



Newsletter - Summer 1 : 11.5.26

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week marks a significant event in the lives of our year 6 pupils, their SAT tests. Whilst this week's exams are designed to show what the children have been learning over their time in Key Stage 2, we appreciate it does not measure the whole child. We are very proud of our year 6 pupils this year, they have been a joy to teach, a truly lovely bunch of children and we do not need an exam to prove that! So, we hope all children are fully rested the night before (decent bedtimes) and up and out to join us here in school for SAT breakfast at 8:30am each morning because we've got this!

### Catholic Life

Class Mass this week is a Holy Day of Obligation for Ascension, which will be led by Year 3. This is at the earlier time of 2:00pm in Holy Family Church. All are welcome to join us for Mass and we do encourage those who are Catholic to take communion also.

Thank you to all of you who attended family mass on Sunday, especially those children who led the readings.

We enjoyed a long May procession to celebrate our Mother Mary last Friday, walking all the way to St. Bernadette's. The children looked very smart and participated in joint prayer and Mass with St. Bernadette's and Father David. It was a beautiful way to share our faith together.

We have also been undertaking a Ministers of the Word programme here at school. Learning how to be reverend readers at mass. The children have participated in 6 sessions, leading up to their commissioning by Father David last week.



### Year 2 outdoor learning

We are very fortunate to be continuing our nature sessions, which link brilliantly to our climate action plan and Laudato Si.

Year 2 are now also enjoying learning sessions outside with our special experts from Beacon Fell adventures. We have been using our special area of school grounds called 'The Haven' for these sessions, which we are trying to re-wild in conjunction with our school climate action plan.

(I am not sure who likes the den building more...children or staff?!)



### PC Ben

We have been really lucky to enjoy further session with PC Ben in both year 5 and 6. PC Ben is part of our British values commitment this year, teaching our children how to be good upstanding citizens and understand both moral and legal aspects of life also.

### Blackpool football club

Year 6 have been also enjoying sessions with BFC, working on the Unstoppable novel. These sessions are aimed at improving mental resilience and are part of our transition offer as our Y6 children prepare to move on to their new school in September.

Year 4 meanwhile, are enjoying 'Fit-2-go' sessions and Year 2 'Healthy me', which are designed to keep our children healthy through exercise and good diet.

### Sports Day

This is scheduled for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May (weather dependent). The day is in two parts: juniors will be competing in the morning and Infants in the afternoon. If you would like to spectate the junior event, please stay from drop off and sit in the viewing area for parents on the Junior playground. Infant races will start from 1:15pm in the afternoon. Please wait at the blue gates as they will be locked over lunchtime play. All parents/grandparents/carers are welcome to join us and spectate but we do ask that you remain up on the playground and refrain from coming down towards the children (as this causes often causes upset for those who might not have a parent at the event). We also hold toddler and parent races, which your children love to watch – please wear your trainers. Teas and coffees will be available to buy on the day from our student council. Please bring spare change.

### Free School meals

If your circumstances have changed, please let the school office know and we can check whether you are eligible for free school meals. This premium can help also with further costs such as school trips. We are always keen to help. If you and your family are struggling with uniform, such as new shoes or a new jumper, please contact Miss Deegan and we may be able to help you. Please don't forget that school holds pre-loved uniform and families are always welcome to come and choose items that are needed.

### Planning ahead:

Dates for your diary:

11.5.26	SAT WEEK – GPS papers
12.5.26	Reading paper
13.5.26	Maths paper 1 and 2
14.5.26	Maths paper 3
14.5.26	Year 3 leading mass in Church for Ascension @ 2pm
15.5.26	Year 6 SAT treat
18.5.26	Sports day
19.5.26	Grundy Art Gallery trips
	Sports day reserve date
21.5.26	Reception class sing-a-long @ 9:30am
	Year 2 class Mass @2:30pm
22.5.26	Break up for half term 3:15pm.

