



NEWSLETTER 5th July 2024

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WE PRAY  WE LEARN  WE SERVE

“Joy is very infectious; therefore, always be full of joy.” St Teresa of Calcutta

	Star of the Week	Reader of the Week	Attendance School Target – 96%
Beesley	Johnny and Arushi	Lena	85.8%
Benedict	Sienna and Amir	Aubrey	87.7%
Finch	Tiana and Freddie	Maddie	96.5%
Haydock	Theia and Ishaan	Leo	97.4%
Marsden	Lexie and Jacqueline	Madeline	86.7%
Mary	Mila and Dominic	Alice	95.3%
Rigby	Harlow and Charlotte	Aurora	92.0%
Southworth	Elliott and Jude	Ellis	98.3%
Ward	Elizabeth and Maisy	Johnny	95.7%
Woodcock	Maciej and Emily	Ochelle	96.1%



DfE Attendance Law - The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full-time education suitable to their age, aptitude, and any special educational need they may have. It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives that education either by attendance at a school or by education otherwise than at a school. Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly. This means their child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school. This is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Congratulations to Southworth class for having the highest attendance this week – 98.3%

We Love Reading – At St Mary's & St Benedict's we actively encourage reading at home. Please can you listen to your child read and sign their Reading Record every day. Children also read in school and are awarded a bronze certificate for 50 reads and silver certificate for 100 reads. When they reach 150 reads, they are awarded with a gold certificate and can choose a book of their choice from a selection we have in school.

If you have any unwanted books in good condition that you would like to donate, please do so; in particular adventure or mystery books. Thank you, as always, for your support

Reports – Children in Years R – 5 will be bringing home their school report on Monday. Year 6 will bring their's home on Tuesday. If there is anything you would like to discuss, please make an appointment with the class teacher via the school office.

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 and water.

The PTA Declare 'Break the Rules' - For ONE DAY ONLY, anyone other than those Year 6 going to the Anderton Centre, on Friday 12th July, Mr Ballard is allowing you to break the rules!

Choose from the list below... you will be fined 50p for each rule you break (This should be paid via ParentPay).

Just a reminder, you are not allowed to break further rules on the day as they are there to help everyone have a positive and safe time in school; this is really important!

Which rule(s) will you break?

- Non-uniform instead of full school uniform (weather/playground appropriate)
- Your own choice of shoes instead of school shoes (weather/playground appropriate)
- Make-up or temporary tattoos
- Your choice of breaktime snack
- Crazy hairstyles
- Squash in water bottle
- Nail varnish



ENJOY THE FUN!

Family Support - If anyone needs support with uniform, please contact Julia. We have a selection of pre-loved uniform that may help. Also, if you have any uniform (in particular cardigans), PE kit or PE pumps that your child has grown out of, but is still in good condition, please donate them to school. We Thank you.

Julia can be contacted on:

Mobile-07706008185

Email-family.support@smsb.lanacs.sch.uk

Beginner's Guitar Group - There will be a beginner's guitar group starting in September on Thursday mornings at 10:45am. The lessons will be provided by Carmel Galea who teaches at many local primary and high schools.

Beginners guitar letters have gone out to present pupils in Years 3, Year 4, and Year 5. Should anyone require extra letters, please email carmel@cmg-guitars.co.uk or ask at the school office.

Ooh La La! - As the Year 5 children are coming to the end of their topic on a 'French Tea Room', they enjoyed tasting some traditional French foods with Madame Finch. These included croissants, panne au chocolat, brioche and brie. Some brave children even had a taste of camembert!



ParentPay Debt - Please make sure any ParentPay debt is paid by the end of term, particularly parents and carers of children in Year 6.

Hazardous Parking - We take the safety of our community very seriously, especially our children. We politely ask that you do not park on the side of the road when dropping children off in a morning or picking them up after school. This is very dangerous for pedestrians and other road users.

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.

Please remember we break up at 1:30pm on Friday 19th July

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 jobs relating to transport. They have been role playing and talking about what job they would like to do when they grow up.
- In maths this week, Beesley Class maths have been counting to 20. They have been looking at the signs of summer and creating their own summer pictures.
- Children in Benedict class have really enjoyed role playing shop keeper and customer to learn about buying things and getting change, as part of their learning about money in maths.
- Finch class have enjoyed colour mixing in art and producing paintings in the style of Jasper Johns. They have been busy writing their own robot stories.
- Children in Haydock class have loved their Forest School sessions, using magnifying glasses to look at bugs! In English they have been looking at explanation texts relating to their sea side theme
- Marsden class have written their own version of Enid Blyton's 'The Enchanted Wood'. They enjoyed making biscuits in DT.
- Mary class have been learning about Saint Oscar Romaro. They made their own savouring biscuits in DT and enjoyed eating them!
- Rigby class also made biscuits in DT. In RE they have been learning all about Mother Teresa.
- Children in Southworth class are building steady hand games in DT. In art they have been learning about the artist Louise Nevelson, working on their own personalised 3D art.
- Year 6 children in Ward class have been busy practising for their production next week. The Year 5 children have been working on negative numbers in maths.
- Children in Woodcock class really enjoyed their transition days at high school.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 8 th July	Years R – 5 Reports to Parents and Carers
Tuesday 9 th July	Year 6 Reports to Parents Y5 visit to see 'Beauty and the Beast' at Day Browndge 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 – A cockroach has the ability to live for up to one week without its head!

Riddle of the Week – Which country is really cold?
(answers to office@smsb.lancs.sch.uk)

Well done to Lacey in Rigby class for correctly answering last week's riddle – A Stamp!