

Our Newsletter



16th January 2024

A new journey!

For many years now, the government have been discussing the need for schools to be part of an academy trust and in March 2022, in the White Paper, the Education Bill emphasised that, under the plans, all schools would be part of a “strong” trust by 2030. With this in mind the Bishop of Lancaster's vision is that all Catholic schools in our diocese will be part of a multi-academy Trust by 2025. This is to ensure our Catholic faith is protected and remains the centre of what we do in schools and to become a supportive family. Over the past few years our governors have discussed when would be the most appropriate time for us to join the academy process and they feel that as a school we are now ready to start our academisation journey. A letter will be coming home with your child this week to explain the process and within this, the dates of a parent meeting, when you will be given the opportunity to meet with the CEO, Mr Duffy and ask questions. There will also be information on our school website- [Mater Ecclesiae Multi Academy Trust | St Mary and Michael Catholic Primary School \(st-mary-st-michael.lancs.sch.uk\)](https://www.st-mary-st-michael.lancs.sch.uk)

This is a very exciting new future for our school, and we are looking forward to being part of the Bishop's shared vision and helping it grow within such a supportive Catholic family.



A Term of Care & Compassion

We started this term with our new values assembly- care and compassion. This is one value that our children understand very well and were able to talk about it confidently but also explain how we, as a school, can show it in our everyday lives.

We firstly read the story of the Good Samaritan and discussed the compassion that the man showed, not only his actions of helping the poor man with his injuries, but also the aftercare he provided.

We also spoke about how Jesus showed this compassion with everyone and we need to continue this within our school and beyond.

This week we have seen our children sharing, helping each other, kindly playing with each other and looking after each other during lunch time.

Dear God,
Teach us to be thoughtful and kind like Jesus.
Lord of the loving heart, may mine be loving too.
Lord of the gentle hands, may mine be gentle too.
Lord of the willing feet, may mine be willing too.
So may I grow to be more like you in all I say and do. Amen.



Upcoming Events

January

19th January- Girls football Lancashire Tournament
- Owl/Woodpecker class mass 10am
 22nd January- Academy consultations starts
 24th January- KS2 indoor athletics @GCA
 25th January- Y5/Y6 table tennis @ GCA
 31st January- Netball match @ YMCA

Wheel Chair Basketball

At the beginning of the week we had two visitors in school who ran a day of wheelchair basket ball for the whole school. The children at first found it quite difficult to maneuver the chair and focus on the ball but by the end of the session they were doing really well. Whilst all the children had fun taking part in a sport they are not used to, it also made them realise the difficulties for those people who use wheelchairs everyday and made them appreciate we are all unique.



Weekly attendance percentages

■ Classes



February

1st February- Parent consultation meeting **3.30pm**
 2nd February- Interim reports to parents
 National Number day- Non- uniform
 8th February- Woodpecker magic fest day
 Y3/Y4 Table tennis @ GCA
 School closes for half term
 PTA disco
 9th February- INSET day for staff
 19th February- School re-opens
23rd February- Heron/Wren class mass 10am
 29th February-Y5/Y6 boys handball @ GCA
 1st March- Mother's Day Gifts Non-uniform
Robin class mass @ 10am
 Girls football regional finals

Blue Badge Awards

Wren – Elsie T

Robin – Ruby D

Owl – Ava T

Woodpecker – Ivy F

Heron – Sammy D

Rising Star Awards (Teacher Award)

Wren – Lewis M

Robin – William D

Owl – Bonnie M

Woodpecker – Zak R

Heron – Charlotte B

Star Writers

Jonah D, Phoebe K, Brodie H, Alex D