



St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter

Letting the Light of Jesus Shine Through

Worship Reflections

Advent – Hope

Dear Jesus,

In Advent, we remember the importance of hope. Help us to always have hope in you and to share this hope with others through our kindness and our joy.

Amen.

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday this week to:

Tyler Hoban, Noah Briscoe, Ben Graham, Scarlett Holmes, & Hannah Tassiker-Quick

Gold Again for Behaviour

Thank you to everyone who took the time to answer the parent questionnaire about behaviour. We were re-assessed on Tuesday for the Behaviour Quality Mark and once again achieved Gold Standard. The assessment looks at all our policies, data, training, curriculum, how we support behaviour needs and the views of parents, pupils, governors and staff. And of course she observed the behaviour of the children both on the playground and in the classroom. It was lovely to get such great feedback about our school.

Multi-Sports

Just a reminder can all the children please make sure they are wearing their PE kit please in future for Multi-Sports, not their own clothes. Thank you.

As we enter the season of Advent the excitement for the coming Christmas season starts to build. No doubt if you haven't put up your decorations yet you will be being nagged. I am holding strong until next week. The twins are going with Grandad to buy a tree; no doubt they will come back with one much bigger than I ask for just as they always did when our children were younger. (All part of the fun to see the horror on my face when we are trying to make it fit.)

We have been really touched by the thoughtfulness of some of our pupils this week as they remember to think about those for whom Christmas is not a joy. Hannah and Feliicity have put together an Advent food box for the Foodbank with an item for every day of Advent. Such a lovely thing to do.

With that in mind I would like to launch a little writing competition. I would love to receive, from the children, a piece of writing no longer than 300 words. It is to be called My Christmas Wish(es) but they are not allowed to wish for anything for themselves. (I am fairly sure their letter to Santa has already covered that one!). I will choose some of the most thoughtful ones to read at Our Carols Around the Tree on Wednesday 19th December at 2.30pm in school.

I will Tweet the winner on our app and obviously find them a lovely prize.

Mrs Gallagher

Merit Winners

Congratulations this week to:

Year R – **Isla Williams** for brilliant concentration and beautiful presentation in her maths book & **Thomas Kenyon** for sharing his knowledge and great ideas.

Year 1 – **Oliver Snape** for excellent recall of *The Great Fire of London* facts & **Maisy Carr** for always smiling and being enthusiastic.

Year 2 – **Jacob Alty** for working super hard at reading and being proud of his progress & **Rhys Roberts** for using his phonic skills to read tricky words.

Year 3 – **Tierney Seaborne** for always trying her best in lessons & **Maisie Ratcliffe** for attempting everything with enthusiasm.

Year 4 – **James Ramm** for super work during Maths, multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 & **Maisie Warbrick** for trying really hard to learn her 7X tables.

Year 5 – **Lauren Clarke** for shining bright in everything she does & **Matthew Lakatos** for a superb story, full of sophisticated vocabulary and suspense.

Year 6 – **Orlaith Cobb** for her determination and drive to succeed in Maths & **Ben Graham** for being an all-round good egg – polite, hard-working and a super member of the class.

Absences

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

School Meals

We will be on Week 1 of the menu next week.

Age Concern

Age Concern in Penwortham is selling lots of our school uniform.

Magical Christmas Evening

Thank you so much to our wonderful PTFA for making the Magical Christmas Evening such a great success. The children absolutely love it and it is a great fundraiser for us. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us.

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	dangerous
Year 1	unsafe
Year 2	risky
Year 3	perilous
Year 4	hazardous
Year 5	dicey
Year 6	treacherous
Adult	precarious

