



# St Mary Magdalen's

## HAPPY EASTER Newsletter



28th March 2024

Over the last few weeks, each class has been carefully creating two of the scenes from the 'Stations of the Cross'. On Monday, our first day in Holy Week, the stations were set up in our school hall, and Year 3 lead a very reflective walk around each individual station. From Reception to Year 6, the response from our children was incredibly respectful and reflective. Organised by Mrs Woosey, as a school community, it strengthened our understanding of the importance of Holy Week and reminded us of the significance of the Stations of the Cross at this time of year.



Year 5 brought our Holy Week to a close today with a thought provoking performance of 'The Three Trees' followed by a reflection of the hymn 'When I survey the Wondrous Cross'. It was a poignant reminder of the simplicity of Jesus's story told through 3 significant trees during his life - a cradle, a boat and a cross. Jesus was born to be a human like us; he calmed the seas to help his friends and he died on the cross - treated like a thief by those that he lived amongst. Despite all that goes on in our busy lives, we can rely on God's love. Easter is the time of year that we remember that God gave his only son as a sign of that love for us all. Please do talk to your child about their learning in school from this week and try to attend mass this weekend if possible. Mass details from Father Ian:

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm in St Mary Magdalen's,  
Good Friday Service at 3pm in both churches,  
Easter Vigil at 7:30pm in St Teresa's  
Easter Sunday Masses at 9:30am in St Teresa's / 11am in St Mary Magdalen's.



Today we say a temporary goodbye to Year 2 teacher, Mrs Butler who leaves us on maternity leave. She is overwhelmed by the outpouring of love from Year 2 parents and staff this week and has asked me to pass on her sincere thanks!



School reopens on Monday 15th April - gates at 8:40 to 8:50. We wish all of our families, friends and parish community a very happy and peaceful Easter!



### Reflection,

#### Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You so much for the cross. Through the work of Jesus on those two simple beams of wood, You have given me eternal life. I pray I will never forget Jesus' incredible sacrifice. The message of the cross is the power of God.

#### In Jesus' name, AMEN

#### British Values

We promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

#### Protected Characteristics

The Equality Act became law in 2010. It protects everyone in Britain from discrimination, harassment and victimisation through the nine Protected Characteristics. At St Mary Magdalen's, we actively promote these Protected Characteristics in our curriculum and work to embed them into our ethos. These characteristics are:

Age, Disability, Gender reassignment, Race Religion or belief, Marriage or civil partnership, Sex / Gender, Sexual orientation and Pregnancy and maternity.

There are no outsiders at St Mary Magdalen  
Everyone is different

We celebrate our differences

Nobody is treated unfairly because of these differences

There are no outsiders here!



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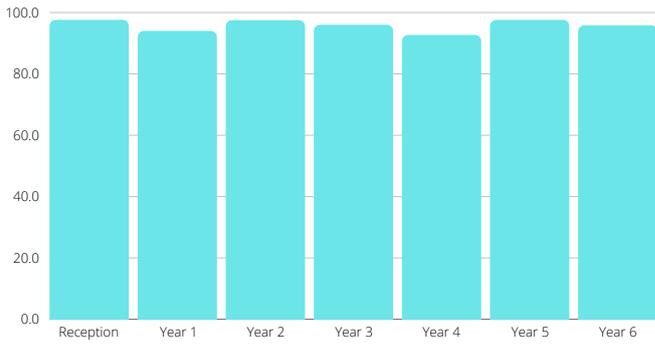


### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Mason R, Henry B, Oliver M,  
Scarlett W, Lyla M, Finian W,  
Edward K, Anna S, Oliver B, Molly  
T, Emilia B, Harper C

Many thanks to the PTFA for all of the 'Guess the Bunny' competitions that have been in class - winners have been notified (and some photos on the next page). Jarvis (Y2) is the winner of the chocolate hamper for supporting the TESCO appeal. **3 MORE DAYS TO ADD TO OUR TOKEN APPEAL - PLEASE SUPPORT US!**

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK



## SCHOOL MEALS

We start after Easter on week one of our new summer menu.

## FOODBANK

Friday 9:30 – 12:00  
Penwortham Community Centre



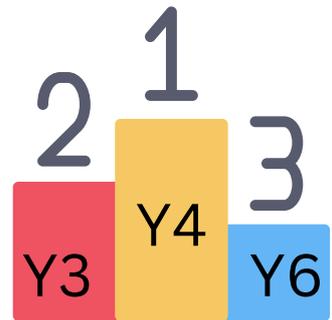
## SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder that we can move into Summer Uniform for next term (but do not 'have' to). Please ensure that you have checked the uniform on the school website - [School Website Uniform Page](#)

Summer uniform is maroon cardigan/jumper, grey shorts/skirt/trousers, pale blue polo shirt, blue gingham dress/skort, plain black shoes and grey socks (or plain white shoes and white socks if wearing the summer dress) Please note - no earrings, no nail varnish and long hair should be tied back. Thank you for your support.



This week's numbers are in ..



## ONLINE SAFETY:

A reminder that we have a monthly e-newsletter for online safety. March's edition includes information on [Fortnite](#), [Instagram](#) and [managing devices](#). As a parent, I know it is becoming increasingly difficult to stay on top of new apps and how to manage screen time - please do take a look at the newsletters - they have been written by professionals who want to help!

<https://www.st-marymagdalen.lancs.sch.uk/parents/e-safety>

## Dates...

### 15th April First day of term

15th April PTFA Rainbow raffle week

17th April Year 3 Scoutsafe

22nd-24th April Year 5 Residential to Robinwood

25th April Dress as a SUPERHERO Day

25th April Special Meal Day for St. Georges Day

3rd May Walk to School breakfast