

# School Newsletter

With Christ, we live, love, learn and grow.

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Dear parents and carers,

## St Mary's Loves Reading – Fantastic Book Awards Y5, Brilliant Book Awards Y2

Earlier this week, the Lancashire Library Service led a follow-up session with our Y5 class for the *Fantastic Book Awards (FBA)* and launched the *Brilliant Book Awards (BBA)* with the Year 2s.

The Y5 FBA are a chance for our older readers to try out some new high quality books and then decide which one they loved reading the most. The children really value being a part of that process and voting for the best.

The Y2 BBA expose the younger children to a variety of books with associated fun and engaging activities. They also love voting on for their favourites. The children can continue to read these books again and again, in class. It really helps to develop their love of reading.

## **Online Safety Newsletter**

The February edition of the online safety newsletter is out now and has been sent separately. Like always, it is a quick read but is also very informative; I highly recommend it. Look out for a Safer Internet Day edition coming out in the next week or so.

## **Spring Term Parents' Evenings**

Parents, carers should have received details of how to book on parents evening next week. We look forward to welcoming you into school to look at your children's work and speak to their teachers.

#### Scarlet Fever and Strep A

We have had a confirmed case of each of Scarlet fever and a Strep A infection this week. Last year, the local authority sent us some information and guidance on the infections regarding signs and symptoms and what to do. Mrs Wilson sent out a letter to all parents today giving information about.

### Roadworks on Collingwood Road and surrounding streets

You may have seen the signs popping up on lampposts around the area. We are hoping that the road works will be carried out in a systematic way and still allow for the flow of traffic. But, I wanted to make you aware in case you might need to set off earlier or park further away for drop-off and pick up over the coming weeks. I have contacted LCC Highways Department to see if they could offer any further advice; I will let you know as soon as I hear back.





Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League 2023/2024 W/E 02.02.24



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1st	YEAR 1	97.72
2nd	YEAR 6	96.85
3rd	YEAR 5	96.67
4th	YEAR 3	96.56
5th	YEAR 2	95.48
6th	YEAR 4	95.14
7th	RECEPTION	94.57

No 100% attendance this week.

#### **Site Supervisor**

We are looking for a part-time site-supervisor (caretaker) to work 15 hours a week, 0600 - 0900 each day, with some flexibility to work additional hours, if possible. If you are interested or if you know anyone else who is, please let the office know. The job advert, with full details is on the LCC website. https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt\_index.asp

#### **Health and Safety**

Pick-up and Drop-off. Please be very careful at pick up and drop off times particularly during these winter months where it is dark and where rain and ice impairs visibility for drivers. Drivers, please take great care near the school entrances. Many thanks.

#### STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 02.02.24

	Class	Name	Star of the Week for
	YN	Zachary	a super attitude to learning this week.
	YR	Mila	excellent use of language in mathematics.
	Y1	Isaac	excellent effort in all of his work this week.
	Y2	Reuben	fantastic ideas when boxing up his thoughts for his newspaper report on the sinking of Titanic.
	Y3	Ariana	always works hard and concentrates on the task.
	Y4	Noah	his wonderful story in English based on The Balaclava Boys.
	Y5	Alice	outstanding times table knowledge and implementing this well when using the written method for multiplication.
	Y6	Isabelle	a great poem based on the Witch's song from Macbeth.



Mental health and emotional wellbeing support for children.

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