



**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Matthew 5:17-37**

This Sunday's long Gospel reading tells us that Jesus was not sent to change Jewish laws and ignore the prophets. He was not starting again from nothing and getting rid of the old; he was building upon it and bringing Israel to its next stage. The church is in need of renewal and we are at the heart of this, as were the disciples, doing Jesus' bidding.



**Gold Awards** Awarded for achievements in their work.

Reception	<b>Isla Feeney</b> for producing an amazing piece of independent writing.
Year 1	<b>Nala Hamadziripi</b> for putting 100% effort into her work and working hard to finish her writing and edit it all by herself too! Well done Nala!
Year 2	No award this week.
Year 3	<b>Sophia Carroll</b> for working hard in computing and being a supportive learning buddy. Well done!
Year 4	<b>Rory Woods</b> for excellent behaviour in class and working hard in all subjects.
Year 5	<b>Victoria Costa</b> for delivering a fantastic presentation about Brazil and proudly sharing her family heritage and teaching the class with such enthusiasm!
Year 6	<b>Whole class award</b> – For imaginative and very tasty soup recipes in Design & Technology

**Super Citizens** For children showing the Gospel Value of Hope.

Reception	<b>Edie Hoole</b> for not giving up when writing was difficult.
Year 1	<b>Gabriella Pue</b> for showing 'hope' by always trying her best and being a great encouraging friend to all. Well done Gabriella!
Year 2	No award this week.
Year 3	<b>Harriet Maughan</b> for showing hope by being a kind and caring member of our class – Harriet is always looking out for others.
Year 4	<b>Bradley Addison-Harris</b> for a positive attitude, attentive listening and wonderful work.
Year 5	<b>Jackson Crossley</b> for showing hope by always staying positive, encouraging and supporting others and being a fantastic friend to everyone!
Year 6	<b>Whole class award</b> – Mrs. Mulcock wishes to highlight the 'hope' and resilience shown by the class whilst she taught them and says, "All the best for your SATs in May. Have 'hope' and do your best!"

Winter Week 1 (9th March, 20th April)					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	Big brunch: pork sausage or veg sausage (v), omelette, crispy potatoes & beans	Loaded mild beef or veg chilli (v) nachos with rice and salad	Roast chicken or Quorn fillet (v), Roast Potatoes & Veg	Booths Beef or Veg Burger (v) With paprika wedges	Fish or Vegetable (v) Fingers with chips
<b>2</b>	Pasta twists with dough balls (v)	Lancashire butter pie with veg or baked beans (v)	Tomato Mascarpone Pasta with herby bread (v)	Mac 'n' cheese with crusty bread (v)	Pizza Margherita (v)
<b>3</b>	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Choice of sandwich

Winter Week 2 (23rd Feb, 16th March)					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	Loaded pizza panini with paprika wedges and peas (v)	Crispy chicken or veg (v) Goujons & Katsu curry sauce with rainbow rice	Pork or Veg (v) Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding, mash & veg	Spaghetti Bolognese & Dough Balls (v)	Crispy battered Fish fingers (or veg fingers) & chips
<b>2</b>	Tomato & mascarpone pasta with herby bread (v)	Puff pastry cheese whirl with herby potatoes, peas or beans (v)	Pasta spirals & tomato sauce with dough balls (v)	Choice of filled omelette with wedges and beans (v)	Pizza Margherita & chips (v)
<b>3</b>	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Choice of sandwich

Winter Week 3 (2nd Mar, 23rd Mar, 13 Apr)					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	Pork & carrot meatballs or Veg meatballs (v), mild Chilli & sweet pepper sauce, rice & salad	Savoury mince & dumplings with mashed potatoes, green beans, carrots	Roast Chicken or Quorn (v), Roast Potatoes & Veg	Chicken curry or veg curry (v) with mixed rice and naan bread	Fish Fingers or veg fingers (v) & Chips
<b>2</b>	Harry Ramsden's salmon and sweet potato fishcake with herby potatoes (v)	Pasta tubes & tomato sauce (v) with dough balls	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with herby Bread (v)	Vegetarian sausage roll, paprika potatoes, peas or beans (v)	Pizza Margherita & chips (v)
<b>3</b>	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Choice of sandwich

## Current attendance by year group for this academic year:

**Green** = above national average

**Red** = below national average

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
School Average	93.1%	91.7%	94.9%	96.6%	97.4%	97.0%	94.6%
National Average	93.8%	94.5%	94.9%	95.2%	95.1%	95.0%	94.6%

## Sporting Achievements

A huge well done to the Year 2 mini-skills team representing Alston Lane on Tuesday morning. They worked wonderfully as a team to score 109 points in the six activities. This means they came 1<sup>st</sup> overall, out of the 14 teams taking part.

