



Newsletter Friday 12th July 2024

Ephesians 4

You must be made new in your hearts and in your thinking. Be that new person who was made to be like God, truly good and pleasing to him.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I know my newsletters often begin with a reference to the weather, and this one is no exception. Where has summer gone? Was it ever here? Will it come back? So many questions and no answers, leaving us in need of a lot of prayer.

Our Parents' Evening on Wednesday celebrated the hard work and achievements of all our children, with a special mention for our Year 6 students. The SATs tests provide a very limited assessment, categorising students into meeting, exceeding, or not meeting the standard. This blunt measurement fails to capture the immense hard work, perseverance, and dedication displayed by each child. It also overlooks the progress each student has made. Since everyone starts from a unique point, it's unrealistic to expect everyone to reach the same endpoint. We value all our children and are confident that we are sending them to the next stage of their education as well-rounded, caring, curious, and resilient individuals, ready to take the world by storm.

Unusually, we have some spaces available from September in our Reception Class, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5. Please do get in touch if you would like to enroll a student, and please pass this information on to any friends or neighbours that may be looking for a school where children always come first.

The Summer Fair, last Friday, was a huge success. Thank you so much for your support and the contributions made. About £400 was raised and this will be put towards activities and resources for all the children.

A couple of requests: Firstly, please ensure that all reading and library books are returned to school before the end of term. Secondly, take advantage of the uniform store in the front entrance hall. There are many nearly new pieces of uniform, especially sweatshirts, needing new homes. One of our wonderful mums has washed, ironed, and labelled them, so they are fresh and ready to go. There's no need to spend money if you find something suitable for the new school year.

Our worship theme this week has been, appropriately enough, 'Transition'. We examined transitions in nature, such as a caterpillar transforming into a butterfly and an acorn growing into an oak tree. We also explored individuals in the Bible who experienced significant change and transformation, such as Saul encountering the blinding light of God on his journey to Damascus.

"As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

Saul's transition from persecutor to follower was sudden and dramatic. We concluded that, for most of us, transitions occur much more gradually. Each experience, encounter, and relationship contributes to shaping the people we become.

Best wishes

Mrs M M Underwood

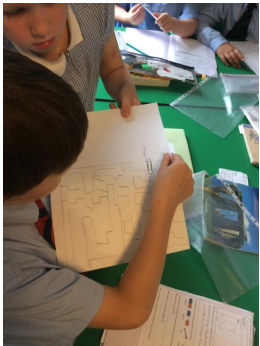




Thank you to everyone who collected their bottle tops for Year 4's art project. As you can see the finished designs look fantastic and the children really enjoyed learning about the artist El Anatsui and designing their very own piece of abstract art out of a recycled product. Some of the artwork represented feelings or emotions, whilst others created ideas of waterfall landscapes and rainbow rivers!



Year 3



In Science this half term, Year 3 have been learning about magnets and forces. After lots of research, we created our own magnetic games and our peers reviewed them!



KS1 Sportsday - The weather held up well for the KS1 Sports day on Monday, we had some great athletes amongst us.



Unfortunately the weather did not bless us for our KS2 Sports day on Tuesday. An indoor sports day has been planned for today (Friday 12th July), however due to space, parents will not be able to attend. Photos to follow next week.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Summer Food Fair, it was a huge success and we raised an amazing £442 in total! We would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who came and helped plan and run the event.

Congratulations to our Food Fair Winners Ollie and Nevaeh!



Swimming with Year 4



Dates for your Diary:

- Friday 12th July - Reception trip to Fairhaven Lake
- Wednesday 17th July - Year 5 trip to Marsden park
- Wednesday 17th July - Year 6 Leavers Party 5-6.30pm
- Thursday 18th July - Year 6 Leavers service in church 9.30am
- Friday 19th July - School closes at 2pm - Summer break
- Wednesday 4th September - School starts 8.45am

Class Dojo

Please check your emails for a link to join our new communication platform 'Class Dojo'. The email should contain all the relevant information to login and access. We will be utilising this in the office for all communications fully by september. Don't forget to set up your in app notifications so you can access messages when they are sent.

