



# St Mary Magdalen's

## Newsletter

9th December 2022

### REFLECTION

Today, there is so much variety in the entertainment we watch and how we watch it. What we watch can help us learn and understand about the world we live in and it can also help keep us entertained!

Heavenly Father,  
We pray today for those who speak and communicate by the media. We give thanks for all who report, evaluate, interview, challenge and investigate on our behalf. We pray that the information which they relay to us will increase our understanding, that understanding will increase our compassion and that compassion will move us to action. Amen.



### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Noah B, Scarlet H, Hannah T-O,  
Jacob K, Faye R



From the bottom of my heart, a huge thank you to everyone who has stepped over the threshold of our school this week. We know that it has been jam packed but we are over-whelmed by the support of parents/grandparents/friends for our children. Every event has been extremely well supported, which we know isn't easy with other pressures, but our school has been filled with your love - thank you. We know that our calendar is full at the moment, but we are trying to make up for lost time. Christmas is only once a year!

Our children are incredible. All of the events that we have put on, they have worked incredibly hard and been so enthusiastic. One of the huge gaps following the pandemic has been around social interactions and resilience - it is proven that we frequently give up on things much easier now than previous but you have filled our hall at every event and our children have loved it and when things haven't gone quite to plan, they have just carried on. It is fantastic to be able to hold these events and to be able to meet and greet each of you, welcoming you into our school. Something which I will never take for granted.

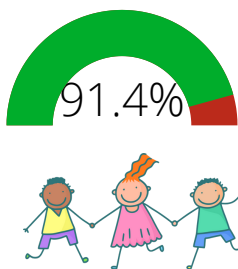
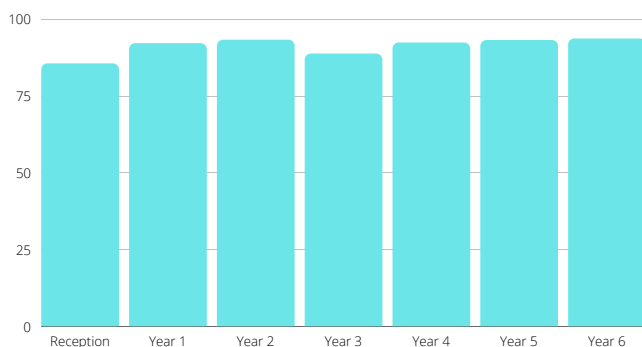
A huge thank you is also due to our staff - who this week have gone above and beyond, on top of the normal curriculum, to ensure that each child has the very best experience of Christmas in our school. Working in a school is often much more than simply a job.

Enjoy your weekend!  
Congratulations to our Year 4 pupils, who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Wednesday!

### Reminder:

**ALL FAMILIES AND CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO MASS EVERY SUNDAY IN OUR CHURCH AT 11AM.**

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK



## SCHOOL MEALS

Week 3 of the menu next week. Don't forget its Christmas Dinner Day on Wednesday 14th Dec.

## FOODBANK

Friday 9:30 – 12:00  
Penwortham Community Centre



## BEHAVIOUR FOCUS: joy

The third week of Advent is 'Gaudete' Sunday – Gaudete is the Latin word for 'Rejoice'. Our focus in school is the JOY that Christmas brings. When we're tired and out of a normal routine, it is very easy for us to focus on getting things perfect and being negative about other's behaviour, but trying to see the world from the eyes of a child and looking for the joy around us can give us a much lighter heart. I am trying to focus on the beautiful landscape that I drive through every morning on my journey to work, rather than the cold and icy conditions. The natural world always seems to put a smile on my face!



## AUTUMN TERM CALENDAR

**13/12 6pm Christmas Carol Concert (Church) – Y3&Y4 Parents (max 2 adults per child)**

**14/12 School Christmas Dinner**

**14/12 10am School Mass (Church)**

**14/12 Choir @ Penwortham Xmas Market 6pm**

**15/12 Party day – PE KIT FOR ALL**

**16/12 Carols around the Christmas tree, last day of term 1:45 finish**

**03/01 Spring term begins 8.40am**

**18/1 PTFA meeting 6.30pm at St. Teresa's Club**

## PTFA:

Thank you to everyone who attended our Magical Christmas Evening – it was a tremendous evening and we will share the total raised with you as soon as we have it. The money raised will be put to good use for all of our children with the development of the playground over this coming year! A huge thank you to the parents and staff who give of their time so freely to support our school and host these incredible evenings!

