



Newsletter Friday 14th November 2025

Remembrance

John 15:13:

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are getting ready for our Christmas Fair which will take place on Thursday 27th November! Get ready for festive fun, games, and treats for the whole family, including a Chocolate Tombola, a variety of entertaining games, and a Lucky Dip featuring a brilliant selection of new toys kindly donated by Lidl supermarket!

To help make our main Tombola stall a huge success at the fair, we are holding a special Non-Uniform Day on Friday 21st November!

The theme is simple: Fill a Pint Glass!

Your child will be bringing home a plastic pint glass provided by the school.

In exchange for wearing their own clothes on Friday 21st November, we kindly ask that each child brings the pint glass back to school on that day, filled with small items which will be super treats for anyone who wins it

This could be anything from small toys, pencils, rubbers, and pencil sharpeners to individually wrapped sweets (please remember our nut-free policy!). Every filled glass makes a difference and helps us create a fantastic Tombola for everyone to enjoy.

All proceeds from the Christmas Fair and the pint glass Tombola will go to the Friends of Great Marsden.

The money we raise goes directly back to your children—whether this is through new learning resources, improvements to the school environment, or by helping to keep the cost of memorable trips and visitors as low as possible.

It has been a little while since we've had a Christmas Fair, and we are so excited to bring this tradition back! Let's all work together to make the 27th November a super successful and incredibly fun time for the whole school community!

Thank you for your support – we can't wait to see you there!

Kind Regards,

Mrs M Underwood



An important note from Mr Longley regarding Attendance

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance is a massive focus in school and it has become a larger area of focus for both Ofsted and the Department for Education and, as a result, the school is feeling more pressure to improve attendance.

Our school currently sits below the national and local average and so an improvement needs to be seen. If you wish to go on holiday, this must be done during the school holidays. Regardless of the cost, the loss of learning that takes place during any in term holidays is often too great to properly recover from.

If your child is experiencing a minor illness but is not restricted to bed rest, please still send them to school. We often find that children's spirits lift when they are engaged with their friends and classroom activities. We are happy to administer necessary medication (with appropriate documentation). Should your child become genuinely too unwell to remain, we will contact you immediately for collection. We will never force an unwell child to stay.

Please do what you can to support the school improve attendance and in turn, children's education.

On a positive note

The attendance winners for w/c 3rd Nov was Year 3 at 97.3%,

The attendance winners for w/c 10th Nov was Year 4 at 97.27%

Congratulations to Year 3 and Year 4 for having exemplary attendances.

Regards

Mr Longley

School Nurse Drop in Sessions

Our next Drop in session with the school nurse is being held on Tuesday 18th November. These are 10 minute one to one sessions available to everyone. Please take advantage of these amazing readily available appointments whilst they are there.

Christmas Performances

This years Christmas performances will be held on the following dates:

KS2 (3/4/5/6) - Wednesday 10th December
9.30am & 2.30pm

KS1 (Rec/1/2) - Monday 15th December
9.30am & 2.30pm



(Ticket information will be sent nearer the time.)

Dates for your Diary

Whole School	Non Uniform Day	Friday 21st November (Fill a Pint Pot)
Reception	Little Lancashire Village	Tuesday 18th November
Year 1	Blackburn Museum	Wednesday 19th November
Year 5	Kensuke's Kingdom	Wednesday 26th November
Whole School	Christmas Fair	Thursday 27th November 3.30pm
Year 5	Oliver - Burnley Youth Theatre	Tuesday 9th December
KS2 (3/4/5/6)	Christmas Performance	Wednesday 10th December 9.30am & 2.30pm
KS1 (Rec/1/2)	Christmas Performance	Monday 15th December 9.30am & 2.30pm



Before the half-term break, we partnered with Morrisons to host a competition. They selected five winners who received fantastic prizes. Congratulations to everyone who won!



The coloring competition for Nelson Town Council was sent home with children yesterday. To participate, please have your child complete the entry and **return it to the school by Monday morning**. Good luck—we hope to see many winners!