Leavers Service

This years Year 6 Leavers service will be performed in Church on Thursday 18th July at 9.30am. All are welcome to attend.

School Day

Please remember that our school day starts at **8.45am** every morning. Any children arriving after this time should still be using the late door until 8.55am. Teaching and learning starts at **8.45** in class, children arriving regularly after this time are missing out on this learning as well as disrupting the registers and causing excessive work for the teachers and office staff trying to ascertain if they are in school or not.

Absence

Please contact the school office before 9am if your child is absent from school. This can be done by phone, email or text.

KS1 MILK

Use this link for more information and to register
<https://www.coolmilk.com/>

Year 6 Leavers Party

Save the date! - The Year 6 leavers party will be held on Wednesday 17th July 5 - 6.30pm.

Our next Annual General Meeting of Friends is being held on the 16th September at 5.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Our winners w/e /06/24
were:

YEAR 1 with 99.5%



We would like to expressive a very big **THANK YOU** to all our parents/carers who kindly donated tools to the school. We really do appreciate your generosity.

Good News Announcements

This weeks Medal Winners are:



Molly	- Year 1	- For sensational story writing
Fletcher	- Year 1	- For sensational story writing
Ema	- Year 1	- For wonderful history work
Ibraheem	- Year 1	- For wonderful history work
Alice	- Year 2	- For awesome art
Olivia	- Year 2	- For awesome art
Sophie	- Year 2	- For wonderful writing
Shahwaiz	- Year 2	- For beautiful independent writing
Blake	- Year 2	- For fabulous phonics and reading
Whole Class	- Year 2	- For magnificent writing
Reid	- Year 2	- For exciting writing using expanded noun phrases
Emily	- Year 2	- For exciting writing using expanded noun phrases
Amelia	- Year 2	- For exciting writing using expanded noun phrases
Aiza	- Year 3	- For momentous musical talent
Noah	- Year 5	- For sensational similes
Daisy	- Year 5	- For sensational similes
Miley	- Year 5	- For sensational similes
Joseph	- Year 5	- For great independent maths work
Harrison	- Year 5	- For great independent maths work
Britta	- Year 5	- For marvellous imedia work
Iraj	- Year 5	- For marvellous imedia work

Parent Checklist



Absence - Please inform the office of any sickness or absences before 9am and try and arrange appointments out of school hours where necessary.

Contact Details - Have you updated your email address and mobile number with the office?

School Meals - Please remember to order your meal choices using Parentpay, these can be pre-ordered up to half term.

Is your child wearing the full and correct **uniform**? (Ties can be purchased via parentpay). Remember to send a suitable coat daily.

Is your **PE kit** in school and fully labelled? Remember Fitness Friday each week - Wear your Trainers.

Head Lice - Remember to check your child's hair regularly. There have been several reports of headlice in school recently.

KS1 - have you registered for **milk**? Use this link for more information and to register <https://www.coolmilk.com/>

Free School Meals - Are you eligible for **Free School Meals**? Use this link to check: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=2>

Uniform - You can order school uniform online <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/greatmarsden> Please ensure that all clothing and belongings have your child's name in.

LUNCH TIME

Autumn Winter

2024-25:

2/9, 23/9, 14/10,

4/11, 25/11,

16/12, 6/1, 27/1



THE MAIN EVENT

Margherita Pizza
Slice and Wedges

BBQ Cheesy Chicken

Bangers & Mash

Lasagne

Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips



MEAT-FREE MAGIC
Veggie Dish

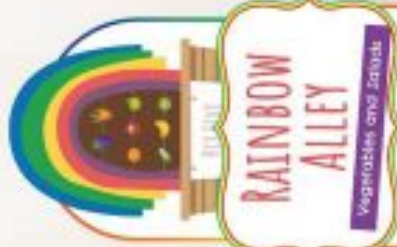
Veggie Pepper and Sweetcorn Pizza
Slice with Wedges

