



St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter

Letting the Light of Jesus Shine Through

Worship Reflections

Democracy:

Voting is seen by many people around the world to be a privilege. In a democracy, voting can sometimes be taken for granted. Not all countries provide people with a say in who leads their country.

Dear Lord,

Help us to remember that having the chance to vote on an important matter means that we can let our voice be heard. Let your light guide us and help us to act responsibly as we make decisions that can have a huge impact not only on our lives, but also on the lives of others.

Amen.

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday this week to:

Jude Cullen, Joshua Lee, Oliver Delaney, Alice Gee, Thomas Kenyon, Grace Rafferty & Eva Dos Santos and to Jessica MacMillan, Edward Owens, Austin Burgess & Rhys Roberts who had their birthdays over the half term.

School Meals

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

Levy Donation

We are still collecting donations for the Levy Fund.

Tempest Photographs

*Can all completed order forms for the Tempest photographs please be returned by **Monday 4th March** at the latest? Thank you.*

OFSTED

As soon as a report finalised I will send it out to you.

We have news this week that is both happy and sad. Mr Gaughan will be leaving our school in July. This is because he has been successful in gaining a deputy headship post at St Joseph's in Preston. We are extremely proud of him and know that he will bring so much to St Joseph's school. He will also leave a fantastic legacy at St Mary Magdalen's.

At St Mary Magdalen's we take our mission for Catholic schools very seriously and foster leadership talent as we spot it. (Often before the teacher is aware of it themselves!) Congratulations to Mr Gaughan, as soon as we are clear about staffing for next year we will let you know.

I can tell by talking to the children this week that they have had wonderful half term's with you. Whether it was Pontin's, Centre Parks, Worden Park or a park in Penwortham, just know that your children loved spending time with you. Time, the greatest gift we can give our children.

Mrs Gallagher

Merit Winners

Congratulations this week to:

Year R – **Anna Parkinson** for her fantastic independent learning in class and a great role model to all & **Charlie Pays** for trying really hard with his reading.

Year 1 – **Oliver Beckett** for his fabulous number pattern work & **Harry Acton** for working really hard with his reading.

Year 2 – **Hallie Mattison** for working hard to use her phonic knowledge in her spellings and **Jack Mountford** for a great work ethic in his approach to sounding out his spellings.

Year 3 – **Phoebe Kolacz** for having a 'can do' attitude to learning and never giving up.

Year 4 – **Sophie Bowman** for super thoughtful answers during RE & **Jessica Caney** for super progress in Maths.

Year 5 – **Jak Hodges** for his amazing improved effort in English and Maths & **Erin Curran** for her sheer determination and success at mastering equivalent fractions.

Year 6 – **Daniel Bowman** for his wonderful contributions to all class discussions & **Jessica MacMillan** for making fantastic progress in Maths.

Parents Evening – 7th March

If you haven't yet booked your appointment slot for the Parents Evening on Thursday 7th March, can you do so as soon as possible please? Thank you.

Sacramental Mass – Y4

The next Sacramental Mass for Year 4 will be on Sunday 10th March at 11am at St. Mary Magdalen's Church.

Year 3 & Year R Parents

On the calendar, Year 3 are down to lead an RE Celebration on the 11th March as well as lead a Class Showcase on the 18th March. We appreciate that this is a lot to expect parents to take time from work to attend. For this reason, Year R have kindly agreed to lead the assembly on the 11th March and Year 3 will lead the RE Celebration on May 20th instead.

Bags to School

We have raised an amazing £144 for the 'bags to school' collection. Thank you.

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	good
Year 1	super
Year 2	excellent
Year 3	marvellous
Year 4	exceptional
Year 5	splendid
Year 6	stupendous
Adult	ethereal

