



Newsletter Friday 20th June 2025

KINGDOM OF GOD

Peter heals the lame man.

"Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God."

Dear Parents and Carers,

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As we approach the final weeks of the academic year, the school is a busy place. It's hard to believe how quickly this year has flown by, and we want to thank you all for your incredible support and partnership throughout the past months.

A Fond Farewell and Warm Welcome: Staffing Updates for September

As is often the case at this time of year, we have some staffing updates to share for the upcoming academic year. While we are sad to say goodbye to some valued members of our team, we are also excited to welcome new colleagues who will enrich our school community.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Mrs Walsh (Assistant Head and Inclusion Lead) , who will be retiring from school life at the end of the term after many years of dedicated service to our school. Mrs. Walsh has touched countless lives, and her passion, humour, dedication, openness and integrity in both her teaching role and that of Inclusion Lead will be greatly missed. Mrs Walsh will be moving her talents to a different type of work outside education, we are confident that she will be a huge success.

We also bid farewell to Mrs Morton, who has been our Early Years teacher for a number of years. Her ability to nurture and develop our youngest children will be a loss. Mrs Morton will be moving on to pursue further studies and is going to train to be a midwife. We wish her the very best in this exciting new career path.

Miss Gallagher will return to us before the summer holidays from her maternity leave. We look forward to having her back.

Additionally, we are delighted to say that Miss McEnnerney is staying with us and taking on the role of EYFS teacher. She has been working in school since October 2024 and has proven herself to be a super teacher, a committed colleague and an approachable person for children and adults alike.



Miss Jefferies will step up to the role of Assistant Head whilst maintaining her oversight of SEND.

We are in the process of recruiting a class teacher for Year 3 and a Children and Family Support Worker. We will let you know who will be taking these roles as soon as possible.

So who will be teaching where next year? This is a much anticipated question and, to help with a smooth transition, I can let you know now.

Early Years - Miss McEnnerney, Mrs Ruane and Mrs Choudary

Year 1 - Mrs Hollas, Miss Jefferies and Miss Fenwick

Year 2 - Miss Abrahams and Mrs Ali

Year 3 - TBC and Mrs Hanley

Year 4 - Miss Gallagher and Mrs Choudary

Year 5 - Miss Brown and Miss Wintersgill

Year 6 - Miss Thompson and Miss Earnshaw

Warm regards,

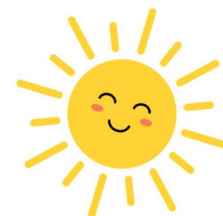
Mrs M Underwood



LATENESS: Please be reminded that school officially starts at **8.45am**. Children should be at school for this time ready to enter school when the whistle is blown. We have seen an increase in lateness recently with repeat offenders on a daily basis. This is not acceptable and is extremely disruptive. If your child is late, this not only impacts their morning, but also the rest of the class, and the office, which has further impact on learning. 15 minutes of lateness every day adds up to 1 hour 15 minutes a week which is equivalent to 47 hours of missed learning over a school year. Being late for school is a subtle act of disrespect not only to the teachers who plan the lessons but also to the classmates who arrived on time.

Warmer Weather

With the warmer weather hopefully staying a while longer, please ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately. This includes bringing a sun hat if needed, applying sunscreen before school, and remembering a water bottle.



Sports Day

Our Sports Day this year will run across 2 days.

KS2 30th June 9.30am Start

KS1/EYFS 1st July 9.30am Start

This year we will be holding a refreshment stall for SPECTATORS selling drinks and cakes to raise VITAL funds for our school Friends Group. Please note these refreshments will not be available to children - they will have their own water bottles with them. All items will be sold for £1 and will be cash only.



We Are a Nut-Free School

Our school is completely nut-free. This means no nuts or nut products should be brought onto school grounds, including items like Nutella and other hazelnut spreads. We have several students and staff with severe allergies, and even a tiny amount of a nut product can cause a dangerous reaction. Your cooperation keeps everyone safe!



Don't forget: There is no crossing patrol until further notice. Take extra care on roads around school and assist other children crossing where possible. Thank you.

Stay and read for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 is every Tuesday from 8.45am - 9am in the classrooms.

Headlice - We are seeing an increase in headlice cases in classes at the minute. Please ensure that you are checking children's hair on a regular basis and treating accordingly.

Dates for your Diary

30th June	Reception	Blackpool Zoo
30th June	KS2	Sports Day
1st July	KS1/EYFS	Sports Day
10th July	Whole School	Parents Evening
15th July	Year 6	Bowling Trip
22nd July	2pm	School closes for Summer Break
3rd September	8.45am	School re-opens

GMSJ Good News Page



Well Done Hareem!

Our Magical maths summer 1 winner of the £20 voucher.

There is still an opportunity to enter and be in with a chance to win Summer 2's voucher. Sessions are every Friday at 3pm on alternate weeks across Ks1 and 2. This Friday is the turn of EYFS, Y1 and Y2. Turn up and get a chance to work with your child and be entered into the draw. If you are unable to attend, complete the activity in the purple book your child brings home.

