



# SAMLESBURY

Church of England Primary School



## NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2024



### Worship Theme: HOPE

#### This half term's Bible verse:

*'May the God of hope fill you with peace and joy.'*

Romans 15:13

#### WEDNESDAY WORSHIPS AFTER SCHOOL

It was wonderful to hold our first Wednesday worship recently in church where we explored the story of the Lost Sheep as we remembered that each and every one of us is important to God.

Our next after school worship is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November and we'd love to see as many of you there as possible. We aim to start the service at 3.20pm and for it to last no more than 30 minutes.

#### HIGH SCHOOL – YEAR 6 IMPORTANT!

If your child is in Y6, you **must** apply for a high school place by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**. [Click here](#) to access Lancashire County Council's information about schools, including the application form. You'll need to list your top three schools and check out if you need to provide any further information, such as a church reference.

#### YEAR 6 TRIP TO COUNTY HALL

Year 6 were able to join with children from other local schools and had a fabulous day at County Hall learning all about Lancashire County Council and what it does; how councillors are elected and how decisions are made in the council chamber, as well as exploring some of the materials in the archives after lunch. We'd like to say a big thank you to Councillor Barrie Yates for organising and funding the trip – we had a wonderful time and learnt lots about local government.

#### OPEN DAY

Thank you to those we were able to display a poster advertising our Open Day earlier this week. Despite the atrocious weather, Year 6 pupils managed to show a big warm welcome to each of the families looking round. It is always a privilege to hear snippets of their conversations as they are showing people around about how fantastic school is and we received many positive comments about how wonderful they were as tour guides. Thank you to our Year 6s – you were amazing!

#### PARENTAL CONTROLS

Do you have any parental controls set on your child(ren)'s devices? Would you like to have, but you're not quite sure how to do set them up? We've attached two simple guides (one for Android, one for Apple) which take you through a step-by-step guide.



#### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Subscribe to our calendar, available [on our website](#) to keep up-to-date with the latest information.

## CONNECT AND RESPONSE SESSIONS

Years 5 and 6 have welcomed Diane from the Key Charity each Monday morning to take part in a programme called Connect and Response. During the programme, pupils have taken part in lots of discussions and thought-provoking activities within a range of sessions, including:

- ◆ Friends, Secrets and People Who Help Us
- ◆ Be a Buddy Not a Bully
- ◆ Showing Empathy
- ◆ Resolving Conflict
- ◆ My Online Identity.

The final session will take place the first Monday after half-term.



## RECEPTION

It's hard to believe that our amazing Reception children have only been with us for seven weeks as they have settled into school life so well. It's always a delight to pop into their classroom and see how engaged they are with their phonics learning or how busy they are with activities in the continuous provision. They've had a fantastic start and now have the excitement of the Christmas build up in a school to look forward to and their first school nativity performance!



## DESIGN TECHNOLOGY/ART

One of the best things about approaching the end of a half-term is seeing the completion of so many projects that have been building all term! The Infants have been creatively making puppets to use in the retelling of 'Little Red Riding Hood' whilst Years 3 and 4 have been making their very own pneumatic monsters! They've also had a go at making mini walls using the wattle and daub system that Anglo-Saxons would have used. Years 5 and 6 have finished the half-term with a day today designing and creating their own screen prints. Photos from today will be on Facebook later... Watch out for some amazing creations coming home!



# Church / School Links

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to those who were able to join us in church on Sunday to celebrate this very special time of year. All the fantastic gifts of food have now been sent to our local food bank (thank you to Years 3 and 4 for helping move them all on Monday morning).

## 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 11th November; Wednesday 13th November and Thursday 14th November.

# FOSS Update

## ASDA REWARDS APP

Don't forget to link your Asda Rewards app to school to help raise money for FOSS, without it costing you a penny! Here's a reminder how to do it...

If you shop at Asda and have joined their Rewards app scheme, please link your cashpot to school as Asda will then donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to FOSS (until 30th November), plus £1 for each person that links to school. On top of that, they'll give each school signed up £50 to get started and even better, it won't cost you a penny or affect the rewards you get in your own cashpot, so it is an amazing way to raise some additional money without actually having to do much! So far £88 has been raised and it would be great to increase this further. Please also encourage any of your friends and family who shop at Asda to link their cashpot to Samlesbury CE School as there's no limit on how many people can be linked to one school.



## WAKE UP SHAKE UP

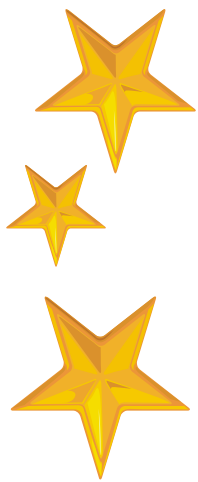
What a fantastic way to end the week with the wonderful wake up shake up session. An incredible amount has been raised and we may even be on target for crossing the £1000 mark which is just fantastic so a huge thank you to everyone who has been able to send in some sponsor money. If you still have any sponsor money to send in, please do so asap.

School would like to say a massive thank you to Kate Chapman-Dean for organising the event.



