



Newsletter – 10.2.25 Spring 1 week 6

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the last newsletter before half term - this means we have reached the half way point of this academic year! How has that happened so quickly?

Athletics success

Mrs Unsworth and her team has only gone and done it again! The year 3/4 team competed against several other primary schools in the Blackpool (all schools) final and were successful at winning the trophy once again. Well done team! The year 5/6 team came an outstanding second place on Wednesday when competing against the bigger schools. Outstanding!

Oracy

Year 6 took part in an Oracy Symposium at Blackpool Grand Theatre last week, taking part in sessions that focussed on debating skills, the power of dialect and ways to use your voice outside the classroom. Sessions such as this aim to develop our children and have them ready for life in modern Britain.

Schools' Alive

On Tuesday 4th, 22 of our year 5 and 6 children took part in the 'Schools' Alive' Festival at The Winter Gardens. The group has come together every week to prepare for this event and it certainly paid off - they were superb! Thank you to Mrs Salt and Mrs Kelsh-Ridge for all your hard work in getting the children ready; they certainly shined bright!

World Book Day and Book Fair

This year, world book day is on Thursday 6th March 2025. We would like your child to come to school dressed as a book character and bring the book along with them if possible. Costumes need not be extravagant - for example Tom in 'Tom's Midnight Garden' always wears his pyjamas! Miss Dempsey has also put out a plea for any costumes that your children may not fit any more - should you have one spare, please send it into school so we can ensure anyone who might need help can access a costume for the day.

There will be a school book fair running from Thursday 6th - Tuesday 11th March, please come and see the books on offer!



Asda Cash Pots

Thank you to all of you that registered for Asda cash pots - you raised a massive £231.25 for our school. Thank you so very much!

Nut Free school

Please do not send any items in packed lunches that include nuts as we have children with serious nut allergies in school.

Big walks

Our student council has decided that for our Lenten mission this year, we would like to do BIG WALKS again. The aim this year will be to cover (between the whole school and staff!) the distance between us and St. Paul's Cathedral in Rome. This ties in beautifully with this year being the special Pilgrims of Hope year. Every Friday in Lent, we will walk a lap (or two) around school. Keep your eyes peeled for us! In doing so, we would like to raise some money for a good cause - parents may wish to sponsor their child per week or just offer a small donation. Every penny counts. Thank you.



Dates for your diary coming up

- 10.2.25 - Y1/2 athletics festival (those involved will be notified)
- 11.2.25 - 4-5:15pm Jubilee Disco
- 13.2.25 - Y1 class assembly 2:30pm.
Non uniform day £1 on MCAS
- 14.2.25 - TRUST INSET day (school closed to children) Half term begins.
- 24.2.25 - INSET Day
- 25.2.25 - Children back in
- 26.2.25 - 3:30-6:30pm Parents' evening. Please book on MCAS.
- 4.3.25 - Year 4 trip
- 5.3.25 - LENT BEGINS (BIG WALKS every Friday after assembly until Easter)
- 6.3.25 - World Book Day
2:30pm - children to receive the ashes
- 9.3.25 - 11:30am SCHOOL FAMILY MASS at Holy Family -please join us**
- 11.3.25 - 6pm Lenten liturgy at St. Kentigern's church. Those involved will be notified.
- 19.3.25 - Schools shared Liturgy. Those involved will be notified.
- 21.3.25 - Y5/6 basketball skills. Those involved will be notified.
- 28.3.25 - Y1 Mothers' Day afternoon (apologies for typo last week!)
- 3.4.25 - Y4 Easter play (afternoon performance time tbc)
- 9.4.25 - Easter bonnet and final BIG WALK
Break up for easter 1:30pm.

Attendance

Well done to Year 3 who have had the best attendance so far this term with 96.9%.

Advance warning!

Year 6 SATS will take place 12-16th May 2025

Year 1 will undertake the phonics screen during the week commencing 9th June.

Year 4 will undertake the multiplication check during the week beginning the 9th June.

We kindly request that you avoid taking our child out of school in the lead up to or during these assessment windows.

Thank you.

