



St Mary Magdalen's

Newsletter

9th February 2024

Reflection,

Inspirational people can be found all around us, helping to motivate us to become the best we can be and to achieve wonderful things.

Dear Heavenly Father

We thank-you for the inspiration of Maria del Mar Calceran Gadea, who is a valuable member of Spanish parliament. We ask that you help the world to see her as an influential politician rather than just a woman with Down's Syndrome. We pray for the future of politics to be filled with wisdom, integrity, self sacrifice and policy making for the good of all. Help us to see beyond individual circumstances and instead employ people based on their positive characteristics and skills.

In Jesus' name, AMEN



A huge thank you to all of our parents who attended parents evening/morning this week. It was lovely to see so many of you in school! The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and it was great to hear your appreciation for your child's hard work in their books; the breadth of the curriculum taught in school and the positive relationships that our parents have with our fantastic staff. Thank you. As you will have noticed there were a few changes this year - which we will carry into this time next year - longer appointment times; a range of books; and the 'evening' spread over 2 sessions - morning and evening. We also used ParentMail for the booking system which seemed to work really well too. Please if you have any other feedback, do let the school office know!

AMAZING NEWS - due to our commitment both during 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 to Girls' Football, we have been awarded a Premier League full football kit for our girls! This is fantastic news and a photograph will follow when we take receipt of the kit!

Outside of our school there are a whole range of local teams/clubs who would love to welcome your child - please take a look at this website to find a team or 'casual' sessions to develop their skills and teamwork:

<https://www.lancashirefa.com/players/ways-to-play/find-football>

Amazon
Birthday
Booklist:



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Oscar A, Adam T, Darcey M, Eve M, Abigail C, Charlotte C, Jackson H, Karina O, Austin B



On Tuesday & Wednesday we welcomed The Dogs' Trust into school to learn about safety around dogs. Our children were amazing and so keen so please do encourage them to follow these important steps if you are out and about during half term...

In 2 steps

- close supervision when dogs and children are together
- understanding your dog's body language

Close supervision can feel like a big ask. But Dogs' Trust breaks it down into three key things:

- **Stay close** - watch, listen and stay close so that you can respond before anything bad happens.
- **Step - in** - intervene if your dog or your child is behaving unsafely or if either one looks uncomfortable.
- **Separate** - keep children and dogs separate when you know you're likely to be distracted, like during the morning rush, making the dinner, or answering the front door. You can use a safety gate, put your dog in another room, or take your child or dog with you.

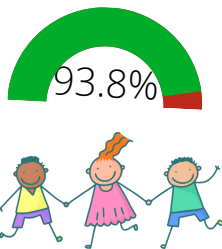
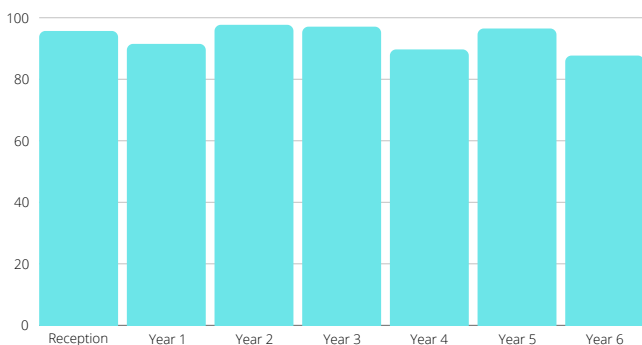
Signs to watch for:

- A worried dog may have their head low and ears back with tail tucked.
- An angry dog may have a tense body, weight forward with their ears and tail up, looking directly at you.

Wishing all of our families a Happy Half Term - don't forget your designs for our new playground if there is a rainy day! There is lots to look forward to next half term - don't forget next Wednesday, as well as Valentine's Day, is also Ash Wednesday, the start of our Lenten Journey to Easter.



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK



SCHOOL MEALS

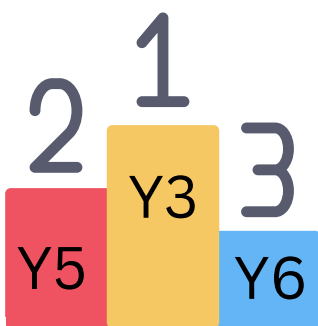
Week 2 on the menu next week.

FOODBANK

Friday 9:30 – 12:00
Penwortham Community Centre



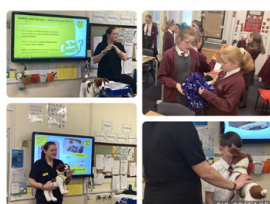
This week's numbers are in ..



ONLINE SAFETY:

Every month, together with Knowsley CLC, we publish a new Online Safety newsletter full of tips for keeping children (and yourself) safe online. January's online safety newsletter edition includes information on setting up new devices safely; the use of WhatsApp; Lego Fortnite and YouTube. Have you heard about YouTube Kids?

<https://www.st-marymagdalen.lancs.sch.uk/parents/e-safety>



Parents' Evening Attendance - overall, we had 93% of children represented. Thank you!

Class	% Attending
Rec	100%
Y1	90%
Y2	93%
Y3	93%
Y4	90%
Y5	94%
Y6	93%



We Need Your HELP



Playground Project

Please help us get the funding for our infant and minis playground to be upgraded.

We are currently part of the Stronger Starts Campaign in Tesco. The more votes we get the bigger the grant towards our moveable trim trail we will receive.

We need your votes.

Next time you are in Tesco just ask for the blue tokens at customer services or at the checkout and pop them in the box on the way out.

AVAILABLE in the following stores:

Preston Moor Lane Express,
Preston Fulwood Express,
Penwortham Superstore,
Ribbleton Preston Express,
Blackpool Rd Preston Express,
Tulketh Mill Preston Express,
Preston Friargate Express



Add your token posting picture to the St Mary Magdalen's PTA Facebook group to be entered into a prize draw.

Dates...

23rd Feb Walk to School breakfast (8.15am)

26th Feb School photos

29th February Leap Year PTFA Disco

1st Mar Own Clothes day (PTFA choc donation)

7th March World Book Day (details to follow)

8th Mar PTFA Mothering Sunday gift shop

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