



# Newsletter Friday 8th May 2026

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week is a very important one for our Year 6 pupils as they sit their KS2 SATs. The children have worked incredibly hard all year, showing brilliant resilience and dedication. We are already so proud of them, and we know they are going to do their absolute best!

Please remember:

- ❖ Early nights and big breakfasts are key!
- ❖ Arrival time: We'll be hosting a Year 6 "Breakfast Club" from 8:30 am each morning to help everyone settle in with a bite to eat and a chat before we begin.

The following week is all about fun, friendship, and adventure! Our Year 6 residential trip is the perfect reward for all that hard work. We can't wait to see the children bonding, tackling new challenges, and making memories that will last a lifetime. Make sure those kit lists are checked and suitcases are ready to go!

## Eyes Down! Family Bingo Night – Next Thursday!

Life can be busy and hectic and there are so few opportunities to unwind and take part in a family activity. We have the perfect way for the whole school community to de-stress. Join us next Thursday evening for our legendary Bingo Night!

- ❖ Pies, Peas & Prizes: We'll have delicious hot pies available to keep you fueled, plus some fantastic prizes up for grabs for our "Full House" winners.
- ❖ Tickets: If you haven't grabbed yours yet, don't panic! Tickets are still available via the school office.

It's always a brilliant night filled with laughs—we'd love to see as many of you there as possible to support the school and have a great time.

Kind Regards,

Mrs M Underwood



### Friends Family Bingo Night

Our family Bingo night is fast approaching on Thursday 14th May. For just £2.50, you'll get a full evening of Bingo plus a delicious serving of pie and peas. We need to finalise our food order soon, so please head to the office to grab your tickets before they're gone. You won't want to miss it! We have some great prizes up for grabs, including Cinema vouchers!

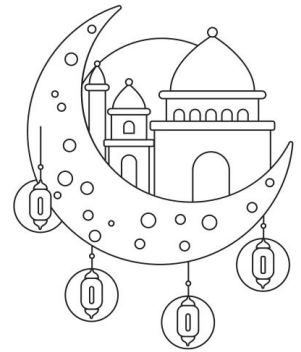


### Coffee & Chat

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.

### Eid Crafts

Join us and Lancashire Adult Learning, for a creative afternoon of Eid-themed crafting. The free session is being held on Thursday, 21st May from 1:15 PM – 3:15 PM in the school hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to create together. Please note that one adult per child is required to attend. Spaces are limited! To secure your spot, please register with the school office as soon as possible. We can't wait to see you there!



### Dates for your Diary

W/C 11th May	Year 6	SATs
Tuesday 12th May	Year 2	Church Visit
Thursday 14th May	Whole School	Friends Bingo Night 6-7.30pm
18th to 20th May	Year 6	Robinwood Residential
Thursday 21st May	Whole School	Eid Crafts with LAL
Friday 22nd May	School closes at 3.30pm for Spring Bank	
Tuesday 2nd June	8.45am	School re-opens
Wednesday 10th June	New intake	Welcome evening

# GMSJ Award Winners

## Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winner:  
Year 5

This week's most improved attendance:  
Year 1

## AWARD WINNERS: CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE!



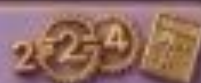
### SUSTAINABILITY SUPERSTARS



- Salma (Year 4)
- Alice (Year 4)
- Riana (Year 4)
- Iris (Year 4)
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- Jennifer (Year 4)



### TIMES TABLE TITANS



Awarded for: Massive improvement with times table knowledge

- Ghulam (Year 4)
- Romie (Year 4)
- Jake (Year 4)
- Charlotte (Year 4)



### SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS



Brilliant Sentences -  
Blake (Year 4)



Gorgeous Geographical  
Knowledge - Isa (Year 1)

# Year 2

In our art lesson this week, year 2 have been making pots using air drying clay. We used our fingers and thumbs to “pinch” the clay into shape and used a scoring technique to join our decorations to our pots with a “slip” - a solution made up of watered down clay which acts like a glue.





Year 4 had an amazing time when it was Sustainability Day. We learnt a lot about sustainable food and started planting different foods in the garden. The onions have already started to shoot. Some children also brought in posters after the day which were absolutely incredible and lovely to see so much love for learning in year 4.



