

St Mary's Weekly

'Every Child Flourishing'



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Friday 20th January

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another fantastic week at St Mary's. As always, plenty of hard work, fun and remembering our New Year Resolutions (honestly!) Lots of children have been engaging with TTRockstars as a result of our weekly competitions; this has been wonderful to see. Please encourage your child to access this as it makes a huge difference to your child's understanding of numbers.

Safeguarding

Recently, friend-finding and social networking apps Wizz and HiPal Walkie Talkie have been topping the charts in their app store categories. Both of these apps involve finding and talking to people online. Please be aware of these and other online apps that children might be using including the age restrictions involved and monitor these carefully.

Bank Holiday

There will be an additional Bank Holiday this year on Monday 8th May to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. All schools will be closed on this day which means that Year 6 SATs will take place on Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May. We will carry out some celebrations in school leading up to the coronation and look forward to inviting you to join in some of these.

This week's attendance:

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance %</u>
FS2 (Reception)	88.62
Year 1	97.6
Year 2	92.6
Year 3	99.0
Year 4	99.0
Year 5	94.2
Year 6	91.4

Lunch Payments – ParentPay

Since the School must fund all school meal debts from its budget it is essential that all payments are up to date so that the quality of the service provided to all pupils is maintained. If you think you may qualify for Free School Meals, please contact the school office for further information. Please clear any debt on the account.

Reporting Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school poorly, when notifying the School please give specifics as to why your child is off, e.g. sickness, temperature, so we can monitor any potential outbreaks, rather than 'unwell' we appreciate your help with this.

Music Tuition Payments – ParentPay

These are now on ParentPay to be paid for, if your child no longer wishes to continue, please let the office know.

Year 6 Robinwood March 2023

The final payment instalment for the residential at Robinwood Activity Centre, Todmorden is now due, for the remainder of the residential **and transport**, this is due 1st February 2023.

School Text Messages

Please note all school's communication is through ParentPay – NOT ParentMail. All letters, texts and emails are sent through ParentPay. Any changes to mobile telephone numbers must be done by the parent/carer on the ParentPay app or on the website – this is not something the school can update on this platform.

Diary Dates

February

School Council Bun week 6th February

March

World Book Day (children can dress up as their favourite book character/activities across school) 2nd March

Year 3 Egypt trip to the town hall 7th March (more details to follow)

Year 6 Robinwood Residential 27th-29th

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher