



St Mary Magdalen's

Newsletter

19th April 2024

I hope that you all had a very peaceful Easter break. We had hoped that we would return for the SUMMER term with slightly warmer weather, the sun in the sky and less rain, but there is HOPE with the blossom on the trees, daffodils abundant and the Summer uniforms looking so smart!

We have had a few changes of staff over the break, with Mrs Butler now on maternity leave, and our Nursery rapidly expanding. Mrs Mason has started this term in Nursery and has settled really well. Mrs Greaves is now full time in Year 4 and Miss Brooker has enjoyed her first week in Year 2. On Tuesday, Year 2 had a wonderful trip to Liverpool Maritime Museum, for which feedback was really good from both staff and pupils.

Today Year 4, have enjoyed a day at Ribchester for their work on the Romans (and the weather has been very kind). Next Monday to Wednesday, our Year 5s will be visiting Robinwood, Todmorden, accompanied by Mr Campbell, Mrs Leung and Mrs Wells-Earp - please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Attendance = 98% this week! Thank you!



We had excellent news this week that we will welcome 26 pupils into Reception in September, which we are really pleased about. However there remain a small number of spaces, available for Reception children to start in September. If you know somebody who is reconsidering their current school option, it's not too late to join our lovely school community, please just ask them to call for a look around!

Summer Term always means that we are looking at Road Safety across the school - this has started already with Reception out and about on Buller Avenue and Year 3 taking part in Scoot Safe. Please do talk to your children about walking safely - especially around our school where it can be busy at key times.

SPONSORED SUPERHERO DAY - NEXT THURSDAY This is our opportunity to come to school dressed as a Superhero to perform Superhero tasks during the day! All monies raised will be put towards our new Outdoor Classroom - we are looking to raise £3000 towards it!

If your child does not have a SuperHero costume - please do not buy anything new there are lots of ideas on the internet but a cardboard or felt homemade mask and a material cape would be amazing!

In assembly today, we have been talking about Neurodiversity and specifically ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder) which 1 in 20 children have in the UK. We have learnt about how having ADHD has benefitted many celebrities such as Lewis Hamilton, Ant McPartlin, Simone Biles, Walt Disney and Jim Carrey. Having ADHD is like being a SuperHero everyday! Enjoy your weekend!

Reflection,
Art can be anything created with imagination that expresses important ideas or feelings. It can mean different things to each of us.

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to participate in Your divine plan. Whether it be story telling on stage, screen or page, if it be dance, painting, sculpting, or music. We pray that You breathe on our works of art. May they bless and bring vibrance to our community.

In Jesus' name, AMEN



British Values - Mutual Tolerance & Respect

We understand people have different preferences and opinions when it comes to art. It is important to respect the different opinions and preferences of others.

Protected Characteristics - Religion or Belief

Our religions and beliefs can affect the way we interact with and interpret a variety of art. Our responses are all valid and we should never be treated unfairly because of them.

Amazon
Birthday
Booklist:



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

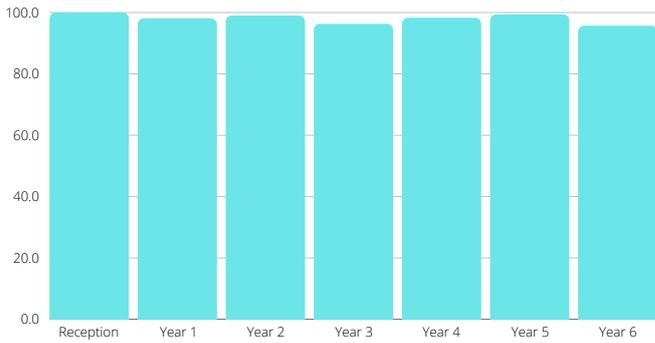
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SPORT THIS WEEK

Year 5 have started their half term of Dance this week. Year 4 continue to swim on Mondays.

The Y5/6 Girls' football took part in a tournament yesterday drawing and narrowly losing one, though Phil was really pleased with their progress. The tournament continues over the next 3 weeks.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK



Y5 & YR 100% attendance this week!

SCHOOL MEALS

Week Two

FOODBANK

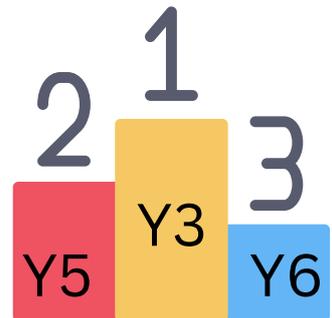
Friday 9:30 – 12:00
Penwortham Community Centre

SCHOOL MASS

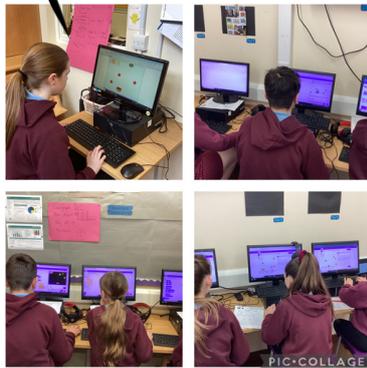
Whole School Mass next Wednesday 10am for Mrs Woosey - all are welcome!



This week's numbers are in ..



Welfare Assistant needed for the Summer Term - even if you are interested in 1 day/week, please contact the Office ASAP. Thanks



Dates...

- 22nd-24th April Year 5 Residential to Robinwood
- 25th April SUPERHERO Sponsored Day
- 25th April Special Meal Day for St. Georges Day
- 13-16th May Y6 SATs Week
- 24th May finish for Half term 3:20pm
- 4th June School Reopens
- 19th June Book Fair
- 20th June Sports day
- 5th July PTFA Rise & Shine Jog
- 10th July Y6 Careers Fair
- 18th July School Finishes 1:45pm

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>