



# Newsletter Thursday 28th March 2024

Luke 9.22-27

From then on, Jesus began telling his disciples what would happen to him. He said, "I must go to Jerusalem. There the nation's leaders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law of Moses will make me suffer terribly. I will be killed, but three days later I will rise to life."

Dear Parents. carers and our whole community,

Easter is here very early this year, although this hopefully will not bring with it wintery weather.

It has always puzzled me why the date of Easter Sunday changes each year when the date of other Christian festivals is rigidly set. I turned to my good friend 'Google' and discovered that Easter's exact date varies so much because it depends on the moon, specifically the first full moon of Spring. Easter can fall anytime between March 22 to April 25. What is it they say - every day is a school day!

The celebration of Easter is central to the Christian faith calendar. Indeed it is a great story filled with joy, kindness, betrayal, danger, love, forgiveness, new-life, peace, freedom, dishonesty, suspicion, lies and so much more. Explaining to our children some of the huge concepts that sit within is not easy, but slowly, over their time in school, the exploration of these deepens.

Jesus was a king but he washed the disciples feet - he came to serve others.

Jesus was beaten, mocked and hung on a cross - he asked God to forgive those who did this to him.

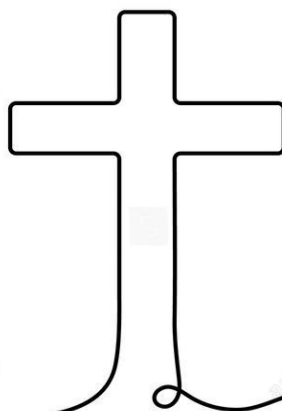
Jesus rose from the dead - he gives us all hope that there is eternal life.

Jesus rode into Jerusalem a hero but was dead only days later - being well loved made him a target for some.

I know many of you joined us for our Easter service in Church where as a school family we celebrated, through songs and readings, this wonderful part of Christ's life on earth.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful Easter holiday filled with love ... and chocolate!

Mrs M M Underwood



# The week in pictures



Last week the Reception children visited The Little Lancashire Village where they enjoyed taking on the role of builders, farmers, police officers, beauticians, shop workers etc. They specifically loved riding around on the horses.



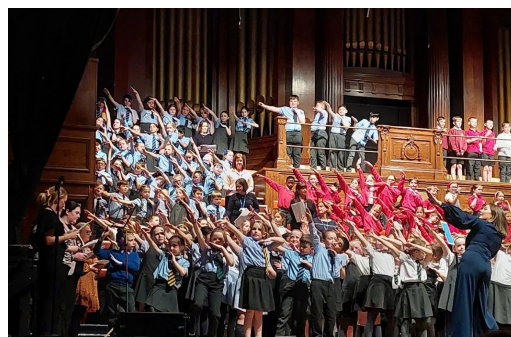
## Reception



Thankyou to all of the parents /carers who joined us last week for our share a story week.



"Last week the choir put all of their hard work to the test and performed in a concert with other school choir's at King George's Hall. They sung their hearts out and did school very proud!"



### Dates for your Diary:

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| Thursday 28th March | - School finishes at 2pm - Easter Holidays |
| Monday 15th April   | - School starts 9am                        |
| Monday 22nd April   | - Michael Churm Fitness Circuit            |
| Friday 26th April   | - Friends Sponsored Run                    |
| Monday 20th May     | - Year 6 Robinwood residential             |

### School Meals

Unfortunately, due to an increase in catering costs, the prices for school meals will be increased from £2.41 to **£2.50**, starting from the **15th April 2024**, the first day after the Easter holidays.

We are trying to keep the costs as low as possible for parents, as we know that an increase in prices can be a burden on people's finances. The increase will not affect those children on Free School Meals.

### Lost Property

We have accumulated a large amount of lost property. If you are missing any items of clothing please come and have a look through.

### Great Marsden Run The World

Our Fundraiser for Friends of St John's is on Friday 26th April. This is a sponsored event and every little we raise helps the school.

Don't forget to pre-order your child's lunches using parentpay.

This week we say goodbye to our Head Chef Donna, who has been with us for the last 4 years. We wish her all the best in her new adventure.

## Good News Announcements



### ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Our winners w/e 22/03/2024

were:

**Year 1**



### This weeks Medal Winners are:

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| Maxx    | - Year 1 - for keeping going when writing a story                                    |
| Khadija | - Year 1 - for stunning story writing  |
| Rodrigo | - Year 2 - for perfect story writing   |
| Noah    | - Year 2 - for perfect presentation  |
| Aiza    | - Year 3 - for fantastic maths exchanging  |
| Harry M | - Year 5 - for brilliant sentences about Oliver Twist                                |
| Emma    | - Year 5 - for recognising the Easter themes in the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe. |
| Ghulam  | - Year 2 for being a superstar   |

# Parent Checklist



**School Trips.** Do you need to pay for your child's school trip? All school trips are live on Parentpay. Please ensure trips are paid on time and forms are completed and returned to school.

**School Meals** - From the 15th April these will be increased to £2.50. The increase will only affect the pupils who pay for their school meals. Please see the attached letter.

**Year 4** - Remember to bring your swimming kit, including towels, swimming caps and correctly sized swimwear, every Thursday.

We have gone onto a new system for reporting if your child has an accident at school. You may notice the slips have changed. Please could you ensure that any **phone numbers** and **email addresses** we hold are up to date in order for us to implement this new system accurately.

