



"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 FORGIVENESS

Time to Shine	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Joshua Walker YR	Joshua is always happy. He is a best friend & a good superhero.
Betty Ellis Y1	Betty plays and talks to everyone. She loves animals & takes care of all the bugs.
James Watts Y2	James is good at science & knows lots about frogs. He makes up good games.
David Udeoha Y3	David loves making things. He is a really keen learner. He has a massive smile.
Eliza Slater Y4	Eliza has fantastic manners. She is always kind and is a forgiving person.
Sienna Morgan Y5	Sienna looks out for others. She is the best role model & extraordinary friend.
Joseph Edmunds Parrington Y6	Joseph is caring, creative, respectful & a great friend. He is a great footballer.

Writers of the Week	
Name	Reason
Zsofia Babic Y6	For trying hard with her new writing target: using a variety of sentence openers.
James Sowerby Y5	For great writing in the 1st person sharing feelings and emotions.
Angelica Bishop Y4	For including some super expanded noun phrases in her sentences .
Amelia Hylton-Lambert Y3	For a really good adaptation of a story opening & trying really hard with her handwriting.
Wilf Gornall Y2	For using interesting vocabulary and contractions.
Matteo Lulli Y1	For independently writing the start of our 'Little Red Hen' storyboard. Well done!
Jairus Manoj YR	For some amazing independent writing.

Phonics Reading Books
We are running out of phonics reading books in Nursery, Reception and Y1. If you have any at home, please return them as soon as possible. The books should be brought back each week and not kept at home. Thank you.

Worship in School
This week we have started thinking about our new Christian value of Forgiveness. The children had some thinking time on Monday to record what forgiveness means to them. There were some really deep and inciteful comments made about how we should forgive each other and how God forgives us. Wednesday worship was full of prayer and praise, with two members of the Worship team leading us in the Diocese's Year of Prayer initiative and lots of joyous singing by everyone. Rev Catherine led Worship on Thursday and talked about different cleaning products. She included the Bible in this as she said it can clean our hearts when God forgives us when we do wrong.

Celebrating Life in School
As school re-open we take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope you all had an enjoyable time off. No doubt the weather came as a bit of a shock to us all this week and a big thank you goes to the staff who have worked extra time over lunchtimes this week to make sure the children had a choice of being indoors or outdoors at lunchtime during this cold weather. It has only been possible due to this increase in staff. New topics this term include Y2 learning how to do animation using a computer programme. Y5 have begun reading a new novel which makes them think about decision making and how a decision can be swayed, or not, by other people's advice. Well done to the Year 6s who, once again, showed prospective parents round school this morning. They did an amazing job - so polite, well spoken and respectful. To know more about school life visit: [Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](http://scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)

Punctuality
From Monday 13th January there will be a new signing in system in place for any child who is late arriving in school. Parents who arrive with their child after 8.55am (when the gate closes) MUST now sign the 'e-signing in register' in the school reception area.

Future Dates

Date	Time	What	Who
Mon 13 Jan	1.15pm	Extra date for tour of school for Reception 2025	Prospective Parents
Wed 15 Jan	11.59 pm	Closing date for Reception applications 2025	New Starters
Thur 16 Jan	am	Stone Age Workshop	Y3
Thur 16 Jan	9.30am – 2.30pm	Athletics Tournament	Y6
Fri 17 Jan	am	Roman Workshop	Y4
Thur 23 Jan	pm	Re-arranged Football Tournament	Select-ed Ys5&6
Thur 30 Jan	3.15pm	Scot4All AGM Details to follow	Every-one
Wed 5 Feb	During the day.	Scot4All Bake Off competition. Details to follow	All children
Fri 14 Feb	3.10pm	Break up for half-term	All
Mon 24 Feb	8.45am	School re-opens	All

Volunteering

If your New Year's Resolution was to get out of the house more and help others, then we may have the solution for you! We are always looking for volunteers in school to help with reading, art, in the library at lunchtime and to lead clubs. If you would be interested to know more, please contact Mrs Walsh.

Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion have informed us that this year your fantastic support collected £188.65 and have asked that we thank you all for your continuing support.

Information/Reminders

As can be seen on the Parish Newsletter (emailed after the newsletter), the search for a vicar to take over from Rev Rebecca continues. Unfortunately, it means that we will need to wait a bit longer for a replacement, but we are blessed that Rev Catherine is so involved in school life and will continue to be until the vacancy is filled.

Please remember to name your child's property—there are number of hats, gloves and scarves in the lost property box which we cannot return.

For children who have school dinners, please remember to ensure the balance is up to date and not in arrears.

Parking is an issue around school but please remember NOT to park on double yellow lines, zig-zag lines or block residents' driveways. Also, the school car park should only be used by parents dropping off for breakfast club or picking up from after school club. Parents should not be using it when bringing/collecting children for the normal school day.

End of School Day

To try to ease the congestion around the gate, please be on the school playground to collect your child at 3.10pm. The bell to indicate the end of learning time sounds at 3.10pm and the class teachers do try to dismiss the children as soon as possible after this time. We do need parents to be on the playground waiting so that we can have a quick and smooth handover and everyone will be heading in the same direction at the same time through the gate. The exception to this are Y1 parents who need to collect their children from Y1 and then, if they have older siblings will, unfortunately, have to go against the main flow of parents leaving the playground. We cannot open the big gate as that creates safeguarding issues, especially when we are on the main road. Please be mindful about where you wait to collect your child, especially if they are in Reception, Nursery and Year 2 as the area around the gate can become very congested.

After School Clubs/Activities

Tuesday: 3.15—4.15 pm Dance KS2 (Ys 3, 4, 5 & 6) 6 weeks 7 Jan—11 Feb Free

Wednesday: 3.15—4.15 pm Multi Skills KS1 (Y1 & 2) run by Morecambe Football Club Free

Thursday: 3.15—4.15 pm Football with Coach Dan KS2 5 weeks 16 Jan -13 Feb £25.00

3.15—4.15 pm Karate with Andrea KS1&KS2 (contact school for more details)

Friday: 3.15—4.15 pm Gymnastics Ys3 & 4 17 Jan—14 Feb £25.00

Letters for clubs have gone out this week—check bags! There are still a few spaces remaining. If you haven't received a letter or cannot print off at home, just jot down permission for your child on a piece of paper and bring it into school.