



St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter

22nd March 2024

Reflection

There are times when we are excited and looking forward to something, but it may not quite be what we wanted or hoped it would be. Learning how to deal with disappointment is important.

Lord,

Life isn't always a win. When we face setbacks or failures, help us learn and grow from the experience. Help us to be optimistic and to look at the bright side of things. When we make a mistake help us to learn from it. Show us how to make things right and try better next time.

AMEN

British Value: Individual Liberty

There are times in our lives when we experience disappointment. We can choose how we respond to it. It is important to remember we are responsible for our actions.

Protected Characteristic: Religion or Belief

Our religion or belief may affect the places we choose to visit. They may also impact how we overcome disappointment. We should never be treated unfairly because of religion or belief.



Amazon Birthday Booklist: Sadie H

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Wellbeing Hut

Thank you to everyone who supported the Y2 & Y6 cake sale in aid of the Good Shepherd on Wednesday! Over the last 3 weeks, we raised just over £245!

thank you

We finish school for the Easter break on **THURSDAY next week at 1:45pm**. Any pupils not collected at 1:45 can stay until 3:20pm and after school club will be open as usual.

Following on from last week's news about our brand new Nursery build, we bring more exciting news about our school re-development!

Firstly, I am thrilled to be able to share that following consultation with pupils, staff and PTFA committee, our brand new Trim Trail will be installed onto our school playground in the next few weeks! We have been working very closely with a number of different contractors who have designed a really exciting area for all of our children. The cost of the project is £5,500 and this is being covered entirely by funds raised through the PTFA - so a huge thank you to the organisers and to all of our families and friends who support these events.

Secondly, I bring great news of funding that we have been able to access for our brand new 'Wellbeing Hut' which will open in late April. Based near our greenhouse, the 'Wellbeing Hut' will be a very quiet space which pupils will be able to access with their teachers. Next to the Hut will be our new outdoor Sensory Area with coloured totems, tactile tiles, planting, windchimes and a variety of other additions to awaken and stimulate our senses. The cost of this development is £10,000 and is being funded entirely through additional funding that school has accessed. *VOLUNTEER PARENTS NEEDED to help build the hut and/or to help tidy our garden area - please let the school office know if you can help!*

Finally, we are trying to fundraise for a brand new outdoor classroom. This will replace the current 'giraffe house' and will be used by pupils across the school during lesson times for lessons outside, and at break and lunch times as a seating area for reading, drawing and chatting! The structure will be dedicated to Layton Harrison, who has inspired this project, as he always wanted to be outdoors as much as possible. The cost is £6,500 and we have already secured funding of £3,000. We welcome any donations to this project from families or local businesses!

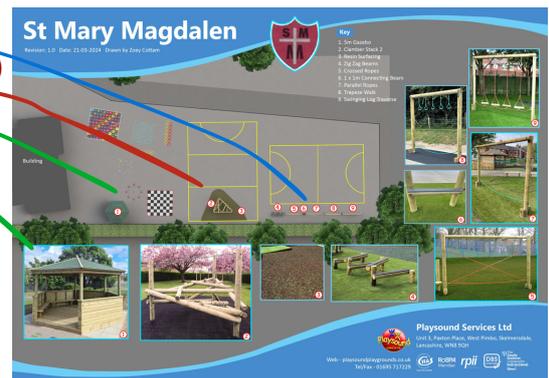


To support this, on 25th April, we will be hosting a 'SuperHero Day' where pupils can be sponsored to come into school as their favourite SuperHero and perform heroic tasks! Sponsorship forms will be sent out next week!

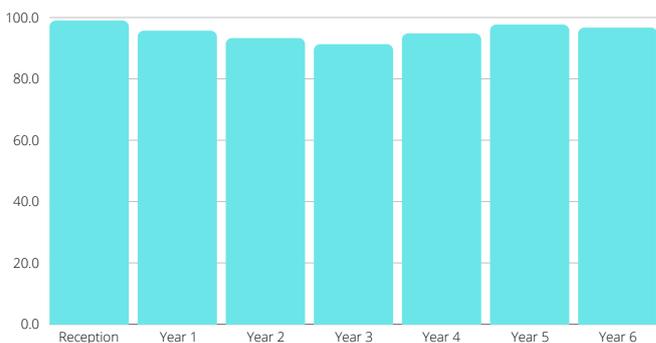
Trim Trail (example photos)

Clamber Stack (hopefully next year!)
Outdoor Classroom

We have a vacancy for a Welfare Assistant from 15th April - please let us know if you are interested! (6.25 hrs/week)



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK



SCHOOL MEALS

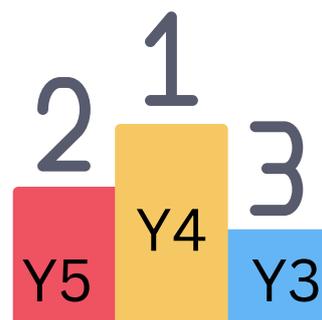
Week 3 on the menu next week

FOODBANK

Friday 9:30 – 12:00
Penwortham Community Centre



This week's numbers are in ..



Core Value focus next week is:

showing kindness



Dates...

28th March End of term (1:45pm)

15th April First day of term

15th April PTFA Rainbow raffle week

25th April SUPERHERO Day

3rd May Walk to School breakfast

17th May PTFA Rise and shine jog

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>