



Newsletter Friday 22nd May 2026

Psalm 56

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."

Dear Parents and Carers,

Faith, Footsteps, and High Ropes: A Week of Trust

This week, our Year 6 adventurers have been facing their fears, digging deep into their reserves of courage and placing great trust in both people and things during their outdoor residential. It's one thing to talk about trust in the classroom, but quite another to rely on it when you are harnessed several metres above the ground!

Whilst our young young climbers have been in Wales, in school we've been looking at two incredible examples of trust from history and faith:

Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay:

In 1953, these two men reached the summit of Mount Everest. Their success wasn't just about physical strength; it was built on a deep, life-saving trust in one another. They moved as one, bound by a single rope, knowing that their lives were literally in each other's hands.

Peter's Walk of Faith:

We also reflected on the New Testament story of Peter stepping out of the boat to meet Jesus on the water. It's a powerful reminder that trust often requires us to step out of our comfort zones and keep our eyes fixed on our goal, even when the "waves" of doubt feel overwhelming.

Putting it into Practice

Back at the residential site, Year 6 have lived out these lessons every single day. Watching (via Facebook) them navigate the high ropes and team challenges, it was clear that they weren't just building skills, but building community. We've been so proud to watch them develop:

Trust in the Equipment: Overcoming those initial "butterflies" to believe that the safety harnesses and ropes would hold firm.

Trust in the Instructors: Listening carefully to expert guidance and following safety protocols to navigate brand-new challenges.

Trust in Each Other: Offering words of encouragement from the ground and working together to solve complex group problems.

Just as Hillary relied on Tenzing, and Peter relied on his faith in Jesus, our pupils have learned that we go further when we trust together. By leaning on one another, they managed to conquer fears that seemed impossible on Monday morning.

Welcome back, Year 6—you've shown us exactly what true bravery and collective spirit look like! "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." — Proverbs 3:5

Kind Regards,
Mrs Underwood



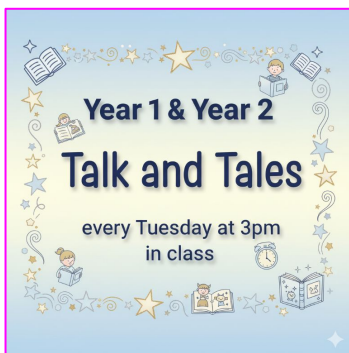
Important Back-to-School Reminders

- Tuesday, 2nd June: School re-opens for all students.
- ParentPay: Don't forget to log on and choose your child's school dinner options.
- PE Kits: Kits are coming home for a quick wash—please ensure they return with your child on Tuesday!



Coffee & Chat

Our new Coffee & Chat sessions with Mrs Lawton will be resuming after May half term. It is a friendly drop-in for parents and carers to get advice, support and guidance in a relaxed setting. The sessions will run every Tuesday in the school hall from 8.45 -10am. No appointments are needed.



Talk & Tales & Rhyme Time

These sessions run EVERY Tuesday in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at 3pm.



Morning routine reminder

Please remember that Mrs. Stone is out on the school yard every morning to take and pass along any messages for our class teachers. We kindly ask that you do not approach teachers directly in the mornings, as they are busy greeting the children for the day ahead. If you need to speak with a teacher at length, they will gladly get in touch with you to arrange a convenient appointment time. Thank you for your cooperation!

Dates for your Diary

Friday 22nd May	School closes at 3.30pm for Spring Bank
Tuesday 2nd June	8.45am School re-opens
Wednesday 3rd June	Year 1 Whalley Forest School
Wednesday 10th June	New intake Welcome evening
Wednesday 24th June	Reception Blackpool Zoo
Friday 17th July	School closes at 2pm for Summer Holiday

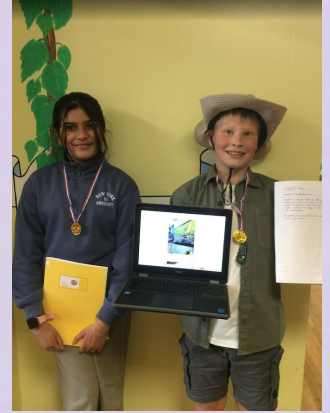
GMSJ Award Winners



Zimmel Year 2
For cracking clay skills



Mirren Year 2
For cracking clay skills



Aviya Year 5
For amazing narration in the style of David Attenborough

Blake Year 4
For outstanding independent writing

Aviya Year 5
For amazing narration in the style of David Attenborough

Attendance Awards

Attendance Winners:

Year 2

Most Improved:

