of Pandora - In English this week, Southworth class myths' topic brought them to the tale of Pandora. On Wednesday, they read the first part of the myth and discussed the decision Pandora had to make - whether to open the box given to her by the gods! They talked about what a conscience is, and the idea of having a devil on one shoulder and an angel on the other.

To bring this idea to life, they created two separate lines close together. One side had to whisper encouragement for opening the box, whilst the other tried to persuade against it!



Summer Sports Camp – If you would like your child to attend the Summer Sports Camp, please book and pay via ParentPay. The sessions will run for five days, from Monday 22nd July – Friday 26th July 9:00am until 3:00 pm. The cost is £11.00 a day or £50.00 for the full week.

No Photos/Videos - Please remember we do not allow recording of still or moving images whilst on school grounds, including within school premises. This is to safeguard our children and we politely ask that you are respectful of this.

First Holy Communion - The second group in the sacramental programme will take their First Holy Communion on Sunday 16th June, with a final group on Sunday 23rd of June. Please keep the children and families in your prayers.

Beauty and the Beast - Children in Year 5 will be visiting Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School to watch their production of Beauty and the Beast on Tuesday 9th July. It is sure to be a fantastic performance!

After School Clubs – Chris and Marcus' after school clubs for this half term are available to book on School Spider. All year groups will be doing Multi-skills. There is no limit to numbers but we do need parents or carers consent before children can attend.

Drinks in School - In the interest of good dental care, we follow Lancashire County Council's guidance in not allowing fruit juices, including fruit cordials or flavoured water to be drunk throughout the day in school. Each class has their own arrangements for water bottles to ensure children stay hydrated. Please ensure children have a water bottle filled with fresh water each day to support us with this.

Sports drinks are not appropriate for children as the high electrolyte content can cause imbalances in your child's system, which can be dangerous. If a child brings a sports drink into school it will be confiscated until the end of the day, and will only be given back to a responsible adult.

Uniform - Please make sure your child's uniform is clearly labelled. This particularly applies to jumpers and cardigans, as these items of uniform are frequently taken off and left around school. We are now taking uniform orders for those wanting new uniform to be collected before the end of term. Please order by Friday 28th June. Please also remember not to buy large bags or rucksacks for September as only Book Bags will be allowed in school.

Family Support – There are times when everyone feels they could do with a little support for many different reasons. We are fortunate to have an experienced Family Support Worker, Julia Johnson, who is in school every day to support children and families, where a need arises. You can also usually find Julia outside at the start and the end of the day or she can be contacted on:
Mobile-07706008185
Email-family.support@smsb.lancs.sch.uk

Musical Opportunities - At St Mary's & St Benedict's we have a variety of musical opportunities for your child. Rocksteady Music School are in school every Friday delivering fun lessons teaching children to learn vocals, electric guitar, bass guitar, keyboard or drums in their very own band. All instruments are provided and further information can be found at rocksteadymusicschool.com.



Once they are in KS2 they will get the opportunity to have guitar and piano lessons and they also will learn how to play the recorder and ukulele as part of the curriculum. A chorister from Salford Diocese comes into school each week teaching vocals to Year 4.

Class Weekly News

There have been lots going on at St Mary's & St Benedict's this week. Always check the website for more news and photos.

- Barlow class have been learning sounds of different words. They have also been looking at different shapes and continuing their topic on transport.
- This week the children in Beesley class have been looking at the composition of the number 10. The children have explored making ten in different ways using two sided counters. In PE the children have been working together through a variety of challenges including moving a hula hoop around the circle without dropping it or the children breaking the circle. Great teamwork!
- Benedict class have worked hard during their Phonics screening this week. Well done! Thank you to parents and carers for your support.
- Finch class have been busy learning about money in maths! They have also been practising athletics and looking at Blackpool seaside in the past.
- Children in Haydock class have worked hard in their SATs this week. Well done! They have also planted runner-beans and sunflower seeds in science.
- Marsden class have been reading 'The Enchanted Wood' and role-playing conversations between the characters. They have been learning about angles in maths.
- Mary class have really enjoyed reading mystery stories this week in English.
- Well done to Rigby class who have been doing their Multiplication Checks this week! They have also been impressing staff with their knowledge of angles and learning about 'Angle family' to help with this.
- Southworth class took a trip to conscious alley and talked about opening Pandora's box. In science they have finished their experiments on circuits.
- Ward class enjoyed taking part in Forest School. They have been reading about myths.
- Children in Woodcock class have been given their parts for their end of year production and have started rehearsing. They have written a brilliant detective story in English.

Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 16 th June	First Holy Communion 9:30am in Church
Sunday 23 rd June	First Holy Communion 9:30am in Church
Tuesday 18 th June	KS1 Seaside Holiday's Workshop
Wednesday 19 th June	Parish Mass – Ward Class 9:30am in Church
Thursday 20 th June	New Reception visit with Parents and Carers
Sunday 23 rd June	First Holy Communion 9:30am in Church
Wednesday 26 th June	Parish Mass – Finch Class 9:30am in Church
Thursday 27 th June	New Reception visit without Parents and Carers
Wednesday 3 rd July	Y6 Induction Day Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School Parish Mass – Benedict Class 9:30am in Church
Thursday 4 th July	Y6 Induction Day Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School
Friday 5 th July	Sport's Day

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.

Fun Fact of the Week – The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue!

Riddle of the Week – What question can you never answer "yes" to?

(answers to office@smsb.lanCS.sch.uk)

Well done to Kyle from Woodcock class for correctly answering last week's riddle – Teddy Bear!