



St Mary Magdalen's

Newsletter

26th January 2024

Reflection,

Self-driving transport could revolutionise how we travel and allow us to hand control over to technology.

Dear Heavenly Father,

We are blessed that robotics has the power to change the world for the better. We ask that technologies are used correctly, and not against the interests of humanity. Give us the knowledge and understanding to make sure technology does not become harmful to others or ourselves.

In Jesus' name, AMEN



Amazon
Birthday
Booklist:



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

No birthdays this week

A typical cross country afternoon with heavy rain and a muddy field at Hutton Grammar yesterday as our Y6 pupils took to a very wet course. All of our children finished in the top quarter of the results and Scarlett managed a very impressive third! Well done to everyone who took part especially for their resilience in the conditions!



Reading at home

On our website, you will now find some excellent advice for helping your child at home with their reading, thanks to our Reading Lead, Mrs Day, click [here](#). There are also links to help and inspiration for books!

-We hope that you have seen, first hand, the progress that children have been making this year with our huge drive on reading - this is down to a number of factors -

- new reading scheme (partially funded by the PTFA)
- reading for pleasure books in class
- our amazing Reading Volunteers
- targeted reading interventions for those who need
- new phonics scheme
- reading books in class linked to the current topics
- children, teachers and teaching assistants, everyday, prioritising reading
- support at home from parents/carers - thank you!

Assembly

This week children in year 1 to Year 6 have had a virtual assembly from NSPCC on 'Speak out. Stay safe.' Parents received a parentmail yesterday about how to follow this work up at home. If you have any concerns about your child, please speak to any member of staff. Keeping your child safe is the responsibility of all of us - working together we will ensure that they understand the need to keep to safe and what to do if they are worried. At St Mary Mag's. we have 4 Designated Safeguarding Leads in our school - Mrs McKinnon, Mrs Woosey, Mrs Bradley and Mrs Williams. Please do not hesitate to speak to any of us.

The NSPCC talk about all children having rights and the following 3 rights are shared:

1. speak out and have their views taken seriously
2. be kept safe
3. get help when they need it

During assembly today, children in Y1 and Y2 have heard how they must speak to a trusted adult if they have any worries and that it is not ok for someone to make them feel bad or sad. In Y3,Y4, Y5 and Y6 they have heard the same plus the types of abuse that can exist. In a child-friendly, age appropriate manner these were explained as :

- neglect
- physical abuse
- sexual abuse
- bullying

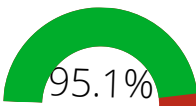
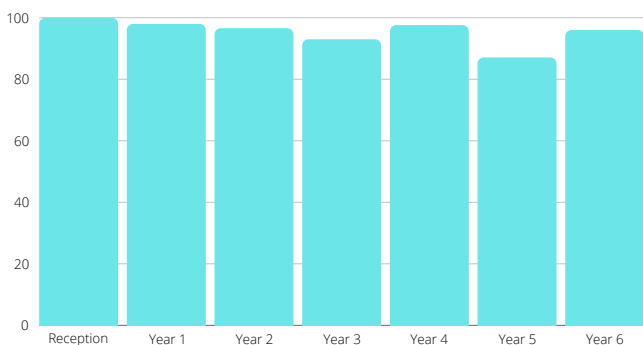
Abuse is never a child's fault. Speak out. Stay safe.

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? This app has 3 settings depending on the age of your child and the newsletter details supervised accounts. <https://www.st-marymagdalen.lancs.sch.uk/parents/e-safety>



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK



SCHOOL MEALS

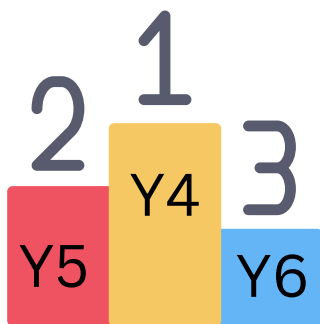
Week 1 on the menu next week.

FOODBANK

Friday 9:30 – 12:00
Penwortham Community Centre



This week's numbers are in ..



Parent help needed!

As we look to redevelop our playground, we are looking for any help from parents who work for companies that might be able to help or sponsor part of the redevelopment - if you work for somewhere like Barclays, Wickes, Asda, or anywhere else that might be able to help, please can you let us know! MANY MANY THANKS!



We Need Your HELP

TESCO
Stronger Starts

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,
Ribblesdale Preston Express,
Blackpool Rd Preston Express,
Tulketh Mill Preston Express,
Preston Friargate Express



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

Dates...

5/6th Feb Parents Evening (BOOKING LIVE ON PARENTMAIL)

23rd Feb Walk to School breakfast (8.15am)

26th Feb School photos

29th February Leap Year 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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