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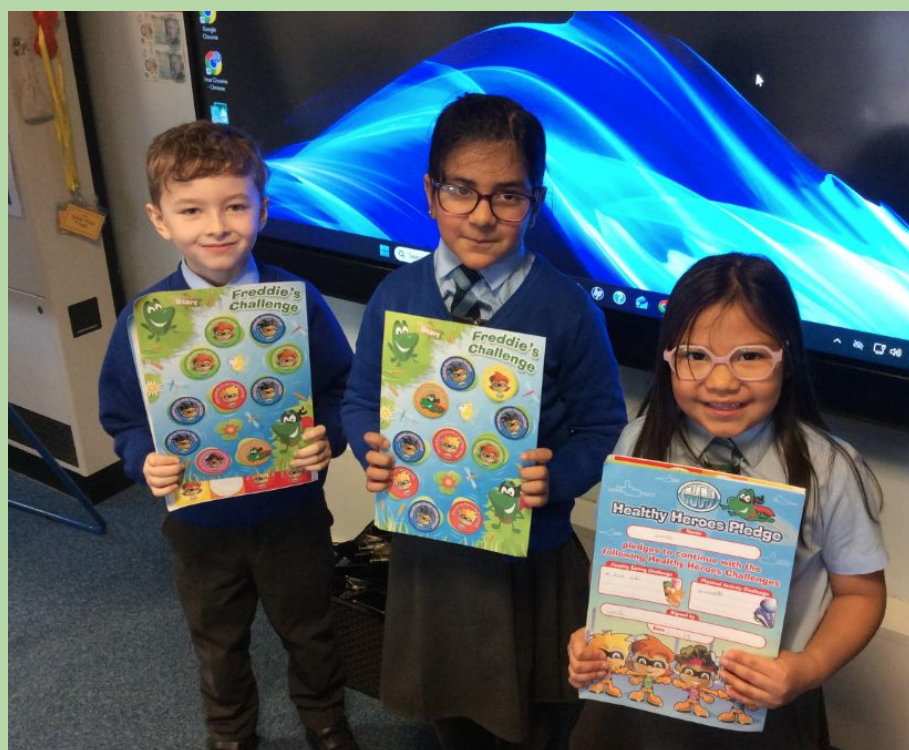


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Year 4 welcomed their parents into their Roman museum. They completed a quiz using the knowledge they had learned.



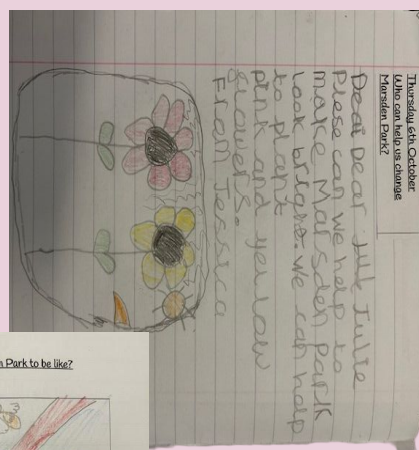
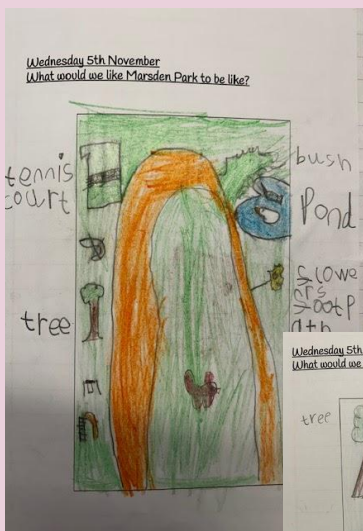
Year 2 with their completed Freddie's Challenge sheets



Year 1 learn about the local area in geography. We walked to Marsden Park and noticed things that we like and dislike.



We found out about what other parks looked like and created our dream parks! Miss Jefferies sent an email to Friends of Marsden Park. Julie and Marie said they would like to visit us! We told them about our ideas.



Lots of children wanted to plant more flowers in the park. We asked Marie and Julie. They said that we could and they would help us! They asked us to design a flower bed and they would buy the flowers. We are going to plant them in the summer.