Cheesy & Bean Wrap

Quorn Sausage, Mash

Vegetable Lasagne

Veggie Burger and Chips



RAINBOW ALLEY
Vegetables and Legals

Sweetcorn

Apple Slaw and Wholegrain Rice

Peas and Carrots

Green Beans

Baked Beans



BIG TOPPING
Meat, Cheese

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

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Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo



DESSERT TROLLEY

Toffee Frozen Yoghurt

Brownie

Forest Fruits Jelly Pots

Cookie Dough Apple Crumble

Jammy Thumbprint Biscuits



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

LUNCH TIME

Autumn Winter

2024-25:

9/9, 30/9, 21/10,

11/1, 2/12,

23/12, 13/1, 3/2



The MAIN EVENT

Cheesy Tomato
Pizza Muffins

Sticky Chinese
Noodles

Buttered Chicken
Curry

Classic
Cottage
Pie

Battered Fish
and Chips

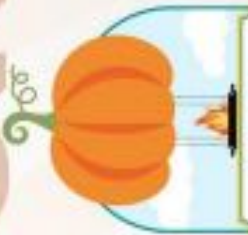
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THURSDAY

FRIDAY



MEAT-FREE MAGIC
veggie Dish

BBQ and
Sweetcorn
Pizza Slice

Sticky Hot Sin
Veggie Noodles

Sweet Potato & Chic
Pea Balti

Roasted Sweet
Potato Pastry Roll
and Mash

Cheese and
Tomato Toasted
Wrap with Chips



RAINBOW ALLEY
Vegetables and Zonjas

Wholegrain
Pasta Salad and
Green salad

Broccoli

Wholegrain Rice
& Sweetcorn

Peas

Baked
Beans



BIG TOPPING
Filled Avocad

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

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DESSERT TROLLEY

Toffee Apple
Sponge and
Custard

Chocolate
Sprinkle Iced
Cake

Raspberry
Coconut Jelly

Fresh Fruit
Salad

Anzac
Biscuits

DAILY SALAD BOWL,
FRESHLY BAKED BREAD,
YOGHURTS AND
CUT FRUIT

AVAILABLE DAILY



PASTA TWIRLER

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Topped Pasta

Hot Pasta
topped with
Homemade
Tomato Sauce &
Cheese

LUNCH TIME

Autumn Winter
2024-25:
16/9, 7/10,
28/10, 18/11,
9/12, 30/12,
20/1, 10/2



THE MAIN EVENT

Aspens All Day Brunch

Sausage Casserole and Mash

Chicken Tikka Masala

Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice

Golden Fish Fingers and Chips



MEAT-FREE MAGIC
Veggie Dish

Aspens Veggie Brunch

Vegetable Pot Pie and Mash

Vegetable Curry

Mild Veggie Bean Chilli Loaded Wedges with Cheese

Vegetable Fingers and Chips



RAINBOW ALLEY
Vegetables and Salads

Baked Beans

Roast Root Veggies

Wholegrain Rice Sweetcorn

Broccoli

Peas



BIG TOPPING
Filled with...

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

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DESSERT TROLLEY

Marble Cake

Apple, Cinnamon Raisin Flapjacks

Orange and Mango Jelly

Banana Bread Muffins

Gingerbread Cookies

DAILY SALAD BOWL,
FRESHLY BAKED BREAD,
YOGHURTS AND
CUT FRUIT
AVAILABLE DAILY

PASTA TWIRLER
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
Topped Pasta
Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese

MONDAY

TUESDAY

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FRIDAY

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ONLINE TROLLING

The term "trolling" refers to sending hurtful or provocative comments – often done anonymously online – to provoke a reaction or cause emotional distress. Anonymity can embolden people into saying things they wouldn't dare say in person. Euro 2024 and other tournaments tend to put an emphasis on this, with the abuse of both players and fans often increasing during such events.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ESCALATION

Many trolls begin with silly, banal comments before moving on to a broader pattern of offensive messages and posts. They can also turn their attention very quickly to a new target if they grow bored with an existing one, which makes engaging with one fruitless at best – and potentially dangerous at worst.

