



# NEWSLETTER 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

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**"You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes.  
You can steer yourself any direction you choose." - Dr Seuss**

	<b>Star of the Week</b>	<b>Reader of the Week</b>	<b>Attendance School Target – 96%</b>
<b>Beesley</b>	Ralphie and Layla	Maria	87.3%
<b>Benedict</b>	Nico and Aubrey	Zachary	95.0%
<b>Finch</b>	Hannah and Jamie	Jessica	<b>98.7%</b>
<b>Haydock</b>	Clara and Alexis	Benjamin	88.7%
<b>Marsden</b>	Hunter and Emily	Penelope	90.3%
<b>Mary</b>	Sophie and Jessica	Ada	95.3%
<b>Rigby</b>	Lucas and Harlow	Olivia B	94.0%
<b>Southworth</b>	Phoebe and Ryan	Stanley	88.3%
<b>Ward</b>	Tristan and Nellie	Amelia	93.0%
<b>Woodcock</b>	James, Rocco, Finley, Joshua	Chloe	94.8%



**We're Nearly There!** - Thank you for your continued support with ensuring that your children arrive to school on time and attend school each day. Although we have had a bit of a dip this week, we have been delighted this year to see that our attendance is slowly improving and as we approach the final few weeks of the school year we hope we can reach closer to our whole school target of 96%.

Please inform the school office if your child is going to be absent or late for school and if you require any support with getting your child to school on time, please discuss this with us. We are here to help you. If your child does arrive at school late, please make sure you sign them in and stay with them until an adult can see them safely into school.



Congratulations to Finch class for having the highest attendance again this week – 98.7%!



**Sunny Days to Come!** – As the weather looks to be coming warm and sunny at last, please remember to put sun cream on your child before they come to school. Also, make sure they have a hat or cap and they bring a bottle of water to keep hydrated during the day. Thank you.

**Sports Day** – This year's Sports Day will be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, weather permitting. Times are as follows:

- Years 5 and 6 – 12 noon until 1:00pm
- Years R, 1 and 2 – 1:00 – 2:00pm
- Years 3 and 4 – 2:00 – 3:00pm

Parents and carers are invited but please remember we do not allow photographs or video recordings to be made on school grounds. This is to protect and safeguard our children. Please make sure children in Beesley, Benedict, Finch and Haydock classes have their PE kit in school so they can take part in the practices.

## The School-O-Vision SONG CONTEST

'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 9<sup>th</sup> July at 5:30pm. Two tickets have been allocated per child, please request yours if you have not done so already. Reserve tickets will be given out Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July.



**Puppet Makers!** - Haydock class have designed and made their own hand-puppets in DT using a simple stitching technique. Their designs were linked to the characters from their English units - Wind in the Willows and Beatrix Potter animal stories. They had great fun making them!



**Drowning Prevention Week** – This week has been Drowning Prevention Week (DPW). It is the Royal Lifesaving Society's biggest campaign of the year, targeting families, carers, teachers and instructors of children aged five to fifteen years old with the aim of educating them about water safety. No child should drown, and with the right water safety education – such as knowledge of the Water Safety Code – accidental drownings are preventable. DPW is deliberately timed ahead of the school summer holidays when children spend more time outdoors and when vital water safety skills can help keep children safe. Please have the water safety conversation with your child. DPW is critical in raising awareness and encouraging the public to enjoy water safely.

**KS1 Seaside Workshop** - On Tuesday, Haydock, Benedict and Finch classes were treated to an exciting, seaside workshop. They learnt all about the seaside in Victorian times and even got to hold and use some very special artefacts. The knitted swimming costumes looked very uncomfortable! The highlight of the day was watching a Punch and Judy show with knotted hankies on our heads. The children loved this despite Mr Punch being very naughty!

They are looking forward to their trip to Blackpool on Monday. Please pay £15 on ParentPay as soon as possible, if you haven't done so already.

£11.00 a day or £50.00 for the full week.

**Playground Safety** – If your child is in KS2, please remind them that balls aren't allowed on the playground either before or after school. Also, the playground equipment on both the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds must not be used by the children before or after school as school staff cannot supervise during these times.

**First Holy Communion** - The final group in the sacramental programme will take their First Holy Communion on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June. Please keep the



**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 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 9:00am until 3:00 pm. The cost is

**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](mailto:family.support@smsb.lancs.sch.uk)

children and families in your prayers. We will hopefully be able to publish photos next week.

## 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 about 'Space and Rockets'.
- This week Beesley Class have been learning about the story 'Naughty Bus'. The children had the challenge of deciding what adventure the Naughty Bus got up to at night. In RE they have been thinking about what makes a good friend and made friendship cards to give to their friends. The children have been using pictures to discover what Jesus and his friends did together.
- Benedict class have been planting their own sunflower seeds and learning about what are the best conditions plants need to grow.
- Finch class have been busy setting up their science experiment also to see what plants need to grow. They have been reading lots of stories about robots.
- Children in Haydock class really enjoyed the Seaside Workshop, in particular the Punch and Judy show! In RE they have been thinking about 'what Jesus would like us to do'.
- Marsden class have been learning about rivers around the world. They have been practising team game skills in PE with Chris and Marcus. In RE they have been learning about confession and forgiveness.
- Mary class have really enjoyed exploring their new RE unit, focusing on their own role models and the qualities they have which they aspire to.
- Righy class have been on a hunt around school looking for mini beasts. In RE they have been learning about Saints and have met a boy called Eric from Rwanda.
- Southworth class have been doing assessments this week and learning about the Greek gods Pan and Midas. In RE they have been understanding what the church does in different countries.
- Ward class enjoyed designing their own quiz in computing with a variety of different question types. In RE they have been learning about the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.
- Children in Woodcock class took part in a live lesson to code micro:bits to create their own Hot Potato game.

### Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	First Holy Communion 9:30am in Church
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Parish Mass – Finch Class 9:30am in Church
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception visit without Parents and Carers
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6 Induction Day Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School Parish Mass – Benedict Class 9:30am in Church
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Induction Day Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sport's Day
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to Parents and Carers
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 visit to see 'Beauty and the Beast' at Day Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School Y6 Leavers' Production 5:30pm KS2 Hall
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Moving-up Afternoon
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Mass – Feast of St Benedict 9:30am in Church
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Residential trip to the Anderton Centre PTA 'Break the Rules' 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 acid in your stomach can dissolve steel!

**Riddle of the Week** – I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What am I?  
(answers to [office@smsb.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@smsb.lancs.sch.uk))

Well done to Ryan and Kyle for correctly answering last week's riddle – "Are you asleep?"!