# Year 4

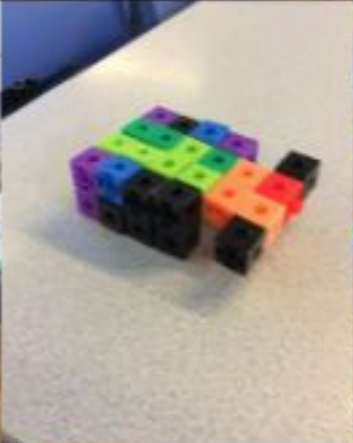
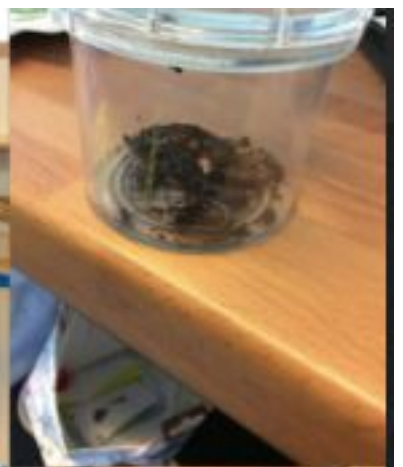
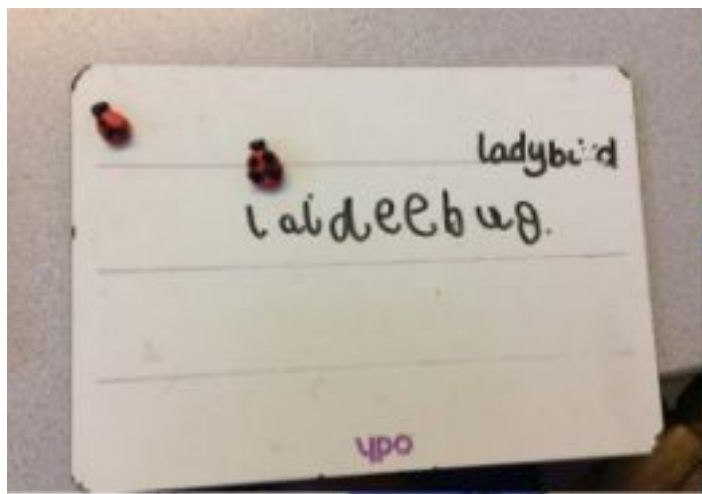
# Reception





We have been  
been doing lots of  
learning in our  
outdoor area. We  
have been busy  
painting, creating  
dens and  
investigating  
numbers to 20!

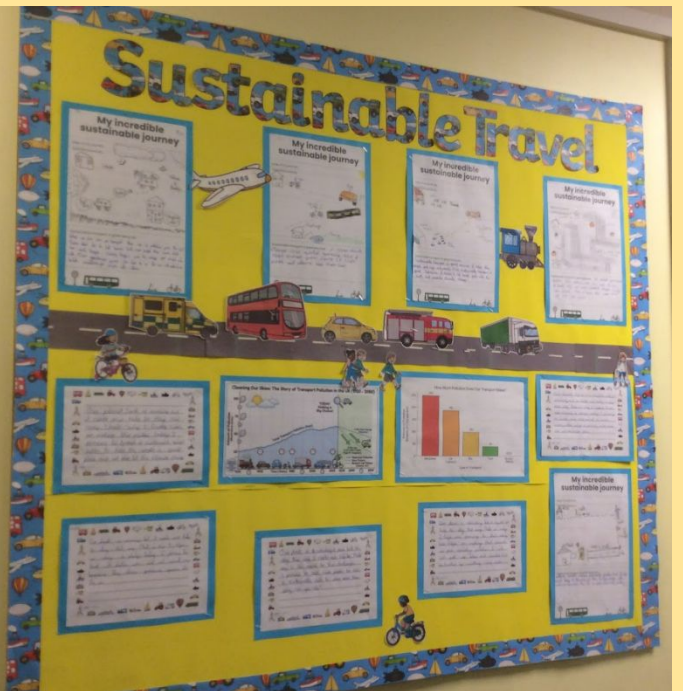




We have been doing lots of mini beast hunting and creating them in the classroom!



# Year 5



# Eid Crafts

**Get Creative for Eid: A Hands-On Craft Adventure!**

**Family workshop - for parents, grandparents and carers to attend with children**

**St Johns CE Primary Great Marsden  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May  
13:15 - 15:15**

To register your place - please contact Mrs Fletcher at the school office.





# 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.

# SWIMMING LESSONS

## AVAILABLE NOW

Pendle Wavelengths  
Nelson

West Craven Sports Centre  
Barnoldswick

Pendle Leisure Centre  
Colne

- **Pre-School** (3-4yrs)
- **Stanley 1** (4-5yrs)
- **Octopus 1** (6-8yrs)



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