



# SAMLESBURY

Church of England Primary School



## NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024



### WELCOME!

It is hard to believe we've only been back in school for four weeks as walking around, everything feels so settled. It has been a pleasure to watch how quickly the children have settled back into the routine of school, especially our new children. There has been so much exciting learning taking place, including a residential trip for Y5/6. Do take a look at our Facebook page for weekly photos and updates. At the bottom of this newsletter is a copy of our article for the Benefice News which includes some photos and information about what we've been doing since we started back.

### INTRODUCING OUR NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL

This year we have merged the three councils so that they form one School Council which focuses on different areas of school throughout the year. Following a democratic voting system, our new pupil leaders are...

**School Council** – Jesse, Minnie, Elliott, Henry B, Leo, Lottie, Ruby G, Noah F and Florrie-May.

### MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL

Do you have any board games you no longer use? School Council are already busy planning some activities and events for the next year. They've also identified some areas of school they'd like to develop, one of which is the range of board games available at After School Club. Their first thought was to ask parents / carers if they had any games to donate so that we were being kinder to the environment by reusing toys, so if you can help, please send them into school. Thank you.

### ONLINE SAFETY

Each year, every class always starts their computing lessons with discussions about how to stay safe online. Each month, we try to bring you information about how to keep your child safe when using computers at home – this month we're sharing an article about the [Internet of Things](#).

### 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

Next Wednesday is our first ever after school worship. We had a large number of children volunteer to help plan the worship and so we've divided them into smaller teams on a rota basis. Our first team of six met with Canon Pam this week to plan the session. It promises to be lots of fun and we'd love to see as many families there as possible. The service will start at 3.20pm, so once you've collected your child(ren) from school, why not head over to church? It will last no longer than half an hour, with refreshments served afterwards. All children who are booked into ASC on that night will be joining the worship.

### COMMUNICATION

This year we intend to use ClassDojo more often for communication, putting messages on the Class or School Story that need to be shared with groups of parents. All children in school have at least one adult already signed up to ClassDojo, but it is possible to have a second adult linked as well. If you would like us to send an email invitation to a second adult, please email [bursar@samlesbury.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@samlesbury.lancs.sch.uk) with the email details of the second adult, then watch out for an email from ClassDojo.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

### **VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOL**

We are very grateful to three new volunteers who will be joining us this term in school. Mrs Phillips (Mum of Esther and Naomi) will be volunteering on a Thursday morning. Mrs Birkby (Grandma of Grace and Hope) will be listening to readers and helping to keep our library looking beautiful. We also welcome Mr Kent who is a university student in his final year, wanting to gain experience in schools before starting his Post Graduate Certificate in Education next year.

### **LOST JUMPERS – ALREADY!**

It's hard to believe that we already have four unclaimed jumpers in the juniors! We have done our best to ask the children who they belong to but no-one is claiming them and there is no name to help us. Please make sure **all** items of clothing are named and if you think one of the jumpers may belong to your child, ask them to take a closer look!

### **PARENTPAY**

No newsletter would be complete without our gentle reminder to please check your ParentPay accounts are up-to-date!

Just like every workplace, time is very pressured in school and if we don't need to spend time chasing outstanding payments then that would free up time to do other things. Thank you.

### **YEAR 6 PARENTS/CARERS**

If your child is in Y6, you must apply for a high school place by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**. [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.

### **PARENTS / CARERS WITH CHILDREN STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER**

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, we'll be holding our school open day between 1pm and 4.30pm. If you have a child starting school in September, we would love you to come and look around. If you know someone with a child starting school in September, please do encourage them to come and take a look. It will be a very informal afternoon and prospective Reception families are welcome to pop in during the afternoon whenever suits them.

### **CAN YOU DISPLAY A POSTER?**

Are you able to display a poster about our Open Day somewhere? Perhaps at your place of work, a local supermarket / noticeboard or even just in your front window. Our Year 5s and 6s act as tour guides during our Open Day and we'd really love it if we had enough visitors for them all to show someone around (not to mention lots of interest in our fabulous little school!). We'll have a pile of posters in the front entrance by Sandra's office so please just take one (or more!) if you can help. Thank you.



As part of our harvest celebrations this year, we are also thinking about those who may be finding it difficult to buy food for themselves or their families in our local community.