What We've Been Up To!

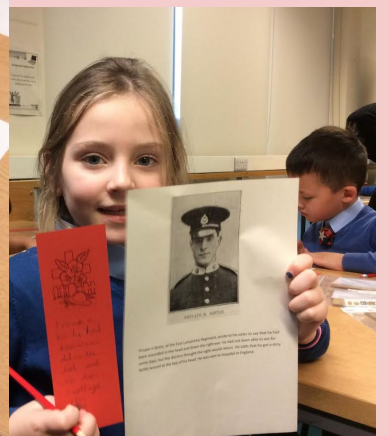
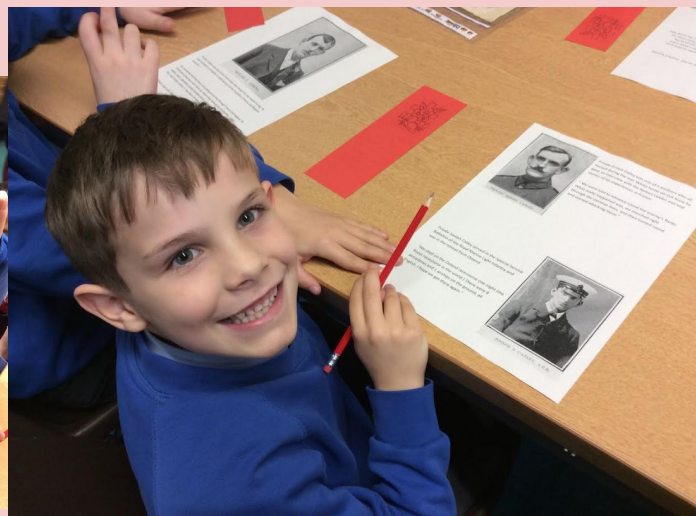
This week, our Reception superstars have been busy! In the Vet Role Play area, they've been looking after animals and pretending to be caring vets. We've also been learning about People Who Help Us and discovering how helpers make our world a better place. In maths, the children had fun with the number 6, and in RE, we explored friendships looking at sharing, caring, and being kind to our friends.



Remembrance Day



On Tuesday 11th November, Year 2 took a trip to the local library and cenotaph as part of our history topic on Remembrance. We were lucky enough to be invited to take part in the two minutes silence, at the cenotaph, with the mayor and local veterans. We then went inside the library to learn more about the local men who had fought in the war.



Join us for our Monthly School Nurse Drop-in sessions

These will be held in the hall and Mrs Lawton's office on a first come, first served basis. Allowing approximately 10 minutes per person to discuss your child's health and wellbeing in the privacy of Mrs Lawton's office. Drinks will be offered to those waiting.

Dates available:

Tuesday 21st October - 9am until 10am

Tuesday 18th November - 9am until 10am

Tuesday 16th December - 9am until 10am

For more detailed information please refer to Mrs Lawton's letter which was sent out via Class Dojo.



New School Nurse Drop-In Sessions for Parents/Carers

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of my new role in school, I'm setting up different support groups and drop-in sessions for the whole school community.

I'm pleased to announce the first of these: **a monthly School Nurse Drop-In**. This is a great opportunity to get direct support from our staff nurse.

Session Details

A private, 10-minute slot for you to discuss your child's health and wellbeing with the school nurse in the privacy of Mrs Lawton's office.

Dates & Times:

October 21st: 9.00am – 10:00 am

November 18th: 9.00 am – 10:00 am

December 16th: 9.00 am – 10:00 am

The School Nursing Team can offer advice and support on a range of topics, including:

Toileting and Continence

Sleep

Low-Level Emotional Wellbeing

Behavioural concerns

Public Health Needs (e.g., diet, dental care, puberty, hygiene)

School Readiness

Please get in touch with me directly or contact Mrs Fletcher through the school office with any queries.

Regards,

Mrs Lawton

Please note: The school nurse cannot prescribe medication or diagnose medical conditions.

Mini Marsdens

Stay and Play Baby & Toddler Group

Every Tuesday
8.45am until 10am
All are welcome

