

## A message from Mrs Gum

Our Mini Vinnies and GIFT Team visited Clayton Manor Care Home earlier this week. Mrs Nolan accompanied the group and was very complimentary about their behaviour and conduct. We have since received a correspondence from the home manager. *'I would just like to say how lovely it was for the children to visit us here at Clayton Manor. The children sang and joined in games, they interacted well, chatted and engaged beautifully with our residents. The little Vinnies are an absolute credit to themselves, their families and their school. We would love for you to visit us again, please get in touch with some dates! Thanks again, Tracy'* It is lovely to get such positive feedback and we are very much looking forward to developing stronger links with both Clayton Manor Care Home and the wider Congleton community.

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

In line with National statutory guidance, the Governing Body have agreed that authorisation will **NOT** be given for **ANY** holidays taken in term time. Requests for authorised absence must be made using the absence request form at least 4 weeks in **advance** of the absence. Please refer to the Attendance Policy on the school website. Please ensure that your child is in school ready to learn by 8:45am each day.

### Attendance

Nursery 89.4%

Reception 82.3%

Year 1 85.8%

Year 2 91.8%

Year 3 93.1%

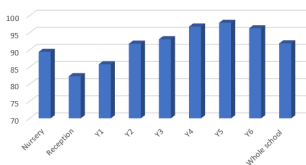
Year 4 96.8%

Year 5 97.9%

Year 6 96.3%

**Whole School Attendance**  
91.9%

Weekly Attendance



### Star of the Week

#### Nursery

Bella P

#### Reception

Ryan

#### Year 1

Sofia

#### Year 2

Zak

#### Year 3

Renie

#### Year 4

Mia

#### Year 5

Charlotte

#### Year 6

Leo

## THANK YOU

Thank you to parents, children and staff for making my first half term at Saint Mary's so enjoyable. Saint Mary's is clearly an extremely strong community and it is very evident that the school's mission of 'safe, valued and loved' is lived out each day by all stakeholders. I very much look forward to what lies ahead.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 5th Nov - Back to school  
Tues 12th Nov - Y5/6 Girls Football EB

## Lunch Menu

Week 3

## Forest School

8th November  
Y6

Thanks to PTA & everyone who supported the school disco last week—we raised £625!

Congratulations to Kiano in Reception class, who has read **every night** since his reading books were sent home, with the support of his parents. This commitment has already given him a great start in school and lots of confidence in reading.

## Term Time Absence

The number of term time absence requests for holidays and family events since the start of this academic year has been very high. You should be aware that the National Framework for Penalty Notices introduced a new national limit of 2 penalty notices that can now be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3 year period. If a second Fixed Penalty Notice is issued to the same parent for the same child, within three years of a first Fixed Penalty Notice, the second Fixed Penalty Notice is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days. A third occasion of term time absence within a 3 year rolling period could result in prosecution. Fixed Penalty Notices are now issued for cumulative unauthorised absences and not just for consecutive days. Please support and prioritise your child's education.

## Letters and Reminders

Applications for Year 7 Secondary School places for September 2025 must be submitted by **31st October 2024**

Applications for Reception places for September 2025 must be submitted by 15th January 2025

Applications must be made via [Cheshire East](#)



**ClassDojo**

Don't forget to check your emails and join your child's Class Dojo.

Dojo winners of the week - Year 6

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Anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. **Mark 10:43-44**