A Farewell for Mrs. Walsh

Rather than gifts or flowers, Mrs. Walsh would be incredibly grateful for a donation made on her behalf to **New Nepal Society Center**. This is a charity she has visited many times and is very dear to her heart. Donations can be handed into the office or arranged using details on their website.

If you'd like to say goodbye in person, you can find her during the Mini Marsden sessions on **Tuesday mornings (8:45 AM - 10:00 AM in the hall)** or after **Celebration worship every Friday**.

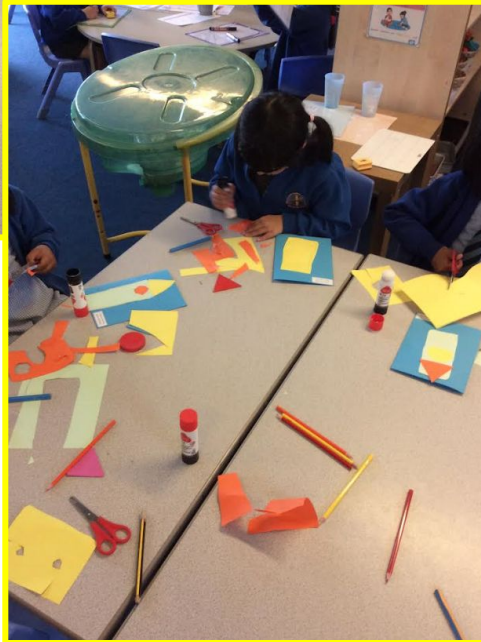
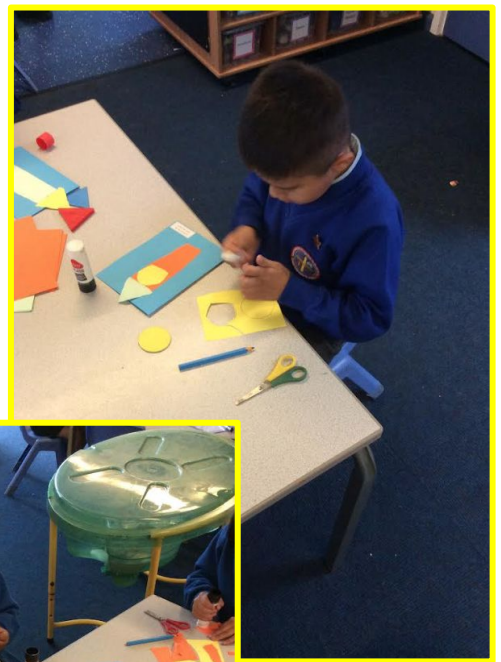


This weeks Medal Winners are:

Hassan	- Year 6 -	for superb choice of evidence in comprehension
Amelia	- Year 6 -	for her extended writing letter to Auggie from dad (Wonder)
Reid	- Year 6 -	for outstanding creative letter writing based on Wonder
Daisy	- Year 6 -	for outstanding creative letter writing based on Wonder
Aibel	- Year 6 -	for outstanding creative letter writing based on Wonder
Penelope	- Year 6 -	for outstanding creative letter writing based on Wonder
Maliha	- Year 6 -	for outstanding creative letter writing based on Wonder
Fareeha	- Year 6 -	for outstanding creative letter writing based on Wonder
Emily	- Year 6 -	for outstanding creative letter writing based on Wonder
Isla M	- Year 5 -	for her superb choice of evidence in comprehension work
Lily	- Year 5 -	for amazing angles
Emanuel	- Year 5 -	for gorgeous geometry
Noah	- Year 2 -	for tremendous writing about Mr Toad



Children in Reception Class have been talking about special men in their lives and how they help us to grow. As a special thank you each child has worked really hard at using our 2D shapes to make special space themed cards for those special men in our lives!

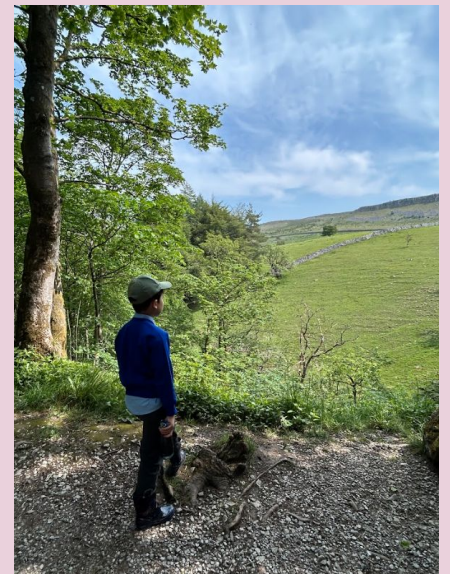


Year 4
Swimming: Just a few pictures of our Year 4 - very excited before their swimming session last week. Don't forget to bring old pyjamas to next week's session.





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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS



YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING



Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED



YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION



There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK



While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

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