



Welcome back to school, we hope everyone had a great summer. The children have really enjoyed their first few days back at school and adapted to their new classes with remarkable ease. Thank you to all of you for preparing your children and making this transition as easy as it could be. They have been telling us about all the fun they have had over the summer break.



The start of this term sees our 1st anniversary as part of the Cidari Education Trust. We continue to forge relationships with our colleagues across the Trust, with the sharing of knowledge and experience benefiting everyone. Soon you will see the front of school looking a little fresher as we have new front doors fitted - ones that actually fit and keep the wind and rain out!

*We would like to ask parents of KS2 children to stay on the main playground and not congregate outside Year 2 and Year 3 classes when collecting at the end of the day - the teachers are still teaching and the sight and sound of parents outside the windows is distracting for both staff and children.*

We have welcomed 25 new reception children - they are all settling in well.

### Class Dojo

Class queries should continue to be sent in using Class Dojo and general queries to: [bursar@apleybridgeallsaints.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@apleybridgeallsaints.lancs.sch.uk). Messages sent to the class teacher on class dojo may not be seen during the teaching day, so replies should not be expected during the day. In order to support a work life balance staff have been asked to reply to messages within 48 hours of receipt and not after 5pm. (Mrs Shuttleworth isn't able to see messages sent to the teachers and they aren't able to see the messages received by her.) School absences should be reported using the office ansaphone, 01257 252647 by 9.30am. Please note that messages regarding being late for pick up should be made by phone as class dojo isn't manned constantly.

We look forward to the coming year and the children being able to experience a full, fun and exciting school year, we already have lots of activities and events booked in over the year. The diary dates are overleaf and complete until January 2025.

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY:

The first assembly of the year will take place on Monday 9th September at 9.00am.

Stars of the week will be presented (Reception class won't be in the hall), and we'll celebrate those with birthdays, plus any achievements the children want to share.

Thanks to the volunteers from the Friends who ran the 'welcome' coffee mornings for parents on Tuesday and Wednesday. We hope you were able to attend and that it was good to catch up!



### **HARVEST COLLECTION: Thursday 19th September**

As in previous years we will be holding a collection for Skelmersdale Food Bank. Y6 may bring items in on Monday 16th September due to Tower Wood visit.

We understand that families may not feel they are able to donate as generously as in previous years. The usual staples would be gratefully accepted, together with toiletries and household products, dog/cat food, nappies etc, the list is endless. Items should be brought into school on that morning, and they will be collected that day. Thank you in advance.



### Stars of the Week

|    | WELCOME CERTIFICATES<br>(TO BE PRESENTED IN CLASS) |
|----|--|
| R  |  |
| Y1 | LUCY F   |
| Y2 | MAX E<br>AMELIA                                    |
| Y3 | PAIGE<br>THOMAS C                                  |
| Y4 | ISAAC  |
| Y5 | JAXON<br>ELOISA                                    |
| Y6 | GEORGE B<br>DARCY                                  |

**HOUSE POINT WINNERS:  
St Andrew**

## Sunday Services at All Saints' Church Appley Bridge:

8th September: 9am Family Time      10.30am Covenant Service

15th September: 10.30 Lay-led service

22nd September: 9am Tots Time                      10.30am Harvest

29th September: 10.30am Lay-led Service



## **BIRTHDAYS:**

As we continue to promote our Healthy School status we will continue this year asking that instead of giving out sweets to celebrate a pupil's birthday we would welcome a donation of a new/good condition book for the school or class library. You are welcome to write 'donated by.....2024/25'. This scheme worked well last year as we continue to improve the choice of books available.

## **SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2025**

The application processes are now open for both primary and secondary school admissions for next year. *You need to apply to the authority in which you live.*

The deadlines to apply for a school place for September 2024 are:

31 October 2024 for secondary schools  
15 January 2025 for primary schools

*Wigan: <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Schools/School-Admissions/School-Admissions.aspx>*

*Lancashire: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>*

## ***Want to know what's going on in school?***

Follow us on X formerly Twitter as we regularly post updates of the events taking place in school – from examples of things happening in class to our visitors and our achievements.

**@AppleySaintsCE**

## **OPEN AFTERNOONS**

FOR PROSPECTIVE PUPILS  
RECEPTION 2025 -  
TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER  
THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER  
1.30PM—3.00PM

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

## **Dates for the Diary: -**

### **FAMILY LUNCHES: -**

10th October – Y3

14th November – Y4

23rd January – Y2

13th March – Y5

1st May – Y1

12th June – Reception

17th July- Y6 leavers

10 September - Y6 Tower Wood parents mtg  
3.35pm

13 September - Y5 Saxon Day

17-19th September - Y5 Bikeability

18-20th September - Y6 Tower Wood residential

19th September - Harvest Food Bank collection

26th September - Willersley Castle Parent's mtg,  
6pm

27th September - MacMillan coffee morning 9am

27th September - Reception class vision testing

4th October - School photographs

7th October - Y1-Y6 Parents Eve

8th October - reception class parents meeting

8th October - Open Day 1.30-3pm

14-16th October-Willersley Castle residential visit

17th October - School finishes at 3.30pm for half  
term

15th November - Children in Need day

20th November - Flu immunisation

28th November - Open Afternoon 1.30pm-3pm

29th November - Non-uniform day (Tombola prizes)

30th November - Church Christmas Fair (10—2)

11th December - KS1 Nativity, afternoon

12th December - KS1 Nativity 9.30am.

16th December - KS2 Carol Service 5.30pm

20th December - School finishes at 1.15pm

6th January - School reopens