

Newsletter— 23rd October 2026

Learning, growing and caring as part of God's family.



"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.
John 15:5

Our Christian value for this half term is JUSTICE

 Scotforth Superstars 	
Name	Teacher's Comments
Harrison Antwi Y1	For brilliant enthusiasm in his learning.
Florence Heald Y2	For working really hard on adding across a 10 in maths.
Esha Seacy Y3	For settling to her work quickly & with good focus.
Oscar Harrison Y4	For working very hard on showing he is ready to listen & learn. Superstar Oscar!
Hannah Norcross Y5	For showing teamwork & communication skills during our play leader training session.
Rio Barker-Smith Y6	For showing great individual skill & teamwork in tag rugby.

Worship in School
Monday's worship took place in the classrooms and continued our theme of Justice in various ways. On Thursday, Rev Catherine continued her theme of people from the Old Testament talked about how Cain and Abel showed their love for God.

Celebrating Life in School
The last week of term has been relatively quiet! Y2 have been busy making 3D pictures of The Great Fire of London which they have been studying this half term. Our football team took part in a tournament on Tuesday and again played brilliantly. More information can be found at: Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School (scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk) .

 Writers of the Week 	
Name	Reason
Oreofe Aderounmu Y1	For consistently using full stops & capital letters.
Ash Cervantes Y2	For an informative & well presented booklet about The Great Fire of London.
Eddie Cotzias Y3	For using speech effectively in a story.
Josiah Anaya-Gamonal Y4	For creating descriptive & interesting expanded noun phrases for his monster.
Mabel Ellis Y5	For her amazing effort & progress learning the statutory word list.
Vienna Noon Y6	For using colons & semi-colons effectively in her writing.

Message from Miss O'Donnell
As we reach the end of our first half-term, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome at Scotforth St Paul's. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children and families over the past few weeks, and it has been a real pleasure to become part of such a warm and welcoming school community. Our school's Christian character is something that has particularly stood out to me, and it has been lovely to see our values of kindness, care and respect reflected in everyday school life. Throughout this half-term, I have been particularly impressed by the high quality of learning taking place across our classrooms. It has been wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm, engagement and positive attitudes towards their learning, and I am grateful to our dedicated staff for all their hard work and commitment. I hope all our children, families and staff have a lovely, restful half-term break. I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2nd November.

Changes to the School Timetable
After half-term, we will be making some adjustments to our school timetable to help us make the best use of the school day and support the smooth running of the school. As part of these changes, collective worship will take place at 9.00am each day, including our Friday Celebration Assembly.

Poppy Appeal
Poppies will be available to buy each morning when we return after half term. Y6 will be selling them at the school entrance just before the start of the school day.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	What	Who
Mon 2 Nov	8.45am	School re-opens	Everyone
Mon 2—Fri 6 Nov	All Week	Pre-Loved Toy Collection (see poster around school)	Everyone
Tue 3 Nov	9.am	Vision Screening	YR
Fri 13 Nov	All day	Non-Uniform Day (donations for the Rainbow Raffle at the Christmas Fair—details to follow).	Everyone
Sat 28 Nov	1-4pm	Scotforth St Paul's Christmas Fair (see poster around school)	Everyone
Mon 30 Nov	3.25-4pm	Bookfair in the School Hall	Everyone
Wed 2 Dec	3.25-4pm	Bookfair in the School Hall	Everyone
Mon 7 Dec	10am	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal	YN-Y6
Tue 8 Dec	2pm	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production	Parents
Wed 9 Dec	9.30am	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production	Parents
Thur 10 Dec	2.30pm	Rocksteady Concert	Invited parents
Tue 15 Dec	2pm	School Nurse Drop-in Session	Everyone
Fri 18 Dec	3.25pm	School closes for the Christmas Break	Everyone

Secondary School Admissions

Secondary School Admissions: A reminder that applications for Secondary School Admissions for September 2027 must be submitted by 31st October 2026. For further information, please visit: [Applying for a secondary school place - Lancashire County Council](#)

Clubs

Letters for football club next term have been sent out this week.

A new Lunchtime Singing Club is beginning on the first Friday after half-term. Please see the attached poster for further details. If your child would like to take part, they simply just need to turn up on the Friday.

EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production

This year's production will take place during the day, there will be NO evening performance. Further details about ticket allocation will be sent out later in the term.

Sustainability Club

Mrs Atkinson would like to share a little more information about the sustainability club to be run by Olivia Grundy from the rewilding roots organisation.

Olivia has been running clubs at local schools for the last few years.

She will be running the club on Mondays alongside a school staff member starting on Monday the 9th of November. The children will be working to plant seasonal fruit and vegetables that can then be used within the DT curriculum in school. Ideally Olivia would like the same group of children to attend for the rest of the school year so that they take part in planting and harvesting but I realise this may not be possible. In the first instance if children could commit to each Monday between the 9th of November and the 14th of December.

If your child is interested then please send a note or an email to the school office or to your child's class teacher via Dojo.

Class Dojo

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to ClassDojo. We are looking forward to using this as a simple and convenient way to strengthen communication between home and school. Please be aware that there is no need to purchase a ClassDojo subscription – all the features we will be using are completely free.

From after half-term, we ask that parents and carers no longer use teachers' individual email addresses to communicate with them. Instead, ClassDojo can be used to send teachers day-to-day messages and information relating to your child. All other enquiries, including more formal matters or concerns, should continue to be directed to the school office.

We will continue to use our established class blogs on the school website to share the children's learning and experiences, so teachers will not routinely post on the ClassDojo Class Story. However, they may occasionally use this feature to share reminders or important class-related information.

Thank you for your support as we introduce this new way of communicating. We hope you find it helpful and easy to use!

Missing PE Kits

We are still missing some PE kits from the various tournaments. Please have a look around over half term and return them—washed—after the holiday.

Christmas Fair Toy Appeal

Don't forget if you are having a sort out over the holidays and you have any good quality used toys you no longer want, please bring them into school after the holiday, Scot4All would appreciate them for the toy stall at the Fair.