

Newsletter— 4th September 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

Message from Miss O'Donnell

I would like to begin by saying a huge thank you to all our children and families for the incredibly warm welcome I have received this week. I already feel very much that I belong at Scotforth St Paul's, which says so much about the wonderful community I have joined.

I would also like to thank our fantastic staff team for all their support and guidance. They have worked incredibly hard to create such a warm and welcoming environment for our children to return to, and it has been lovely to see everyone settle back into school life and to watch our school come back to life again.

I am incredibly excited to get started and am really looking forward to getting to know all our children and families over the coming weeks. I feel very fortunate to be joining the Scotforth St Paul's family and am excited to begin this new chapter together.

Celebrating Life in School

It was wonderful to see all the children back in school and settling well in their new classes. As usual, we have started the year with our PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) fortnight. The children are immersed in activities to build teamwork, independence and resilience, while giving them time to remember the school rules and discover the expectations of their new class as they get to know their new class teacher. We want the children to settle in quickly and feel safe and happy now and throughout the year. The messages about kindness and understanding differences alongside the opportunities to develop communication, resilience and independence skills and recap the basics from the previous year, gives the children the basics they will need to help them, and their class, to have a successful year. Unfortunately, Rock Kidz was cancelled by the company and it is doubtful that we will be able to re-book them for this year. Each week the class teacher will put information on their class blog, along with pictures of what the children have been doing that week. Keep an eye out for all their activities by visiting: [Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](https://scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk).

Worship in School

On Tuesday, Miss O'Donnell told the children the story of The 3 Trees. She explained that sometimes your plans don't always work out and God may have have a different path for you.

Rev Catherine led worship on Thursday and, as it is the start of a new term, talked about starting new chapters in our lives and new pages.

There will be Family Worship from next Friday 11th September, 3–3.25pm. Children can bring in certificates or awards to be presented during Worship.

Swimming Y4

A reminder for Y4 parents—the children start their swimming lessons on Thursday 10th September. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit with them.

Permission/Medical Forms

All children (except Reception and Y6) have been given a Trip Permission Form / Medical Form today. Please complete and return to school as soon as possible.
Thank you

General Reminders

Water Bottles: these should be clear or see through and only contain water.

Uniform: please ensure this is the active uniform—skort/shorts/leggings/joggers which should be plain. PLEASE ENSURE ALL UNIFORM AND LUNCH BOXES ARE NAMED.

Jewellery: this is not permitted in school.

Coats please ensure that your child has an appropriate coat for the weather, they play out even when it is raining.

Dinner Money: this should be paid in advance or on the day (£3.00). If you would like to set up an online account, please ask at the school office.

Allergies: we aim to be a kiwi and nut free school—please ensure you do not send any foods containing these ingredients with your child for either a snack or their lunch.

Mobile Phones: can parents remember not to use their mobile phone whilst on school premises. Only children who are allowed to walk home on their own can bring a phone to school and MUST BE handed to their class teacher.

Contact Information: please inform school of any changes to your contact information. It is vital that this is kept up to date.

Story Box Drama

Story Box Drama (LAMDA) help children gain confidence, communication skills and character through drama. If you would like to know more, visit :

www.storyboxdrama.co.uk

Clubs

Mon: Story Box Drama 14 Sep for all year 12.30—1pm
(see separate box for further information)

Tue: Chinese Club Y3,4,5&6 (15 Sep-8 Dec) 3.25-4.25pm

Tue: Basketball Y3 & Y4 (8 Sep—13 Oct) 3.25-4.25pm

Tue: Football KS1 (Y1&Y2) (8 Sep-20 Oct) 3.25-4.25pm

Thur Football KS2 (Y3-Y6) (10 Sep-22 Oct) 3.25-4.25pm

Thur Karate All children (10 Sep—22 Oct) 3.25-4.25pm
Please ask the office for further details

All clubs are on a 'first come, first served' basis due to limited space.
Forms are attached to the email or are available from the school office.