



St Mary Magdalen's

Newsletter



15th March 2024

Mobile phones have revolutionised how we communicate and interact with others and the wider world. It is important to be mindful of how and when they are used.

Dear Almighty Lord,

We thank-you for technology that gives us more opportunities, choice and knowledge than ever before. We ask that you guide us with how and when we use them. Please give the people who make laws about when we can use them wisdom, consideration, kindness and respect.

In Jesus' name, AMEN

British Value: Rule of Law

Sometimes bans can be put in place, which means that something is officially or legally prohibited (disallowed). Rules and laws are there to help us and keep us safe.

Protected Characteristic: Religion and Belief

Our religion and belief can affect how and when we use digital technologies. We should never be treated unfairly because of our religion or belief.

Amazon Birthday **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK** Booklist:



Charlie H, Niamh C



Thank you to everyone who supported the Y1 & Y4 cake sale in aid of the Good Shepherd on Wednesday! Between This week and last week, we raised just over £150!

thank you

This week, our incredible Y5 & Y6 Indoor Athletics team of 18 pupils headed to Blackpool Sports centre with 15 other school teams for the Lancashire finals. Watching the impromptu, cheering and clapping from the rest of the school on the playground was simply joyful. With Phil, Becky and Mrs Doherty, and an impressive team of parents, we cheered on every single race and activity. In the end our amazing pupils finished 10th - out of 568 schools who entered the competition. It is an absolutely incredible feat! Well done to everyone in the team - including Phil and Mrs Edmondson, our PE Leader, and thank you for your hard work & organisation!



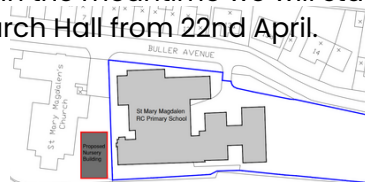
Last Friday was International Women's Day so we have heard the story of Malala's Magic Pencil in assembly. In the book, Nobel Peace Winner, Malala Yousafzai, has a very important message: "One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world." Sometimes, we can forget how privileged we are to attend or work in a school where everyone is welcomed and where everyone has the right to be happy and safe.



Annually, we renew our commitment for the FA's 'Let Girl's Play' project - last Friday all of the girls had the opportunity to have a 'knock about' on the playground. Once again, our boys were great cheerleaders for the event.

Reception held their annual cafe for loved ones today - it was lovely - thank you to all who attended! We have some very patient waiters in the making!

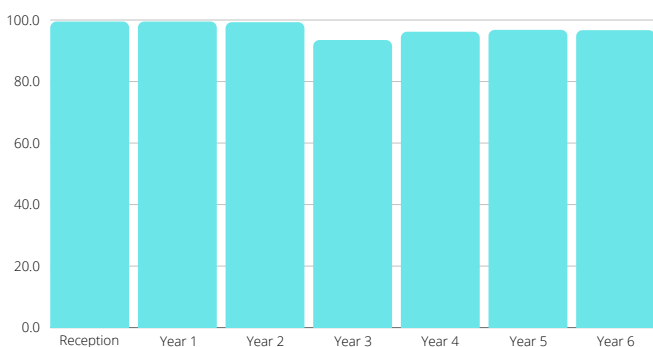
Incredible news now - we have secured funding for a brand new bespoke modular building for our new Nursery. Started in February 2023, our small but perfectly formed Nursery of 8 pupils has been sharing our Early Years area, but due to the incredible commitment of the Early Years staff and the provision that we have started, the Archdiocese of Liverpool have agreed to fund a new building. This has then been supported by Father Ian, who with the Parish Council, has gifted us the land immediately behind the Church for use. The new Nursery will be sited on this land and will share the rest of the area as a playground with our Reception class. Unfortunately due to contracting issues, the actual building work will not start until later this year (we will keep you posted), but in the meantime we will start to expand our provision by using the Church Hall from 22nd April.



Happy St Patrick's Day to everyone for Sunday!



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK



97.2%



SCHOOL MEALS

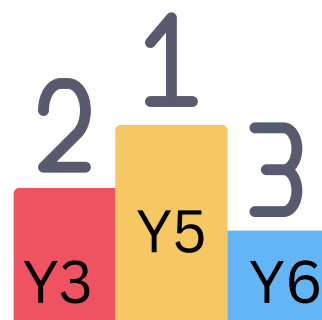
Week 2 on the menu next week.

FOODBANK

Friday 9:30 – 12:00
Penwortham Community Centre



This week's numbers are in ..



Core Value focus next week is:
being curious



ONLINE SAFETY:

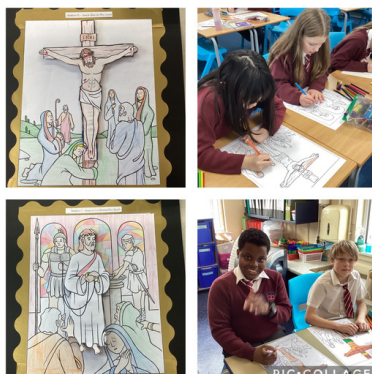
A reminder that we have a monthly e-newsletter for online safety. March's edition includes information on **Fortnite**, **Instagram** and managing devices. As a parent, I know it is becoming increasingly difficult to stay on top of new apps and how to manage screen time - please do take a look at the newsletters - they have been written by professionals who want to help!

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



Dates...

28th March End of term (1:45pm)
15th April First day of term
15th April Rainbow raffle week
3rd May Walk to School breakfast
17th May Rise and shine jog



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