



NEWSLETTER 28th June 2024

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WE PRAY ❤️ WE LEARN ❤️ WE SERVE

“Think before you speak. Read before you think.” -Fran Lebowitz

	Attendance School Target – 96%
Beesley	83.9%
Benedict	96.4%
Finch	94.3%
Haydock	93.0%
Marsden	87.0%
Mary	93.7%
Rigby	89.3%
Southworth	91.0%
Ward	92.0%
Woodcock	96.1%

Attendance Counts! - St Mary's & St Benedict's RC Primary School seeks to ensure that all its children receive a full-time education which maximises opportunities for each child to realise their true potential. We strive to provide a welcoming, caring environment, whereby each member of the school community feels wanted and secure. All school staff will work with children and their families to ensure each child attends school regularly and punctually.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

We acknowledge efforts to improve attendance and timekeeping and will challenge the behaviour of those children, parents and carers who give low priority to attendance and punctuality. Please always reach out to us if you are struggling to get your child to school. We are here to help.



First Holy Communion – Congratulations to all of our children who made their next step in their journeys of faith when they made their First Holy Communion. They have worked very hard preparing for this moment and we are very proud of them. Congratulations to all the children and how amazing they all looked in their finery! Thank you to the catechists who did a wonderful job preparing the children.

South Ribble Borough Council Nomination - We're delighted to share with you that South Ribble Borough Council have been shortlisted for "Large Organisation of the Year" by the Bikeability Trust for their delivery from April 2023 – March 2024. To help their nomination, we would like to encourage as many people to like, share or comment on their post. Every interaction is a vote for them!

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Year 6 Production – Year 6 will be performing 'The School-O-Vision Song Contest' on Tuesday 9th July at 5:30pm. Two tickets per child have been allocated. If you have still to request your tickets, please do so as soon as possible as reserve tickets will be given out on Friday 5th July.

Sports Day – This year's Sports Day will be on Friday 5th 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.

Sunny Weather – Please remember to put sun cream on your child before they come to school. They may bring sun cream into school, but it must be labelled and kept in their tray. Children will be encouraged to put it on by themselves but we will obviously assist the younger ones. Also, make sure they have a hat or cap and they bring a bottle of water to keep hydrated during the day.

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

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.

School Uniform - Please remember when you are purchasing school uniform for the new school year, that skirts/pinafores and trousers/shorts must be navy blue; white polo shirts are worn under a red cardigan/sweatshirt; sensible black school shoes; navy/black socks for boys and white socks for girls. Please also remember we don't allow large bags or rucksacks to be brought to school as space to store them is restricted. Your child should be bringing what they need in a book bag.

PE Kit – We ask that children in Reception and KS1 bring their PE kit into school in a drawstring bag and it is left here only to be brought home at the end of each half-term to be washed. The kit should consist of navy blue PE shorts, a plain white t-shirt and black PE pumps. In KS2, children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on their PE days. They must only wear plain, unbranded, unisex navy blue joggers; a plain, unbranded white t-shirt and sensible trainers suitable for PE. They can wear their school sweatshirt or cardigan. Please remember leggings/cycling shorts are not suitable PE kit and we won't allow them to be worn.

KS1 Visit Blackpool – The children had a great day visiting Blackpool on Monday. At the Sea Life Centre, they encountered some of the world's most incredible animals, including huge sharks, mysterious stingrays, seahorses, thousands of tropical fish and much, much more. After lunch they had a walk along the promenade seeing the amazing sights and finished with a delicious ice cream in the sunshine!



Dinner Money Debt – Please make sure any dinner money debt is paid before we break up for summer. This particularly applies if your child is in Year 6. Thank you.

FAO Year 2 Parents and Carers – When your child returns to school in September in Year 3, if you wish them to have a school dinner you must pay on ParentPay, unless we have been notified that you are on benefits related free school meals (if you are unsure, please contact the school office).

Anderton Centre Parent and Carer Meeting - There will be a meeting on Tuesday 2nd July at 5:30pm for parents and carers of the Year 6 children who are going on the Anderton Centre Residential Trip. You will be given all the information you need and we'll be able to answer any questions or queries you may have.

Summer Sports Camp – Chris and Marcus, our coaches from Pro-skill Sports Development, are running a Summer Sports Camp each day from Monday 22nd July until Friday 26th July. If you would like your child to attend, please book and pay via ParentPay. The sessions will run from 9:00am until 3:00 pm and the cost is just £11.00 a day or £50.00 for the full week. Please remember they will need to bring a packed lunch.

Activities offered will be team games, multi-sports, dodgeball, cricket, football and netball.

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 'Holidays and Aeroplanes, making their own passports and role play in an aeroplane.'
- This week Beesley Class have been learning about Mr Gumpy. Outing in drawing club and in Maths they have been using Reknreks to look at composition of numbers.
- Benedict class in Art have been using colour mixing to create new colours for their final masterpiece.
- Finch class have been writing letters to their Year 3 buddies. They have also been checking their experiment in science to see if any of their plants have grown.
- In Science this week, Haydock Class have been learning about plants, they have been planting their own sunflower seeds.
- Marsden class have been designing their own packaging for a savory biscuits. In R.E, they have been learning about role models and what qualities they have that we can aspire to.
- Mary class have been looking at Eric's Story in R.E, learning all about Eric not having a lot and being grateful that we do. In D.T they have been taste testing crackers.
- Rigby class in D.T have been taste testing 3 different types of biscuits and have been designing their own packaging for their own biscuits.
- In Art, Southworth class have been designing a piece of art that represents something about them using junk materials.
- Ward class, this week have been orally retelling the Myths of Perseus and the Gorgon Medusa.
- Children in Woodcock class have begun to read 'How to live forever', and have been debating the pros and cons of living forever.

Dates for Your Diary

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 New Reception visit without Parents and Carers
Friday 5 th July	Sports Day
Monday 8 th July	Reports to Parents and Carers
Tuesday 9 th 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 th July	Moving-up Afternoon
Thursday 11 th July	Whole School Mass – Feast of St Benedict 9:30am in Church
Friday 12 th July	Y6 Residential trip to the Anderton Centre PTA 'Break the Rules' Day
Thursday 18 th July	Whole School Mass – Year 6 Leavers – 9:30am in Church
Friday 19 th July	School breaks up for summer at 1:30pm

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 – If you fly a plane to Pluto, the trip would take more than 800 years!

Riddle of the Week – I go all around the world but never leave the corner. What am I?
(answers to office@smsb.lancs.sch.uk)

Well done to Robert from Rigby Class for correctly answering last week's riddle – 'Seven'!