HIDING BEHIND A SCREEN

Because trolls tend to use anonymous profiles, they enjoy a lack of accountability. This also means they'll often have multiple profiles, potentially switching between them regularly or posting across several of them at the same time, making a target feel as though there's no escape. After all, once you block one account, what's to stop them reappearing elsewhere?

24/7 CONTACT

The Internet has given us the ability to remain in contact at any time, from almost anywhere in the world. A troll having the ability to reach you whenever they want can leave you feeling like their abuse is unavoidable. While they don't see you in real life, they can message you at any time, reach out to your peers online and even try to discover your personal information to scare you.

HATE SPEECH

Sadly, many trolls resort to spewing racial slurs, homophobic attacks and sexist stereotypes, as these often stand the best chance of causing emotional harm. This can add a hefty degree of weight to their attacks, moving from what might charitably be described as "teasing" into a genuine hate crime. After Euro 2020, three England footballers were racially abused, resulting in several prison sentences.

IMPACT ON VICTIMS

It's not uncommon for the victims of trolls to shut down their accounts, disappear from public life, and try to stay out of the crosshairs for a time – with some even leaving social media forever. This can have a severe impact on children and young people's connections to friends and the world at large, and may not even actually stop the troll. The victims' families, for example, may have online profiles that trolls can still access.

NORMALISATION OF TROLLING

It is, regrettably, inevitable that some people will go too far in their criticisms or comments, both online and in the real world. This can lead to many people seeing trolls and their abuse as part and parcel of social media – an inherent risk of interacting with others online. This doesn't mean, however, that it should be considered "normal" or even tolerated.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

While social media platforms (where most trolling tends to happen) aren't always helpful when responding to abusive behaviour, parents can set up screen time limits, so children only get to use certain apps at certain times. There's always the potential for trolling to occur anyway – such as friends showing screenshots to one another – but this would minimise the likelihood of children seeing it.

ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

While every professional athlete aspires to maintain high standards, it's important to separate the player from the person. A player's performance doesn't make them worthy of abuse, and that can often be forgotten by younger children who simply see the colour of the shirt without considering the person wearing it. For all the rivalries between teams, it's essential children understand that players are still human beings, with families and lives outside of sport.

DON'T ENGAGE WITH ABUSE

A well-known adage on social media is "don't feed the trolls". Fundamentally, if a child identifies a potential troll online, it's best not to engage with that individual directly. Instead, consider setting up a log to gather evidence for reporting them later on, including screenshots and quotes where possible.

BLOCK AND REPORT

While anonymous accounts make it difficult to block trolls permanently – or even for very long – it's still good practice to help children learn to control who can engage with them online. It's not worth "feeding the trolls", and it's more helpful to block them, report them, and try to move on. Blocking and reporting is an anonymous process, too, so there'll be no indication of who specifically blew the whistle.

Meet Our Expert

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The National College

Important Update – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices Information for Parents

You may be aware that the Department for Education has recently announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes will come into effect on 19 August 2024.

The changes to be aware of are:

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice **must** be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period¹. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions).
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19 August 2024 will count towards the above thresholds.

Absences can have a lasting effect on learning

**Missing a week of school means your child will miss around 25 hours of learning
This creates gaps in their knowledge and could mean they will not meet their full potential**

¹ A school week is any week in which a school meets at least once.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

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GIANT INFLATABLES



WHEN

22nd July – 16th August



WHERE

NELSON & COLNE
COLLEGE



WHY?

ENGAGE-INSPIRE-
MOTIVATE-EMPOWER!

NEW

ACTIVITIES

SPORTS & GAMES

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INFLATABLES

THEME DAYS

MEDALS & REWARDS

BREAKOUT ACTIVITIES

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