



SAMLESBURY

Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2023



It is hard to believe that we have only been back for three weeks as Christmas feels like such a long time ago, but what a busy three weeks we have had! Years 5 and 6 have been enjoying weekly visits by James from Walk Through The Bible who comes in to talk to them about how God's Big Story flows through the old testament.

We had the heads of Preston and Chorley Music Centres come to talk to all the children about the opportunities on offer in the local area. We strongly encourage anyone interested in expanding their musical ability to take a look at the amazing opportunities on offer for just £25 a term which enables you to join as many ensembles as you would like across all Lancashire Music Service centres (you can find more information on our website and Facebook page).

Emily and Ellis (our Sports Captains) have taken part in the second online session of their National Younger Leadership Group Programme in which they explored what the word 'flourish' meant in a school. They have also been meeting children from other schools across the country in breakout rooms to share ideas.

We've also had visits from the Fire Safety Team and have Jam Coding Club running again. All these activities go on in addition to our normal learning in the classrooms and our regular after school sports clubs on Tuesdays and Thursdays!

Finally, a massive congratulations to Mia and Megan on the arrival of their little brother Tobias. Also to George and Ruby who welcomed baby Albert.

TEACHER STRIKES

You will no doubt have heard that the National Education Union has voted in favour of industrial action, with members striking over four days in the next two months.

At this time, it is our intention that Samlesbury will remain open as usual on all strike days.

Worship Theme: PERSEVERANCE

This half term's bible verse:

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me'

Philippians 4:13

FOREST SCHOOL

After half-term, **Infant** Forest School sessions will be moving to **Wednesdays** which Mrs Kearns will continue to lead.

This is because the **Juniors** will start having Forest School sessions on **Tuesday** afternoons. Miss Myerscough will lead the KS2 sessions.

Year 6 will be the first year group to take part. Their sessions will be on 21st, 28th February and 7th March. Then it will be the turn of Y5s on 14th, 21st and 28th March. Those not at Forest School will have their PE lesson as usual.

In addition, both classes will be doing a full afternoon's session during the last week of half-term. For Y5/6 this will take place on Tuesday 7th February and for Y3/4 it will take place on Friday 10th February.

On Forest School days, pupils should come in their PE kits but must have trousers / joggers that cover their legs. They will need to bring welly boots; waterproofs and warm layers (including hats and gloves) to change into at lunchtime plus a bag to put muddy/wet clothes in afterwards!

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

As you know, reading is a key life skill and we're very passionate about reading here at Samlesbury, but we really need some help keeping our library looking amazing! Mrs Metcalfe has been doing a fabulous job doing exactly this but it is time for her to pass on the baton! Could you give an hour a week to come into school to help look after our library? If so, please contact the office to find out more information.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE

As we all know, children grow incredibly quickly and often don't spend very long in an item of clothing before they grow out of it! Therefore, we have set up a uniform exchange rail in our entrance way and we would love for all families to use this. You don't need to donate anything to be able to take something. If your child outgrows an item, add it to the rail or if you suddenly need an item of school uniform, take a look on the rail before going shopping!

PUNCTUALITY

A polite reminder that the gate opens on a morning at 8.40am with lessons starting at 8.45am. We appreciate there are instances where you may be unavoidably delayed but please do make every effort to ensure your child arrives in school ready to start their learning at 8.45am. When children arrive late, they are going into lessons that have already started which doesn't give them the best start to their day. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

SPORTS CLUBS: 3.15pm-4.30pm

After half-term, we are starting a Y1/2 dodgeball / multi-skills club on Thursdays. This will be instead of the KS2 club that currently runs on Thursday. If your child is in Y1/2 and would like a place, please contact the office as places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

KS2 football club on a Tuesday will continue after half-term.

ONLINE SAFETY

Virtual Reality (VR) headsets have become a popular gift but how much do you know about them? Read [this guide](#) produced by the NSPCC to find out how to keep your child safe whilst using them.

Does your child play, or ask to play, Fortnite? If so, please take a few minutes to read [this guide](#).

Church / School Links

MISSION PRAISE – 12TH FEBRUARY

Why do we worry all the time?
Come and join us on **Sunday 12th February** for Mission Praise at **11am**, at St Leonard-the-Less. We'll be thinking about how God can help us deal with our worrying!

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Look out for church being open!
In the week before Mothering Sunday we're hoping to open church so we can make some pretty flowers to go with the gifts which are given out at the service. (Or collected from school if you're unable to make the service.)
Everyone will be welcome.