Thank you to parents who took time out of their day to help with transport. It is much appreciated.

Due to our competitive sports success this year so far, we are currently top of the Premiership table, which comprises of 32 Preston schools. Huge thanks to Mr Harris for his work with the pupils.

## School Dinner price increase from Easter

The price of a school dinner will rise, after the Easter holidays, to £3.00 per meal. This is an increase of 10p per meal and follows Lancashire County Council's advice to schools, due to the cost of ingredients.

## Parents' Evenings – March 2026

Face-to-face parents' meetings will take place in the school hall on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Bookings for these will be open one week before, using Arbor. We ask parents, including separated families, to try and make one booking rather than multiple ones, where possible.

Children's books will be available, after each appointment, so you can see their wonderful work.

## Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb

Children have been learning more about Internet safety this week and the importance of how to safe online. Year 5 took part in the BBC 'Live Lesson' all about Artificial Intelligence technology. They were lucky enough to get a 'shout out' on the site during the lesson.

We have concerns that children of all ages are playing Roblox games online and regularly chatting to people they do not know. They tell us that some are adults and that their parents know what they are doing. This goes against the advice given by professionals.

Children should never:

- Play in private, away from their parents
- Play online with strangers
- Play using their own names (use an avatar)
- Give out personal details

## **Spring 2 PE Timetable (24<sup>th</sup> February to 27<sup>th</sup> March)**

PE lessons may change for your child's class after half term.

Children will be taking part in physical education lessons on the following days:

Monday	Nursery & Year 4
Tuesday	Year 5
Wednesday	Nursery, Year 2 & Year 1
Thursday	Reception & Year 3
Friday	Nursery & Year 6

Please ensure that children have their kit or suitable clothing for these days. Thank you.

## **Staff absence and changes**

Thank you to parents for their understanding when staff are ill and absent from work. Working in a school often puts staff right in the center of a variety of germs and viruses. We know it affects children in different ways when staffing routines change, but this sometimes cannot be helped.

Occasionally, it is also necessary to move staff from one class to another, based on specific circumstances and what is best for the children and school as a whole. These decisions are never taken lightly, but always with empathy and a child-centered approach. We appreciate that pupils and parents do not want changes during the year, but sometimes this is unavoidable. Thank you for your understanding.

## **World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Please see the letter that was sent home today, explaining our arrangements for World Book Day this year – Book sale, reading cafe and hat competition. It's going to be a great day!



# February Half-Term Activities

From Saturday, 14 - Friday, 20 February 2026, The Harris will be hosting a week of engaging family-friendly activities, including Creative Chemistry workshops, Lego and coding sessions, Mad

Science shows and immersive planetarium experiences. Many activities are free or low-cost, making them accessible for families, you can find full event details [on our website](#).

## Dates for the Diary

### February

- 23 **Inset Day - school closed**
- 24 School reopens for spring 2 half term
- 24 Year 4 swimming block starts until 6th March

### March

- 5 World Book Day
- 9 3pm Year 6 Class Worship – Parents invited
- 10 Science Roadshows
- 17 6.30pm Full Governors' Meeting
- 23 Parents' Evening day 1 – in school
- 24 Parents' Evening day 2 – in school
- 25 PTFA Bingo 5.45pm - 7pm
- 26 2.45pm Class Worship – Easter Focus – Year 3
- 27 Close for Easter holidays

### April

- 3 Good Friday
- 5 Easter Sunday
- 13 School reopens for summer term

### May

- 4 School closed - Bank Holiday
- 11-14 KS2 SATs Week
- 14-20 Book Fair
- 18-20 Year 4 at Tower Wood
- 18 3pm Year 1 Class Worship – Parents invited
- 21 PTFA Colour Run - sponsored event
- 21 Close for half term
- 22 INSET Day – school closed

### June

- 1 School reopens for summer 2 half term
- 15 3pm Reception Class Worship – Parents invited
- 15 Class Photographs
- 15 6.30pm Full Governors Meeting
- 16 Sports Day – Juniors 1pm / Infants 2.30pm
- 27 Grimsargh Field Day – all invited to take part

### July

- 2 Move Up Day (Y6 at Secondary Schools)
- 13 Reports to Parents
- 13 Leavers' Mass 6pm

- 15     Governors' SEC meeting 6pm
- 17     9.30am End of Year Whole School Mass
- 17     2.30pm Leavers' Assembly and Close for summer at 3.30pm