



Newsletter Friday 25th September 2026

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." – Ephesians 4:32

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Autumn! As the weather cools down, the leaves on the trees are changing into beautiful shades of red, orange, and yellow. It is time to pull out warm jackets and cozy jumpers as we settle into a brand-new season together. As a Church school, we think of the Christian festivals we will celebrate together over the coming weeks, the first one being harvest.

We are delighted to announce that this Wednesday, we will be welcoming back Mrs Walsh, our former Assistant Head Teacher! Mrs Walsh will be leading a special assembly in the Hall on Wednesday morning at 9am. During the assembly, she will share stories and photos of her work with a children's home in Nepal through her charity, Together in Education (UK and Nepal) which provides educational support and builds cross-cultural partnerships between the UK and Nepal.

Because of our close connection to Mrs Walsh and our desire to support these children, her charity will be the main focus for our Harvest gifts this year. It is unusual for us to request monetary contributions rather than traditional food items for Harvest, but this is a cause we feel deeply passionate about. Every contribution will directly assist the children's home and support educational opportunities for young people in Nepal.

- Assembly Date & Time: Wednesday at 9 am in the Hall - parents and carers welcome.
- We will begin to take your donations right away but the main focus of our giving will be centred around Year 1's Traditional Harvest Worship Service on 14th October at 9am in school. - All welcome once again.

Warmest Regards,

Mrs M Underwood

Headteacher



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 30th September	Nepal Harvest fundraiser assembly
Thursday 1st October	'A taste of India' lunch
Friday 2nd October	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 6th October	Friends AGM 3.30pm
Friday 9th October	KS1 LAL Lego Session
Wednesday 14th October	Harvest Service Led by Year 1 (9am)
Thursday 22nd October	School Closes 3.30pm
Friday 23rd October	School Closed INSET
Monday 2nd November	School re-opens 8.45am
Thursday 26th November	Goldilocks Pantomime

Don't forget : Starting on **Tuesday 22nd September** - Talk & Tales and Rhyme Time will be running every Tuesday at 3pm for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Year 1 Harvest Service & Special Assembly

You are warmly invited to this year's Harvest Service, led by our Year 1 children! The service will take place on 14th October at 9:00 AM in the school hall. Instead of traditional donations of tinned goods, we are asking for cash donations to support '***Together in Education UK and Nepal***' (Registered Charity No. 1216883) - a charity founded and run by our very own Mrs Walsh.

On Wednesday, 30th September, Mrs Walsh will host a special assembly to share more about her charity's work and the projects it funds. Parents and carers are welcome to attend this assembly as well. While we rarely ask for cash donations, we would be incredibly grateful for any monetary support you can offer to help this wonderful cause. All are welcome to join us!



A Taste of India

On Thursday 1st October, children will be able to sample a taste of India at lunch time. Our kitchen will be putting on a vibrant Indian themed lunch with an extended version of the days menu, incorporating different flavours. Alongside the special meal, children will have the opportunity to explore various aromatic spices and join in on the kitchen's popular lucky plate competition.

Breakfast & After School Sessions Available

Our new breakfast and after-school sessions are now up and running, hosted on-site by the team at PALS. To reserve a spot or learn more, contact PALS directly at support@playandlearnschoolhome.com or scan the QR code.



Don't forget to book your slot for the upcoming Parents Evening On October 5th. Slots are bookable through the Arbor app.

GMSJ Award Winners

Yahyah Year 5

For sensational sentences

Corey Year 1

For brilliant story sequencing and
saying the sentences.

Abdur Year 1

For brilliant atory sequencing and
saying the sentences.

Maryam Year 2

For super phonics and handwriting.

Attendance Winners

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September:

Year 3

Most Improved:

Year 1

Year 1



Year 1 enjoyed a walk in the local area to support their learning in Geography. They identified places on a map and named different types of houses.

Year 3



In literacy we're enjoying reading and creating our own Paddington disaster stories. Thanks to those children who have brought in a Paddington Bear. I've been very impressed with year 3's homework so far. This piece of homework is a great example of what can be created at home to enhance what we are learning in class. We've also worked really hard to create our first display about how God keeps his promises to his people. We have already started our second display... pictures to follow.



Year 6



Year 6 have been looking for living things on the school grounds this week.





Year 3 were asked to choose a specific topic and create a project to share with the rest of the class. Tobie chose the Harvest Celebration for his topic and created this beautifully presented basket with lots of facts and information. Well Done Tobie!

Our School Reflection area has had an autumnal makeover. Children are encouraged to write a thank you prayer.



GREAT MARSDEN ST JOHN'S EVENT

RECEPTION & KS1

FRIDAY 9TH October
'HAVE A GO WITH LEGO'
SESSION RUN BY LAL

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM



Places are limited. First come, first served
basis. ONE CHILD PER PARENT.
MAIN HALL

Contact Mrs Fletcher in the school office to secure a space.

★ **LANCASHIRE ADULT LEARNING** ★

YOU ARE INVITED!

YEAR 4 MTC PARENTS EVENING



COME & JOIN OUR ROCKSTARS!
LEARN ALL ABOUT THE
MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK (MTC)

WHEN?

THURSDAY, 15TH OCTOBER
3.30 PM

WHERE?

IN THE YEAR 4
CLASSROOM



FOR ALL YEAR 4
PARENTS & CHILDREN



LET'S WORK TOGETHER
TO MAKE MATHS FUN!

* We look forward to seeing you all there! *



After School Club

for children aged 4-11

We accept childcare
vouchers and Tax Free
Childcare!

**PALS After School Club is Opening:
at Great Marsden St John's, NELSON.**

Times:

8:00am-8:45am
3:30pm - 4:30pm
4:30pm - 5:30pm
3:30pm - 5:30pm
INCLUDES SNACK



Prices:

8:00am-8:45am £3.50
3:30pm - 4:30pm £7.00
4:30pm - 5:30pm £7.00
3:30pm - 5:30pm £10.00

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: FUN MULTI-SPORTS ACTIVITIES, LEGO
WORKSHOPS, CRAZY STEM ACTIVITIES, ERUPTING
VOLCANOES, ARTS AND CRAFTS, BAKING, PLUS MUCH MORE!**

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lucky winner to receive £100 worth of PALS vouchers.**

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