Year 3



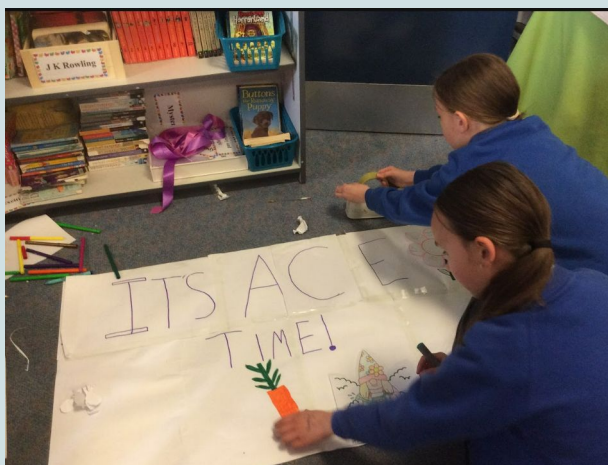
David Attenborough Day

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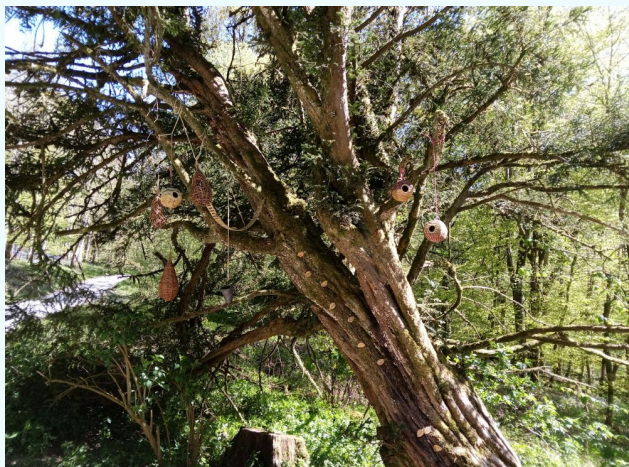
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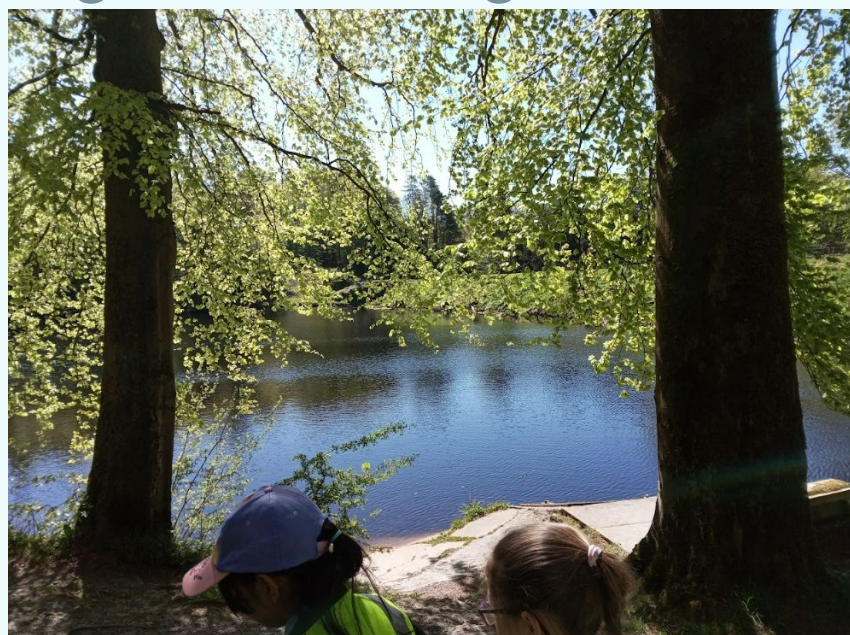
ACE TIME



Year 3



Ingleborough Caves





FAMILY BINGO NIGHT



YEAR 6 NELSON ADVOCACY PROJECT



Whilst some year 6's have been at residential, the remainder of the class have worked together on an exciting local town project- thinking about our voice and what we want to stand up for in our local community. We have learnt more about being courageous advocates for Nelson.



As part of this, we have worked together completing team building games and challenges - discussing, debating and making decisions together as a team. We've also had a visit from Manchester artist Chloe Watts who uses her art work to be an advocate for those who do not have voice. She showed us how to express our emotions through art to become artistic courageous advocates.



Coffee & Chat



A friendly drop-in for parents & carers

Come along for a relaxed chat and support with:

- ✔ Advice & guidance
- ✔ Benefits support
- ✔ Housing help
- ✔ Financial support
- ✔ Signposting to local services
- ✔ Or just a listening ear



- 💬 No appointment needed
- ❤ Confidential & supportive
- 👏 Everyone welcome

 **Location:** Great Marsden St John's  **Tuesdays**
Time: 8:45 - 10 am **8:45-10 .**

Pop in, have a cuppa, and let us help. You're not alone.