



"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 HOPE

Time to Shine	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Ayesha Islam Y6	Ayesha was a great Enterprise Week Project manager. She is just brilliant.
Siona Lawrence Y5	Siona is good at football. She is resilient, hardworking & really loyal.
Lilly Aspinall Y4	Lilly always wants to help others. She is a fantastic role model. She is always smiling
Angelica Bishop Y4	Angelica works hard & always tries her best. She is the best friend ever.
Harrison Fagan Y3	Harrison loves drawing. He is brilliant at sport. He is happy & cheerful.
Gaston Lopez Palma Y3	Gaston has a fantastic general knowledge. He is confident, imaginative & loves acting
Ola Siddig Y2	Ola is a good dancer, gymnast & footballer. She is friendly & helpful.
Tahani Abubaker Y1	Tahani has kind words & a kind heart. She is very creative & is good at drawing.
Lola Walton YR	Lola always likes to help & is good at tidying up. She is good at making things.

Writers of the Week	
Name	Reason
Angel Mae O'Connor YR	For trying really hard with writing her name
Young Peng Y1	For remembering finger spaces & using his phonics well to spell words.
Omra Hashimi Y2	For excellent ideas & super independence when writing he ending of her story.
Tahir Celik Y3	For a fantastic retelling of the Christmas story, full of wonderful phrases & vocabulary.
Martha Grimwood Y4	For including super ideas in a simile poem about water.
Jasper Young Y5	For a lovely retelling of the 'Birth of Jesus' from an animal's point of view. Well done for using paragraphs.
Riley Smith Y6	For accurate sentence punctuation & use of paragraphs.

Worship in School
Our Worship on Monday was a reminder about the Christmas story as told by the Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children in the dress rehearsal. On Wednesday we sang some Christmas carols and Mason (one of the Worship Team) led us in our prayer about God's love shining on us, as part of our Year of Prayer initiative from Blackburn Diocese. Our last Friday Family Worship of the term was a joyous occasion, celebrating achievements and giving some of our children their "time to shine".

Celebrating Life in School
What amazing performances by the Early Years and Key Stage 1 children on Tuesday and Wednesday. They all did a brilliant job with their singing, dancing, acting and remembering words. A special well done goes to the Year 2 children who took the lead. Thank you to all the staff who made it possible. Christmas lunch day with Christmas jumpers and dodgeball for some classes was a very busy day. The children seemed to enjoy the day and the food was delicious. Thanks to the kitchen staff and Mrs Lofthouse and Mrs Harrison who volunteered to help at lunchtime. Year 6 attended the service in church on Thursday morning to sing carols and their beautiful singing was enjoyed by the parishioners. We had our Rocksteady Concert in school on Thursday - well done to all the bands who performed their song in front of the whole school and parents. A big thank you from Y2 to Mrs Browne who came in to help with their sewing. It was lovely to see her. EYFS and KS1 had a magical time this afternoon with a visit from Magic Mark as part of their Christmas Party. A very entertaining time was had by all! As always, for more information on school life, visit the class blogs, these show what's going on in school much better than just a description. <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>

## Future Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Who</u>
Tues 17 Dec	Morning	Ys 5 & 6 Christmas Party (own clothes may be worn)	Ys 5 & 6
Tues 17 Dec	2.45pm	Music Assembly for children receiving tuition in school	Invited parents
Wed 18 Dec	After-noon	Ys 3 & 4 Christmas Party (own clothes may be worn)	Ys 3 & 4
Thur 19 Dec	2pm	Church Service	All
Thur 19 Dec	3.10pm	Break up for Christmas	All
Mon 6 Jan	8.45am	School reopens	All
Fri 10 Jan	9.30 am	Extra date for tour of school for Reception 2025	Prospective Parents
Mon 13 Jan	1.15pm	Extra date for tour of school for Reception 2025	Prospective Parents
Tues 14 Jan	9.00 am	Coffee & chat for parents whose children have autistic tendencies	Parents
Wed 15 Jan	11.59 pm	Closing date for Reception applications 2025	New Starters

## Rocksteady Music Lessons

Places are available after Christmas for any children wishing to learn an instrument. The children have been given information to bring home on how to sign up.

## General Reminders & Information

School closes on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December after our church service, which Year 6s are leading as part of our rota for class assemblies. All are welcome to join us in church at 2pm and we will be back at school in time for the children to be picked up at 3.10pm (unless they are booked into after school club) .

All parents should have received an email with the School Improvement Plan review for the Autumn term attached. We hope you can see how hard we are working to make improvements across school.

Could parents ensure that all dinner money accounts are up to date before the end of term. As per school policy, dinners should be paid for in advance rather than being in arrears. Thank you.

If you are buying new uniform for next term, this would be an opportunity to ensure all items are named before the new term starts. If items are named, we can return them.

## Change of Hours Survey

A survey about school opening times was sent out this week. Thank you to everyone who has already completed it - over 140 parents already! If you have not completed it, please do so before Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024.  
<https://forms.office.com/e/m7W63SheSZ>

## Book Fair & Christmas Market

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the Book Fair. A grand total of £755 was spent on books which means school will receive approximately £300 in vouchers to spend on new books.

Thanks to the three parents who helped staff with the Christmas Market last Friday. The event proved to be very successful with £655 raised. Well done to all the Year 6s who made some extremely high quality products to sell.