

# Newsletter— 10th October 2025



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 LOVE

 Time to Shine 	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Mia Jones Y1	Mia is a great partner to work with. She is a great singer & a good dancer.
Ava Hargreaves Y2	Ava looks after people. She is always smiling. Ava is very good at maths.
Herman Amurov Y3	Herman is enthusiastic , chatty & brave. He is kind & a really good friend.
Isabella McKiernan Y4	Isabella is responsible, trustworthy & very helpful. She is an amazing friend.
Louis Iacob Y5	Louis has a fantastic imagination. He is always cheery. He is very sporty.
James Sowerby Y6	James is polite, always full of joy & a great partner. He has an amazing imagination.

 Writers of the Week 	
Name	Reason
Asiya Siddig Y1	For using 'and' in a sentence.
Ottilie Aldren Y2	For good punctuation and suffixes.
Mmedara Harrison Y3	For writing amazing sentences including speech marks (inverted commas), adverbs & effective speech verbs. Wow!
Adelina Nemeth Y4	For using fantastic similes to describe a character.
Dominic Boyoni Y5	For super editing and presentational skills when writing up his story.
Jasper Young Y6	For some very effective word choices and use of metaphor when writing about Rosa Parks' early life.

Open Day—Wednesday 15th October
<p>If you know of any families in the area whose children are starting Reception Class in September 2026, please let them know about our Open Day.</p> <p><b>HELP NEEDED</b>—Are there any parents willing to come and help serve teas and coffees and are happy to talk to prospective parents about school life? If you are able to help between 1.15 and 3.15pm please let the school office know as soon as possible. Many thanks.</p>

Worship in School
<p>On Monday, Mrs Walsh talked about how we should love each other and celebrate the fact that we are all different. As it is Black History month, we found out about a famous black footballer who became an amazing role model by being one of the first black players chosen to play for England - Laurie Cunningham. Tuesday's Blackburn Diocese worship was about a man called Moses (not the one from the Bible) who turned his life around when he became a Christian. Rev Catherine was in school again on Thursday and talked about what we should put on every morning before we leave the house which is God's love.</p>

Celebrating Life in School
<p>Reception children have been out and about around the school grounds looking for signs of Autumn. Y6 have continued their science theme of resistance, this week investigating how water slows objects down—and managed to stay dry! The School Council held their first meeting of the year today and discussed the role and responsibilities of the School Council. They discussed which charity school would support this year and anti-bullying ideas. Keep an eye on the newsletter over the next week or so to see what they have decided. As always, to see what has been happening in school in pictures, visit the school blog: <a href="http://scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk">Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary &amp; Nursery School (scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)</a></p>

Scot4 All—Book Fair
<p>Don't forget the book fair on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. It starts straight after school in the hall. There are children, young adult, adult and coffee table books, so come along and grab a bargain prices start at 50p(or could be less)!</p>

Secondary School Applications
<p>Don't forget, if your child is in their last year of primary school you must apply for a secondary school place by Friday 31st October. Please see the attached poster for further details on the follow up email.</p>

### Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	What	Who
Mon 13- Wed 15	3.25-4pm	Scot4All Preloved Book Fair	Everyone
Wed 15 Oct	1.30-3pm	Open Afternoon for new Reception 2026	All
Fri 17 Oct	8.32am	Bishop Philip's visit to St Paul's Church	Everyone
Wed 22 Oct	3.25pm	Close for half term break	Everyone
Mon 3 Nov	8.45am	Re-open after half term break	Everyone
Wed 5 Nov	1-3.15pm	Well Being Wednesday	Everyone
Fri 14 Nov	9-11am	Neurodivergent Café with Lucy Ellis	All parents
Mon 1 & Tue 2 Dec	3.30-4.15pm	Scholastic Book Fair	Everyone
Sat 6 Dec	12-4pm	SCOT4ALL Christmas Fair in the Parish Hall	Everyone
W/b Mon 8 Dec	All Week	Y6 Enterprise Week	Y6
Thu 11 Dec	2.30pm	RocksSteady Concert by the children who have lessons	Invited Parents
Fri 12 Dec	3.30-4.30pm	School Christmas Fair in the Hall	Everyone
Mon 15 Dec	During the day	EYFS & KS1 Dress Rehearsal (no parents)	All children
Tue 16 Dec	TBC	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production performance Afternoon	EYFS & KS1 families
Wed 17 Dec	TBC	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production performance Evening	EYFS & KS1 families
Fri 19 Dec	1.30pm	Carol Service in Church	Everyone
Fri 19 Dec	3.25pm	Close for Christmas Holiday	Everyone
Mon 6 Jan	8.45am	Reopen after Christmas Holiday	Everyone

### Lost Property

Don't forget— if you would like your child's belongings to be returned you MUST NAME THEM CLEARLY. There are several un-named, newish jumpers/cardigans in the lost property box already.

### Pupil Agreement/Online Safety Rules

These were the forms given out at Parents' Consultation. Please read through them with your child and sign and return them as soon as possible to the class teacher.

### Coffee and Autism Chat

We are inviting any parent who is interested to find out more about how to support children on the autistic spectrum to join us for coffee, tea and biscuits on Friday 14th November at 9am in the school hall. Lucy Ellis from the Autism pathway service (not the parent from our school!) will be available to offer advice and signposting ideas. It will also be an opportunity to talk to other parents about struggles and solutions. Talking openly and supporting each other with advice and ideas can help bringing up a child with needs feel less isolating. There is no need to let us know if you intend on coming, just turn up on the day. Your child does not need an autism diagnosis for you to attend.

### Well Being Wednesday—Help needed!

Thank you to the parents who have already offered to help on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November in the afternoon. If you can help out in school by leading or supporting a staff member with a small group of children with a well-being activity, please contact [k.walsh@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:k.walsh@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk) as soon as possible so that the children can make their choices. Activities could be crafty or sporty, indoors or out, musical or food related, Lego or colouring. The list really is endless and the more activities we have, the more chance there is of the children finding something that helps their mental health and well-being.

### Birthday Treats

It is lovely to be able to celebrate the children's birthdays in class with them and it is very kind when children bring treats in for the rest of their class to take home. We do have some children in school who have allergies or are vegetarian or vegan, so if you would like to send treats in for your child's class on their birthday, please contact your child's class teachers to find out what would be suitable. It can be upsetting for children when they miss out on their friend's birthday treat. Thank you.

### Parents' Consultations

Thank you to all the parents who attended the afternoon/evening. I hope you feel that you have a better understanding of how your child has settled into their new class. We are very grateful that everyone kept mainly to time - it really helped with the organisation and made sure it was not too late when the staff got home to their families. Please remember that we are all here to work together for the benefit of your child, so if you have any queries or anything you would like to discuss, please do not wait until the next meeting in the Spring term - just send a quick email to your child's class teacher. They will do their best to respond as quickly as possible, around their teaching commitment.

A big thank you to the Y6 children who helped on Wednesday afternoon & evening. They did a fantastic job of welcoming parents & keeping us all to time.