**Pe Kit & School pumps** - Is your child wearing correctly fitting school shoes and PE pumps? Please ensure they are, and that these are properly labelled if kept in school.

**Absence** - Is your child off sick or due an appointment? Please inform the office of any sickness or absences before 9am and try and arrange appointments out of school hours where necessary.

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

## Easter for families at St John with St Philip

**Good Friday**

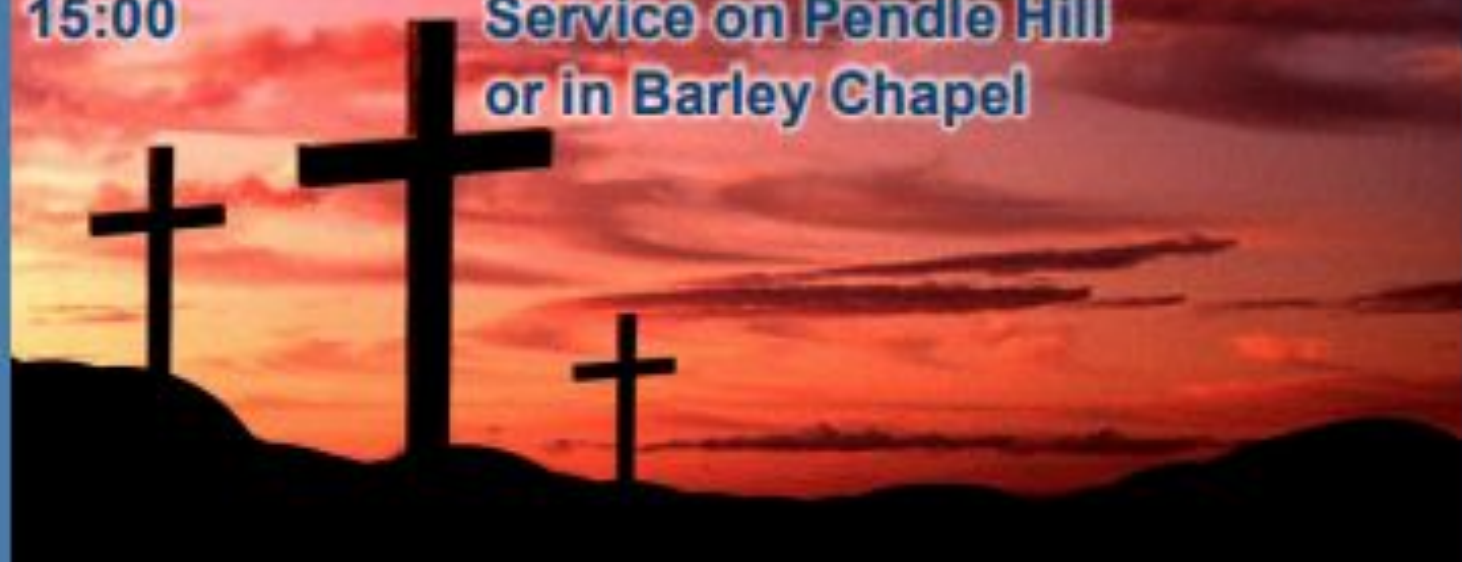
**10:00**

**Easter Experience**

followed by hot cross buns  
then lunch together (we order from  
the chippy or BYO) before we walk  
up Pendle

**15:00**

**Service on Pendle Hill  
or in Barley Chapel**



**Easter Sunday**

**10:30**

**Celebration for Everyone  
with baptisms, Holy Communion  
& Easter egg hunt**



**St John's Church Centre, Barkerhouse Road**  
*following Jesus together as family*



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# LANCASHIRE Break Time

## HOLIDAY CAMPS

ENGAGE, INSPIRE, MOTIVATE, and EMPOWER children to get ACTIVE, learn and have FUN during the school holidays. Physical activity, developing new skills, meeting new friends, trying new games, sports, and taking part in age-appropriate enrichment. Not forgetting about our AMAZING bouncy castles, assault courses and big, GIANT inflatables!

### Learn More

To learn more about the Lancashire Break Time Hours please visit the Lancashire Government website or search: "Lancashire Break Time Hours"



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14th March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

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We are trying to keep the costs as low as possible for parents, as we know that an increase in prices can be a burden on people's finances. We have kept the increase of prices off for as long as possible and it has now become unfeasible for us to continue at this current cost. The school will continue to subsidise part of the cost, but this extra money from parents will allow the school to spend this money on other areas of the school.

This will not affect any students who are entitled to Free School Meals, as the school receives special funding for these dinners.

We hope this increase in cost does not cause too many issues for anyone and we sincerely apologise for this increase.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs M Underwood

Headteacher

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Date: 29th February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

We are looking to find out your views on childcare for primary school aged children.

From Sept 2024, the government have announced funding for a national wraparound childcare programme.

The funding is to enable schools and local providers to set up and expand before and after school childcare provision and can include private, voluntary and independent organisations, schools and childminders. The wraparound childcare can operate on a school site or at another setting in the area, term time only.

To support the delivery of this programme, we need to understand your wraparound childcare needs. If you currently use before or after school childcare and the opening times or days available do not meet your needs, we would like to hear about what could work for you.

We would be delighted if you could complete the survey by clicking this link <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/vt082j> or scanning the QR code below using a mobile or digital device. The survey should take no more than 3 minutes to complete. You may have received a link to the survey through your child's school, if you have and have completed this already, please disregard this letter.



Thank you in advance for taking the time to assist us.

**Childcare Sufficiency Team**

Education Improvement Service (0-11)

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