In collaboration with church, school will be collecting non-perishable food for our local food bank: Salvation Army. Donations will be collected during the harvest service for those who are attending on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October but we will also be collecting at school in the run up to the harvest service. Church will collect these donations on the Friday before the harvest service. If you would like to donate this way, please either drop off your items at the office or your child can pass them on via their class teacher.

# Church / School Links

## HARVEST FESTIVAL – 13<sup>th</sup> October

Thank you to those who returned their letter about Harvest Festival. The children will be performing a song and some will be reading prayers. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in church on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 11am.

## 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: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October; Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October; Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October; Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October; Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

# FOSS Update

## FOSS UPDATE

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 £75.72 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. Thank you.

## WAKE UP SHAKE UP SPONSORED EVENT

Next Friday (4<sup>th</sup> October) is the FOSS Wake Up Shake Up sponsored event. Children should come wearing active sportswear (own choice or PE kit) and bring 'extras' (fancy dress/ tutus etc) in a named bag to get changed into before the event.

Please send sponsor forms back by Friday ready to be signed after the event. Thank you.

**INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS**

Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards and we will donate ££s to schools.

**CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS**

Only with **ASDA Rewards**

Download and opt-in today

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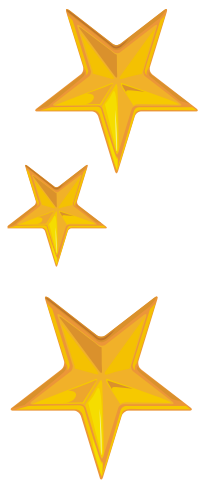
**HERE'S HOW**

- 1 Download the Asda Rewards app & sign up today
- 2 Opt-in to Cashpot for Schools and follow the steps in your app
- 3 Shop, scan and we donate

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# September Samlesbury Superstars

## DOJO WINNERS

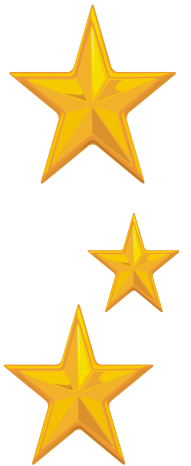


HENRY M (Y2)  
THOMAS (Y1)  
HOPE (YR)  
FRANKIE (Y1)

JENSON (Y3)  
EVELYN (Y3)  
OLIVIA (Y3)  
MEGAN (Y3)

JUDE (Y5)  
JACOB (Y6)  
LAYLA-MARYAM (Y6)

## LEADING LIGHT AWARDS



ELIZA (Y2)  
FREYA (Y1)  
JONAH (YR)  
HENRY (Y2)

KIAN (Y3)  
MUHAMMAD (Y4)  
NOAH (Y4)  
HENRY (Y4)

JESSICA (Y6)  
JESSE (Y6)  
LAILA (Y5)

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

LOTTIE (Y2)  
JOEY (Y3)  
JAX (Y4)  
BEAR (Y6)

# Reading Awards

## Infants

### INFANT READER OF THE WEEK

Poppy (Y1)  
Amena (Y2)  
Hope (YR)

## Juniors

### 100% READING AWARD

Children in KS2 are set individual reading targets for the whole term. As they reach different stages (25%, 50%, 75%, 100%), they are awarded with certificates in Friday's Celebration Worship and move their rocket on our reading display.

Then, when they achieve their target, we publish their names on the newsletter.



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

## DIARY DATES

30<sup>th</sup> September – Connect and Respect Programme in Year 5/6 (this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of a 6 week programme) delivered by a Healthy Relationship Worker from the Key Charity.

30<sup>th</sup> September – Y6 out to County Hall with other local schools to engage with our country's democratic and justice systems.

30<sup>th</sup> September – KS2 children continue to have dance lessons with a visiting teacher until half-term.

1<sup>st</sup> October – Reception will have a group photograph taken for Lancashire Evening Post.

2<sup>nd</sup> October – After school Wednesday Worship in church. All families invited. 3:20pm-3:50pm with refreshments afterwards.

3<sup>rd</sup> October – Final session of a 3 week football competition after school at Withy Grove Park.

4<sup>th</sup> October – FOSS Wake Up and Shake Up sponsored event. Children should come wearing active sportswear (own choice or PE kit) and bring 'extras' (fancy dress/tutus etc) in a named bag to get changed into before the event.

8<sup>th</sup> October – Parents evening – 3:30pm – 5:30pm.

10<sup>th</sup> October – FINAL Y5/6 football competition.

13<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival in Church. 11am.

