



St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter

Letting the Light of Jesus Shine Through

Worship Reflections

Many different factors make us who we are! Where we are from, our family and what we believe will all influence the adult we become. We must also remember not to let any of these things be barriers or allow ourselves to believe they can hold us back.

Dear Lord,

Help us to appreciate the choices that we have in our lives.

Give us strength to accept challenges that will help us to grow as individuals, so that we can have careers that fulfil us and that we are good at.

Amen.

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday this week to:

Elsie Cross, Charlie Hull, Ava Smith, Ethan Cavill & Stanley Keller

School Meals

We will be on Week 3 of the menu next week.

Dress Down

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

Buller Avenue

It has been reported that some parents/grandparents are driving far too fast on Buller Avenue and have actually mounted the kerb. Can I please ask that you to drive in a responsible manner and protect all of the children in our school?

No Netball Club

As the hall is set up for the Nativity rehearsals there will be no more Netball club this term. In the new term Miss Brooker will contact the players to be included in the squad for fixtures.

Helping your child with spelling

The complicated business of learning

All children learn differently and as your child gets older they will find the ways in which they learn best. Some of us are very visual learners, some of us have great listening skills (auditory) and some of us learn better if we are actually doing something. Most of us like a mixture of the three. Then we have to remember what we have learnt. Some of us are great at remembering things short term and then forgetting the info as soon as we don't need it. Others have fantastic memories; we all know someone who reminds you of things you have forgotten years ago. My short term auditory memory is really poor so I have to write things down. Staff are great at not passing on information casually in conversation to me as they know I will forget and you may well have noticed that I always have a pad of post it's and a pen in my coat pocket on the gate so I don't forget to pass on your messages.

So if your child is struggling to learn spellings, or remembering them long term, have a go at trying a different learning approach. On the school website there are lots of ideas that I have put together that might suit your child better than the popular look, cover, write, check, method. Please look under the Helping at Home section under Parents on the website or follow this link.

[Helping at Home](#)

Mrs Gallagher

Merit Winners

Congratulations this week to:

Year R – **Alfie Delaney** for a determined mindset sequencing numbers in order & **Lilyah Ramm** for excellent focus practising her sounds and always with a giant smile!

Year 1 – **Liesel Doherty** for writing a fabulous story about Zog & **Lingyi Zhou** for writing a fabulous story about Zog using sentences.

Year 2 – **Jack Mountford** for a positive attitude to learning & **George Swarbrick** for excellent reasoning and problem solving skills.

Year 3 – **Coby Vas-Moulding** for a mature, sensible and considerate answer in PSHE & **Annabel Roberts** for working hard in all lessons and answering questions thoughtfully.

Year 4 – **Finn Doherty** for super progress in Maths answering word problems & **Oliwia Rugala** for super work during our DT topic.

Year 5 – **Sam Kelly** for great effort and improved speed when completing his work & **Jake Whittle** for an excellent understanding of electrical conductors, supporting others with his knowledge.

Year 6 – **Lacey Woods** for her outstanding performance at the Sports Hall Athletics event & **Isaac Urbanski** for his renewed enthusiasm for learning.

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 14th 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 from your total when we add them.*

Absences

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

Children in Need

Thank you for your Children in Need donations. A cheque for £72.41 has been sent to this very worth while charity.

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

