



APPLEY BRIDGE ALL SAINTS

Church of England Primary Academy

10th July 2026

Dear Parents,

With just a few days left of this school year, I would like to wish you all a very enjoyable summer break. I would like to thank you for all your support for the school and for ensuring your child arrives punctually and ready to learn.

On 9th March we had a SIAMS inspection which looked at all aspects of being a Church School. The inspector talked to many of the children who were all fantastic ambassadors! Please take the time to read the very positive report on our website if you haven't already seen it. The next inspection will be in five years time.

In addition, on 23rd and 24th June, we had an expected Ofsted inspection. The report won't be available until September and we look forward to sharing it with you then. Again, the children were fantastic ambassadors and the inspectors were very impressed with the volume of parent surveys which were completed and the many very positive responses- thank you to everyone who took the time to complete these.

You may have recently seen that the results of the KS2 SATS have been delayed due to problems with the provider Pearson. The results are now due on 16th July; Y6 children and parents can expect to receive the results as soon as we are able to share them.

This year's Year 1 phonics results at 96% reflect the high priority given to our early readers which lays the foundation for future learning.

As always, this has been a very busy year and the children have been given many opportunities which all form part of our 'broad and balanced' curriculum. Some of the highlights are:

- Year 6 participation in the Archbishop of York Young Leaders Award for the ninth time.
- Taking a group of Year 4 pupils to see the earth model at the Cathedral.
- Groups of children meeting Michael Rosen and also the Rev. Richard Coles.
- Right Start for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Bikeability for Year 5, KS1 Nativity, 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel' and KS2 End of Year production, 'What a Knight!'.
- Every child has benefitted from the sports specialists who have been into school every Tuesday. In addition, many children have competed in sports against other schools including netball, football, cross-country, orienteering, swimming gala, benchball, dodgeball, tag rugby and athletics. Swimming lessons for Year 4 have also taken place.
- We were awarded the Platinum School Games Mark again for our engagement and participation in a range of inter-school events and tournaments.
- Music lessons have included piano and guitar with recorders and ukulele for whole classes. Also a wonderful KS2 Carol service and the choir out in the community singing at Golden Days and at the Christmas Fair.
- Music visits include Lancashire Sings, The Halle Orchestra and The National Youth Orchestra at inspiring venues.
- Confirmation preparation for Year 6, with a lovely service for those who chose to be confirmed.
- Living History days for the Stone Age (Year 3), Ancient Egyptians (Year 4), and Saxons (Year 5).
- Year 1 enjoyed a trip to Judges' Lodgings as well as Blackpool Zoo and Reception class visited 'Bring Yer Wellies'.
- Fantastic Foodbank collections at Harvest time and Christmas, a Macmillan cake sale and Children in Need.
- Celebrating World Book Day when we all dressed up as a favourite character.
- Marking Remembrance day with services for all children.
- Christmas Jumper day and Christmas lunch.
- Year 4 helped volunteers from church make the traditional Christingles ahead of the annual service.
- We celebrated a number of 'special' days, such as, Earth Day, Safer Internet Day and Anti Bullying Week.

- Year 6 Play in a Day which this year was 'Titanic'.
- Sports Day for all children to take part.
- Easter competitions and family lunches for all classes.
- An Interfaith week where the children learned about festivals in other major world religions.
- Yet another fantastic residential to Tower Wood for Year 6.
- A wide variety of clubs – football, netball, Storytime, art, choir, Pathfinders, World Heroes, Spanish, and reading.
- Great work from the Faith Heroes, World Heroes and Community Heroes who between them have planned and delivered lots of our school worship, plus made links with the local community and continued to promote Fairtrade. An additional Heroes group- the Green Planet Heroes who have begun to develop sustainability across school, beginning with raising awareness of Earth Day in April.
- Saints' days have been marked with children in each house wearing their team colour for the day.
- Supporting trainee teachers from Edge Hill University.

The Sue Dean Writing Award has been presented to a star writer in each class from Reception to Year 6 again this year. The winners were: Lily (Rec), Max (Y1), Sylvia (Y2), Ryan (Y3), Lucas F (Y4), Dominic (Y5) and Lily (Y6). We look forward to presenting this again next year to more fantastic writers across every class.

Year 6 have enjoyed taking part in the Lancashire run Fantastic Book Awards and Year 2 loved their Brilliant Book Awards.

The Friends have had a busy year of fun and fundraising; there have been discos, a Christmas wreath making evening, Christmas cards and decorations made by the children to be sold, a quiz night, a break the rules day, a readathon and a circus! Friends arranged refreshments at both the sports day and the KS2 performances. The Easy Fundraising scheme continues as does 'Your School Lottery'; please consider joining this if you can- see yourschoollottery.co.uk. The committee give a lot of time to school and we are very grateful for the work they do. The money raised has funded, amongst others, Christmas treats and a new outdoor gym. A big thank you to all of the Friends from all the staff and children. Please do consider volunteering a little bit of time next year so that this invaluable work can continue.

Thank you also to the parents who make the Village Hall car park accessible at drop off and pick up times, whatever the weather!

Your child's end of year report is enclosed; I hope you find it informative. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's report before the end of the term, please get in touch with your child's teacher via Class Dojo.

We will shortly be saying farewell to our 21 Year 6 children and wish them well as they move on to their high schools. Please join us for the Leavers' Service on Friday at 9am and to wave them off at 1.15pm. In addition, we say goodbye to Miss Housden who has been with us since September 2020. We wish her well as she relocates and settles into her new school. We look forward to welcoming Miss Harrison who will be teaching Year 5 Monday-Thursday from September.

A reminder about the current government regulations regarding leave in term time. Only leave for exceptional circumstances can be granted. Before booking a holiday, please check the term dates which are available on our website. Our attendance target is 97% and once more we have achieved this. Please also be aware that from September 2024, a Penalty Notice is issued and the fine is £160 per parent per child. Should a second holiday be taken, the Local Authority may prosecute or issue another Penalty Notice. On a third occasion, there will be a court summons with no option for a Penalty Notice. Should you want clarification before booking, please come and speak to myself or Mrs Shuttleworth.

The new school year will see some change of class teachers; your child will meet them next week in our transition sessions. The class teachers for next year are as follows:

Reception – Mrs Bullen-Hales	Y1 – Miss Williams	Y2 – Mr Buckley
Y3 – Mrs Glover and Mrs Harris	Y4 – Miss Muirhead	
Y5 – Miss Harrison and Mrs Waine (Fridays)	Y6 – Mr Roberts	

School closes at 1.15pm on Friday 17th July and reopens on Wednesday 2nd September. Pupils may wear either their current badged uniform or items with our new badge which has been designed using their great ideas. Unbranded items are also acceptable. Best wishes to all of our leavers as they move on to their new schools.

Yours sincerely,

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