14<sup>th</sup> October – Whole school handball festival (all children to wear PE kits: visiting sports coaches).

14<sup>th</sup> October – Parents evening – 3:30pm – 5:30pm.

16<sup>th</sup> October – School Open Day for prospective Reception children and their families: drop in anytime between 1pm-4.30pm.

18<sup>th</sup> October – Finish for half-term.

28<sup>th</sup> October – School reopens.

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

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

6<sup>th</sup> November – Scholastic Book Fair.

7<sup>th</sup> November – Y5 Bikeability.

14<sup>th</sup> November – Y5 Bikeability.

15<sup>th</sup> November – Flu immunisation.

25<sup>th</sup> November Y3/4 Dry swim.

25<sup>th</sup> November – KS1 Multi-skills Event.

26<sup>th</sup> November – PSHE SCARF workshops (more information to follow).

3<sup>rd</sup> December – Whole School Borough Yoga (all children to wear PE kits: visiting sports coaches).

7<sup>th</sup> December – School choir singing at Samlesbury Memorial Hall Christmas craft market.

10<sup>th</sup> December – Benefice school carol service at Blackburn Cathedral.

17<sup>th</sup> December – Mother Goose pantomime at Lancaster Theatre.

19<sup>th</sup> December – End of term Carol Service 9am in church.

19<sup>th</sup> December – Finish for Christmas.

4<sup>th</sup> January – School reopens.

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NEWS  
October 2024

*'Let your light shine so that together in God's Love and Grace we learn, inspire others and grow.'*

*Based on Matthew 5:14-16*

Welcome back to a brand new school year! It's a time of new uniforms, bags, coats and shoes as well as a time for thinking about all the wonderful things we're going to achieve and do. Our Christian value

this half term is **HOPE** which is perfect for the start of the school year. Already this September we've had so many different experiences and learning opportunities both in and out of school and there is so much more to come! We hope you enjoy finding out about just a snapshot of what we have been up to so far!



## Infant Class:

Our new reception class have settled into school really well and have already been doing some super learning and having lots of fun. They've been developing their maths skills

through exploring who has the most and who has the least. They have used their construction and balancing skills to create bridges, exploring the outside and going on a shape hunt as well as experiencing their first Forest School session. They've also enjoyed completing lots of activities linked to their book 'Where the Wild Things Are' and they especially enjoyed creating their own monsters using the junk modelling area. They did an amazing job with their scissor skills and imagination!

Years 1 and 2 have been learning about using bird's eye views to look at our school from above and finding all the key things within our area as well as creating their own aerial maps.

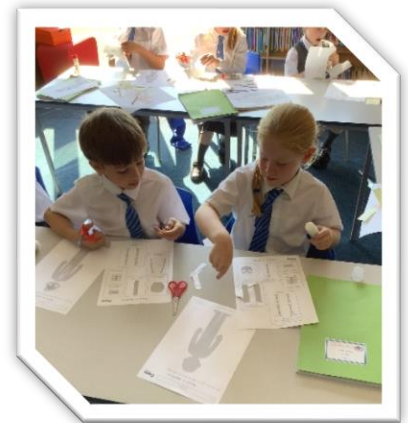


### Year 3 & 4:

The Y3/4 children were promoted to year 6 in the second week as they took on leadership in school while year 5/6 were away on their residential to PGL in Shropshire. From stepping in as buddies for our reception children, to becoming table captains at lunchtime, to preparing and delivering Celebration Worship, they were absolutely fantastic! Well done to them all; they're going to be amazing when they take up these roles for real in Year 6. They also had a fantastic time learning a new dance routine in PE with our specialist dance teacher and linked this to finding out all about the importance of the skeleton in science and how it helps us move as we do. They've also been investigating pneumatic mechanisms as part of their Design Technology topic and designing their new class cross.



### Year 5 & 6:



What can we say about our Year 5/6 class so far this term...?

They have been **fantastic!** They have been exceptional role models, are being great friends and buddies as well as having had the best time during their residential at Boreatton Park in Shropshire. During their week away they tried out so many new activities and sports from canoeing, zip wire, aeroball and big swing to archery, fencing and team building. When someone was feeling a bit apprehensive about an activity they all encouraged and supported each other (including the staff!).

Miss Gill, Miss Myerscough and Sandra were super proud of them all and a big thank you to Mr Roberts for coming along as a helper too!



*Louise Quayle & Lucy Sutton*

**Co-Headteachers**