



# St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter

Letting the Light of Jesus Shine Through

## Worship Reflections

When something breaks, sometimes it seems easy to throw it away and start again but often our toys or electrical items can be fixed and can be used again. If we do this, it means a lot less will be wasted!

Lord,

**As young people, we have the freedom to make decisions. Guide us to make wise choices when it comes to dealing with waste, so that our actions do not leave a thoughtless and devastating footprint on this beautiful world.**

Amen.

## Birthdays this week

*Happy birthday this week to:*

Corin Doherty, Liesel Doherty, Isabella Butcher, Dylan Hoban, Scarlett Cooper & Charlie Mattison.

## School Meals

*We will be on Week 2 of the NEW menu next week.*

## Data Collection Sheets

We still have outstanding data sheets that need to be returned please. It is very important that we hold up to date records on your child's behalf in case of emergency.

## Dress Down

*The children can dress as they like tomorrow for donations of chocolate please for the Magical Christmas Evening. Thank you.*

## Reading

Can you remember the first book that you picked up and read by yourself out of choice? Mine was Enid Blyton's *20 Minute Tales*. From that day on I fell in love with reading and it started a life time of losing myself in a book. I still read a couple of books a month and for those of you who share my love I can heartily recommend Eleanor Olliphant's *Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman and I am currently enjoying Michelle Obama's autobiography.

The gift of reading was given to me by my parents; I was always read to by my Dad and my Mum is still an avid reader herself. It is possible that you did not receive that gift yourself but you can still give it to your own children. One of my proudest achievements as a parent is that all my three children love reading.

If your child has not been bitten by the reading bug yet, keep on reading to them; their love of story is a good motivation to read. One parent asked me for a list of books I could recommend. To be honest I am not a book snob, children love David Walliams, the *Mythical Beast* series and the *Wimpy Kid* books. If they read it and they love it, great!

For ideas that you may want to mention to Father Christmas the Book Trust offers a comprehensive list of books for different age groups. <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/100-best-books/>

Mrs Gallagher

## Merit Winners

### *Congratulations this week to:*

Year R –

**Darcey Morris** for being so helpful and kind in class & **Payton Vas-Moulding** for great focus and determination in all he does.

Year 1 – **Noah Briscoe** for brilliant written work all week & **Lily Barnett** for asking wonderful questions in English lessons.

Year 2 – **James Taylor** for great contribution to our exciting adjective work & **Paige Kay** for a fantastic understanding in mental maths work.

Year 3 – **Cordelia Bowerman-Melling** for always working hard in reading lessons and **Ava Cross** for answering accurately in reading lessons.

Year 4 – **Jessica Swarbrick** for a lovely thought provoking Poem in R.E. & **Hannah Dexter** for super progress in Maths.

Year 5 – **Scarlett Baldwin** for being an absolute whizz with statistics, reading & interpreting both line graphs and tables & **Grace Bly** for showing real confidence in herself and her work.

Year 6 – **Alfie Ramm** for his responsible and mature attitude around school & **Penelope McLintic** for making excellent progress with fractions.

## Christmas Lunch

*Just a reminder that tomorrow is the dead line to send back the completed order form if your child wants a Christmas lunch on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. If they don't usually have a lunch on that day, you will need to pay £2.30 (only KS2) onto Parentmail as a credit and this will deduct when we add them.*

## Absences

Can all absences for the children please be reported on Parentmail?

## Words of the Week

This year we are all seeking to expand our vocabularies to help our children to be even better writers. Please encourage them to use these words. Older children may well be motivated to learn the adult words.

Reception	cold
Year 1	freezing
Year 2	chilly
Year 3	bitter
Year 4	biting
Year 5	arctic
Year 6	sub-zero
Adult	piercing

