



Archbishop Temple Church of England High School

John 11:1-45 The Death of Lazarus

11 Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) ³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." ⁴ When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, ⁷ and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." ⁸ "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. ¹⁰ It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light."

¹¹ After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." ¹² His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." ¹³ Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. ¹⁴ So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ Then Thomas (also known as Didymus^[a]) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Jesus Comforts the Sisters of Lazarus

¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was less than two miles^[b] from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. ²¹ "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

²⁸ After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." ²⁹ When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. ³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴ "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead

³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." ⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent

me.”⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

The Plot to Kill Jesus

⁴⁵ Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Message from Mr Catlow

Many of you will have seen the recent article in the LEP regarding our planning applications—this truly is an exciting time for our school community.

Now in the third year of our planned expansion, we continue to invest in and develop our facilities. This summer will see the addition of new science laboratories, enhanced technology spaces, and increased dining capacity, all ready for the new academic year. Alongside these developments, we are also planning a growth in both teaching and support staff. Many of you may already have seen our recent recruitment adverts; the previous two campaigns attracted close to 100 applications, highlighting that our school is a community that professionals are proud to be part of.

This week has also been a real highlight for our school community. Our performances of *Frozen* have been nothing short of outstanding—full of energy, talent and joy. It has been a pleasure to see our pupils shine on stage, demonstrating not only their creativity and confidence, but also their commitment and teamwork.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the staff, students and families whose dedication, encouragement and support made these performances such a memorable success. It is moments like these that truly capture the spirit of our school.

Headteacher’s Pupils of The Week

Vanessa U	7L	Amazing effort in all her lessons
Evie P	8L	Letting her light shine
Emily F-J	9G	Positive attitude towards her learning
Eva W	10I	Letting her light shine
Ruby L	11L	Maintaining a great work ethic

Weekly News

Pupil Council

It was great for some of our Pupil Council to welcome their Link Governor, Terry Mattinson, to one of their recent meetings. The pupils were keen to share what they have achieved so far this year, and to share information regarding ongoing projects they are also currently working on. They were particularly keen to share their ideas for the 'Culture Event' - something they have been working on for some time. They plan to launch this in the summer term. Watch this space!

Terry was very impressed with their enthusiasm and positivity. He commended the pupils on their willingness to put others before themselves, and to share their gifts and talents with others. Terry encouraged all pupils to keep making a difference in both their school community and the local community, too.

The Pupil Council look forward to inviting Terry in again in the near future. It is clear he is a true champion of the fabulous work they are doing!

If your child is also interested in making a positive difference, please encourage them to come along to Room 8 on a Thursday lunchtime.

They are guaranteed to be met with a warm welcome!

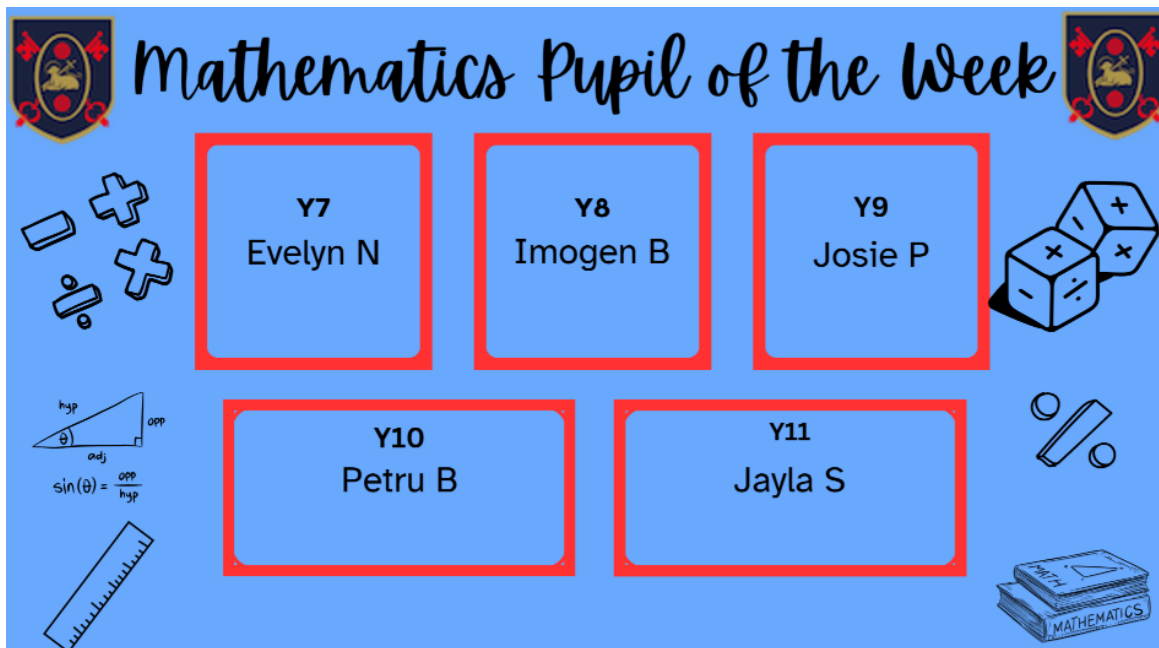


FROZEN 2026

Tonight marks **Show #4** of our school production of *Frozen*, and what an incredible week it has been. The cast and crew have poured their hearts into every performance, and while it's been wonderfully busy (and a little exhausting!), spirits are high as we fuel up with a pizza ready for the most important people to arrive back into school: our pupils.

We can't wait to share photos and highlights from the show with you. Be sure to check out **next week's newsletter** for a full recap.





Careers Update

Careers - Next Week:

- Some Yr. 11 pupils are undertaking their LUSoM College interviews in school on Wednesday 18th March 2026
- Yr. 7 Assembly : Thursday 12th March 2026 - Preston College - Careers
- Year 10 one-to-one careers appointments are currently being scheduled. Pupils will receive notifications regarding the date and time of their individual careers meeting.

Important Dates for your Diary