JOIN US WITH OUR WHOLE SCHOOL COLLECTIVE WORSHIP IN CHURCH

You are invited to join with us for our whole school collective worship sessions in church led by Rev Karen / Canon Daunton. Our worship will start at 2.45pm in church and doors will be open from 2.40pm (please use the small door furthest right from the main door).
Dates for your diaries are:

Wednesday 1st February (*please note the date change*)
Wednesday 22nd February – Ash Wednesday service (**2.40pm start**)
Monday 27th February

PRAYER MORNINGS WITH REV KAREN

You would be most welcome to join Rev Karen in church at 9am for a short prayer session on any of these dates: Monday 30th January; Wednesday 1st February; Thursday 2nd February.

FOSS Update

NEXT MEETING

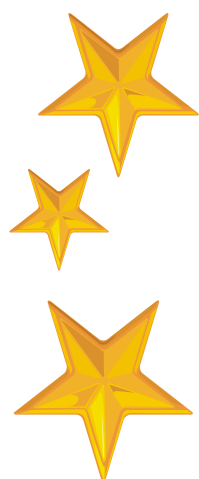
The next FOSS meeting will be on Thursday 2nd February, straight after school. Free after school club places will be provided for children at Samlesbury whilst parent(s)/carer(s) are at the meeting. It would be great to see you there!

FILM NIGHT

On Wednesday 29th March, we will be running a film night straight from school. More details will follow nearer the time but for now, please save the date.

January Samlesbury Superstars

CLASS SUPERSTARS



AMELIA (Y1)
NOAH (YR)
NAOMI (YR)
ESTHER (Y2)
WILLOW (Y4)
THEODORE (Y3)
MINNIE (Y3)
CHARLIE (Y4)
LEANNA (Y5)
FRANKIE K (Y6)
IMOGEN (Y5)
SAMMY (Y5)

DOJO WINNERS

LEO (Y2)
NIYON (YR)
JENSON (Y1)
BELLA (Y1)
LILLY (Y4)
JESSE (Y4)
JAXON (Y3)
LILLY (Y4)
KAI (Y6)
KAYDEN (Y5)
HARRY (Y5)
EVA (Y6)



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

THEODORE (Y3)
FRANKIE K (Y5)
IMOGEN (Y5)
KHADIJA (YR)



Congratulations to you all for shining your lights and setting a fantastic example!

DIARY DATES

30th January – Rev Karen leading worship in church – all parents/carers are welcome to join us at 2.45pm.

1st February – Infant Parents' Read and Respond session 8.45am-9.30am. A letter was sent home on 18/01/23. Remember to let Miss Wallace know via ClassDojo if you are planning to attend.

2nd February – FOSS meeting straight after school in Y3/4 classroom.

7th February – Safer Internet Day **and** Y5/6 Forest School session (see above for further details).

8th February – Y5/6 Open Maths lesson for Y5/6 parents. A letter has been sent on ClassDojo on 25/01/23. Remember to let Miss Gill know via ClassDojo if you are planning to attend.

9th February – Indoor athletics festival in school. **All** children should come in their PE kits on this day.

10th February – Y3/4 Forest School session (see above for further details).

21st February – Charity pancake breakfast – children will need to book in and will be given a time slot for when they should arrive. The options on the day will be lemon and sugar or Nutella. The cost will be £3.00 and children **must be booked in by Wednesday 8th February**. Profits will go to charity.

21st February – Year 6 Forest School sessions begin for three weeks.

22nd February – Ash Wednesday Service in church with Rev Karen. All parents/carers are welcome to join us at 2.40pm.

23rd February – After school dodgeball/multi-skills starts for Y1/2 until 4.30pm. Pupils will need to bring PE kit to get changed into after school. Children must book in with Sandra in advance and it will be first come, first served as there are limited places. Please note, this club will **replace** the current KS2 dodgeball/multi-skills club.

6th March – Parents' Evening 1: KS1 2.30pm-5.30pm, KS2 3.30pm-5.30pm. Please contact Sandra **by 2nd March** to book.

13th March-17th March – Science Week.

15th March – Parents' Evening 2: KS1 2.30pm-5.30pm, KS2 3.30pm-5.30pm. Please contact Sandra **by 2nd March** to book.

20th March – Canon Daunton leading worship in church – all parents/carers are welcome to join us at 2.45pm.

29th March – Film night straight after school. More details to follow.

30th March – End of term Easter Service in church. All parents/carers are welcome to join us at 9am.

31st March – At 3.15pm, school finishes for Easter.

17th April – School reopens for the summer term.