



Our Christian Value this half term:

Thankfulness

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

**END OF HALF TERM UPDATE
10th February 2022**

This half term's bible verse:

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

Have a wonderful half term break – whatever you are doing, keep safe, have fun, keep reading and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 18th February!

ATTENDANCE



After the disruption of Covid it is absolutely essential that children do not miss any unnecessary time from school. We had been hit by colds, coughs and sickness through the autumn term but attendance is still lower than we would expect and aspire to. Our school target is for attendance to be at least 97%; you can see in the data below that for most year groups attendance is below this. If your child is a bit off colour, I'd ask that you do send them into school; if they are unwell we will contact you if we felt they

needed to go home. Parents will be contacted if attendance is not consistent and drops below our trigger level – please see the attendance policy for details (this can be found on the website). I don't want this to feel negative but as an encouragement to ensure we work together to ensure our children are in school learning all the time they can be. Thank you.

September 2021 to February 2022 attendance data:

YR 97%	Y1 93.2%	Y2 96.3%	Y3 95.9%	Y4 97.5%	Y5 96.5%	Y6 96.1%	Overall 96.1%
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Each week I'll be including school attendance data to the Friday Update so that we can celebrate attendance in school.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME



Please can I remind all families that holidays should not be taken in term time. Learning has been disrupted so much through the pandemic and children should be in school at all times. All holidays will be unauthorised. You may not be aware but during periods of unauthorised absence a child's place in school would have to be offered to another pupil if a family requested a place in school for their child in that class.

There are three extra days after the May half term break this year when holidays can be booked at a cheaper price.

SAFER INTERNET DAY – Thursday 8th Feb



The theme for Safer Internet Day this year was 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. During the week every class has had an additional focus on keeping safe online (online safety is an embedded part of our curriculum every term). To help support parents and carers understand the language children use in their online spaces, Internet Matters.org are supporting this with their new campaign, 'Level Up Your Lingo'. They've provided a list of words along with advice from experts to help children create positive online

relationships through their language. If you want to find out more then click the link to take you to their website. <https://www.internetmatters.org/safer-internet-day/>

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 7-13th FEBRUARY



The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is 'Growing Together'. Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'. Follow the link below to Children's Mental Health Week website for free resources and information for families.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

YEAR 3/4 CAKE SALE FOR TIMEST TABLES ROCK STARS – THANK YOU!



Thank you to everyone who baked, bought and ate cakes to support the year 3/4 pupils in their fund raising efforts. They raised a total of £116.12 which means Mrs Quayle will be setting up Times Tables Rock Stars today! Well done year 3/4 –

you've made the difference with your initiative and now have £68.12 to buy books with – happy choosing!



FOSS CHOCOLATE MINI HAMPER RAFFLE – THANK YOU!



Well done to Evelyn who won the chocolate raffle today. Enjoy the chocolate over the half term break!

FOSS raised an extra £47 from the raffle. Thank you to everyone who took part.

PARENT PAY



Please can all Parent Pay accounts be checked. There is still a considerable amount of money owed to school. School functions as a small business and we cannot hold unpaid amounts on Parent Pay. Parent Pay reminders are included in the newsletter regularly.

If you are having difficulty paying, please do contact school confidentially to discuss payment, otherwise may I respectfully ask that all outstanding balances

are paid. Thank you

CHANGE OF UNIFORM SUPPLIER



We are pleased to share with you that we have moved our uniform supplier to SMART UNIFORM which is located on Lancaster Road in Preston town centre. All items of uniform are available to purchase. There is also an online ordering service. Please use the link below to take you to their website.

<https://www.schoolwearpreston.co.uk/>

PRELOVED UNIFORM



School also has a stock of preloved uniform which are available from the office for a donation. All donations will be passed on to St Catherine's Hospice at the end of the academic year. A page is now live on the school website in the Parents Section, which has an up to date list of uniform items available. Please give school at least one day's notice if an item of uniform is required so that we can access them from storage.

CHURCH NEWS – UNITED BENEFICE (UB) OF SAMLESBURY, MELLOR AND BALDERSTONE



During half term, for the chance to win a Fairtrade Easter egg, please finish your Guess Who quiz, sent on 28th January, as a family, & email your answers to unitedbeneficebms@outlook.com by Sunday, 20th February.



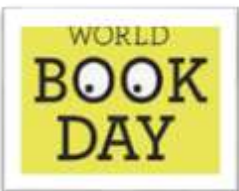
DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES – there is a lot coming up!



Thursday 10th Feb – finish for half term (Friday 11th is an INSET day and children are not in school)

Monday 18th Feb – return to school

Tuesday 1st March – St Catherine's Hospice charity Pancake Day breakfast from 8am (this must be pre-booked and paid for – please see previous newsletters for details).



Thursday 3rd March World book day – we've visiting authors and lots of activities planned for the day and as always there is a dress up theme. This year we'd like everyone to come from a character from the bible. There are an amazing range of characters from soldiers, kings and queens to all the well-known characters such as Daniel, Moses, Miriam, Esther etc. There's a character for everyone. You could recycle/upgrade/adapt a costume which has previously been worn with different accessories!



Thursday 3rd March FOSS World Book Day Film Evening – straight after school FOSS are holding a film night. The film will be based on a book by a famous author as it's World Book Day. The cost is £4 and includes a drink and popcorn. It starts straight from school and ends of 5pm.

Friday 18th March – Red Nose Day: come to school dressed in red and wear a red nose too if you want to - £1 donation.



Tuesday 22nd March – Year 5/6 to visit Gawthorpe Hall for a Shakespeare themed morning.

Friday 25th March – FOSS Beetle Drive – Yes it's back! FOSS are holding the annual Samlesbury Beetle Drive in school 6-8pm. The cost is £15 per family, £5 per adult and £3 per child. This includes a drink and a hot pot/cheese and onion pie supper.



Wednesday 30th March – the annual decorated egg competition. Boil up some eggs and decorate on a theme. Prizes for all classes. No cost to enter.



Thursday 31st March – the whole school is going to watch Gangsta Granny at the theatre in Blackpool.

Friday 1st April - End of term Easter service and progress award presentation 9.15am in St Leonard the Less Church.

Friday 1st April – break up for the Easter holidays.





Tuesday 19th April – return to school.

Thursday 28th April – FOSS summer term meeting 7.15pm in the school hall.

Thursday 26th May – FOSS organised school sponsored walk for the Queen's Jubilee (families are welcome to join us) to raise money for a much needed covered pergola for the infant's outdoor area. This will take place in school time. Full details of the route and times will follow closer to the time. All children will receive a commemorative Platinum Jubilee medal for completing the walk.

READING CHALLENGE AWARDS



KS2 Luke (Y4), Frankie K, Jack and Frankie SS (Y5) and Layla, Delilah, Sophie, Bella and Harley (Y6) 100% of their reading target! Amazing – well done to you all!

STARS OF THE WEEK & HEADTEACHERS AWARD



Infant Class: Declan (Y2)

Year 3/4: Lilly (Y3)

Year 5/6: Aidan (Y6)

Head teacher's Award: Phoebe (Y1)

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS



If your child has an achievement they would like to share and celebrate with everyone in school, we'd love to include it in the Friday Update.

Jenson achieved his 10m swimming badge last weekend! Well done Jenson!