# September Samlesbury Superstars

## DOJO WINNERS



KHADIJA (Y2)  
NIYON (Y2)  
RUBY G (Y2)

MEGAN (Y4)  
TILLY (Y4)  
LEO (Y4)

EDITH (Y5)  
ISAAC (Y6)  
MATILDA (Y5)

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

RUBY (YR)

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP  
TEAM – JESSICA (Y6);  
THEODORE (Y5); JAX  
(Y4); TILLY (Y4); BEA  
(Y3); ELIZA (Y1)

JONAH (YR)

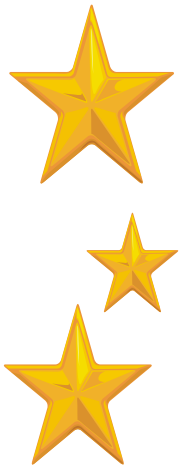
GEORGE (Y4)

## LEADING LIGHT AWARDS

RUBY (YR)  
ELLA (Y1)  
NOAH (2)

AME (Y3)  
JOEY (Y3)  
ANNABELLA (Y3)

MINNIE (Y6)  
CHARLIE (Y6)  
EDITH (Y5)



## TEAM WINNERS THIS HALF-TERM

Each child is in a coloured house team and every dojo point that they earn goes towards their team's total. Every half-term, these are added up and the team with the highest number of dojo points is rewarded with a non-uniform day. The results this half-term are...

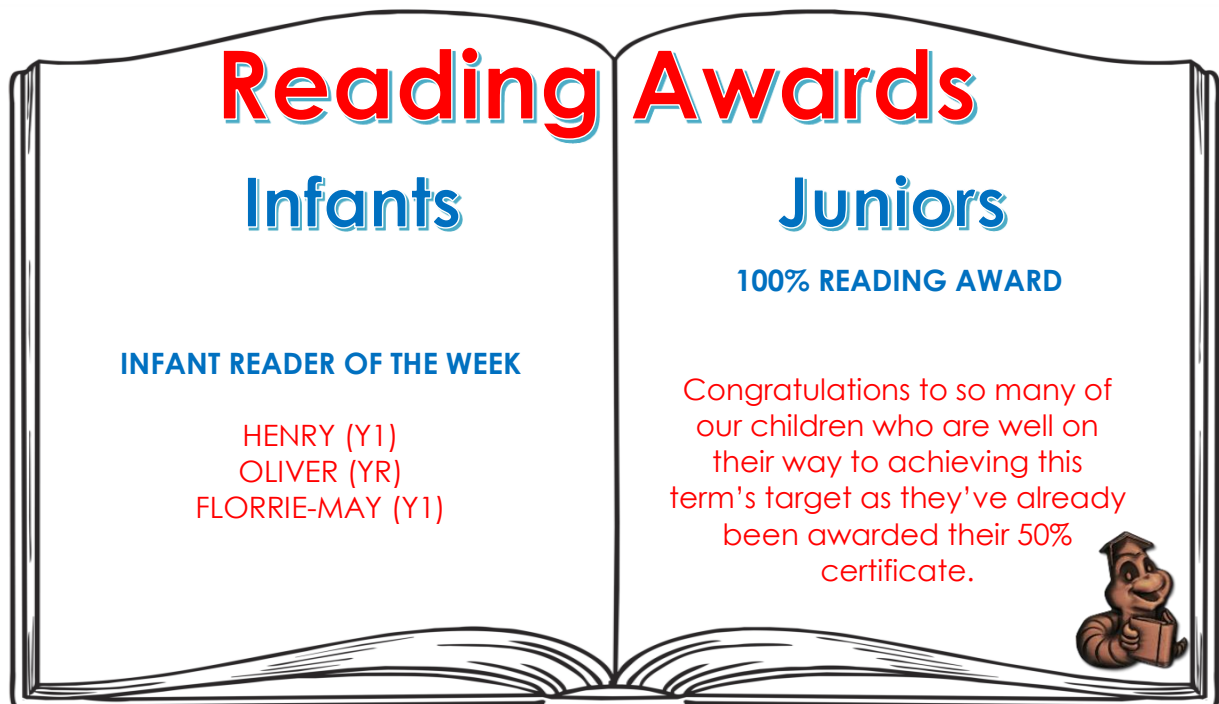
Blue – 870 points

Yellow – 883 points

Green – 1009 points

Red – 1088 points

Congratulations to our **red team** who can come to school on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November** in **non-uniform**.



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

## DIARY DATES

18th October – Finish for half-term.

28th October – School reopens.

1st November – 5.30pm – 7.00pm. FOSS Disco.

4th November – Rev Karen leading worship in church. All families welcome to join for a 2.45pm start.

5th November – Year 5/6 WW2 trip to the Museum of Lancashire.

6th November – Scholastic Book Fair here for the week.

7th November – Y5 Bikeability.

12th November – FOSS AGM in the school hall at 7.30pm.

13th November – Wednesday Worship in church, 3.20pm-3.50pm. All welcome.

14th November – Y5 Bikeability.

15th November – Flu immunisation.

25th November - Y3/4 Dry swim.

25th November – KS1 Multi-skills Event.

26th November – PSHE SCARF workshops (more information to follow).

2nd December – Rev Karen leading worship in church. All families welcome to join for a 2.45pm start.

3rd December - Whole School Borough Yoga (all children to wear PE kits: visiting sports coaches).

4th December – Infant Class Forest School Session with parents, pm. More info to follow, but please save the date!

6th December – non-uniform in return for tombola donations (eg chocolate, smellies, bottles).

7th December – School choir singing at Samlesbury Memorial Hall Christmas craft market.

10th December –Benefice Schools' Carol Service at Blackburn Cathedral. Families welcome.

11th December – Infant nativity performance 1 at 2.00pm.

12th December – Infant nativity performance 2 at 6.00pm.

17th December – Mother Goose pantomime at Lancaster Theatre.

18th December – Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day.

18th December – Mini Christmas Fair 3.00pm-4.00pm.

19th December – End of term Carol Service 9am in church.

19th December – Christmas party day. Please bring party clothes to change into after church.

19th December – Finish for Christmas.

6th January – School reopens.

**Remember to subscribe to the calendar on our website which we update regularly.**

**Simply [click here](#) and press 'subscribe'.**