

Scotforth St Paul's CE Primary and Nursery School.

Newsletter— 13th September 2024

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

Celebrating Life in School

Lockerbie has, once again, been a huge success. The children who have been in Scotland this week have developed their confidence and resilience. Their smiles have been infectious and they have been so busy that they have slept fantastically every night. Please see the blog on the school web site - especially Year 5s - as it gives a flavour of some of the activities on offer.

Whilst Y6 have been away the rest of school has also been busy. Nursery and Reception have started dance classes with the lady from Diddy Dance, learning listening and concentration skills as well as how to express themselves through dance. Y4 have been learning map skills and how to navigate a course using a map.

To keep up to date with what is happening in school, have a look at the school blog—[Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](http://scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk).

Reminders

Parking: Please do not park on the zig zag lines at the crossing or on double yellow lines (which is illegal) or on corners. Doing so makes it very dangerous for both children and parents to cross.

Hair: Any child with long hair should have it tied back neatly away from their face.

Earrings: Despite the reminder last week some children are still wearing earrings. These must be removed before coming to school otherwise children will miss PE and possibly playing outside.

One-Way System: Thank you to those parents who remember to enter and leave school via the one way system which is to come in at the main gate by the office and leave via the car park. This prevents a bottleneck by the main gate.

Belongings: It has been noted that some parents are still not naming their child's belongings. This makes it extremely difficult to reunite lost property. If you don't want to lose it—CLEARLY NAME IT.

Dinner Money: Please ensure if you have to pay for school dinners you do so in advance— £2.60/day. We will contact anyone with an outstanding balance.

Scotforth Hoedown

Friday 11th October 6-7.30pm in the School Hall. £10 for a family ticket (2 adults/2 children) £3 individual ticket. More information to follow soon!!

Worship in School

On Tuesday, we thought about what Justice means to us. There were a few questions to think about and the children recorded words, sentences and pictures showing the definition of justice and rules that we would have if we ruled the world. Some are displayed in the hall and are really insightful.

On Thursday Rev Catherine led worship and tested our memories by playing a shopping list game. This was to show how difficult it is to remember a lot of things. She reminded us of the 10 commandments or rules God gave to Moses but taught us Jesus' 2 rules which are easier to remember than 10. They are to love God and love others.

Future Dates

Date	Time	What	Who
Wed 18 Sep	All day	Aim High in Writing Invited children	Y5/6
Mon 23 Sep	2pm	Harvest Festival To be held in Church	All
Tue 24 Sep	1pm	Vision Screening Details emailed to parents	YR
Wed 9 Oct	PM	Parents' Consultation Afternoon (no children) Details to follow	All
Fri 11 Oct	6-730pm	Scotforth Hoedown— School Hall	All
Tue 15 Oct	AM	Individual & sibling school photos See additional information box	All
Fri 18 Oct	3.10pm	Break up for half term	All
Mon 28 Oct	8.45am	School opens	All
Tue 12 Nov	AM	Flu vaccinations—Nursery children will have to arrange with their GP	YR-Y6
Thu 14 Nov	1.30-3pm	Open Afternoon for September 2025 admissions	All

Primary/Secondary Admission 2025

If you have a child ready to start Primary school in September 2025 you must apply by 15th January 2025. For children starting Secondary school, you must apply by 31st October 2024. For further details please see attached flyers.

Secondary School Open Evenings

There are several schools in the area inviting parents to their open evening in the next few weeks. Check out the individual school's website to see when these are taking place.

Ripley Faith Forms

The Church Office are now taking bookings for Ripley St Thomas Church School Supplementary Forms to be signed. There will be two evenings – Tuesday 8th October and Thursday 10th October between 6.00pm and 7.30pm in the Parish Office. Please contact the office by telephone to make an appointment (9.30-12 noon Mon - Fri) or email: office@stpauls-scotforth.org. For full details of what you need to take along, please see the copy of the attached Parish Newsletter.

Photographs (15th Oct)

There will be the opportunity for siblings in school to have their photographs taken together during the day. If, however, anyone has a sibling **NOT** in school or a nursery child who does not come on a Tuesday and you would like to have their photo taken, the photographer will be here from 8.30-9.00am to take family photos.

Harvest Festival

Monday 23rd September—this year's Harvest Festival will be at 2pm in Church and everyone is welcome to come along. We are again supporting the Olive Branch who have asked for donations of store cupboard items such as long grain rice, rice pouches, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables (peas, carrots, etc), pasta, pasta sauce, baked beans, jams, tea/coffee, tinned puddings with long shelf dates. Hygiene items such as baby wipes, toilet rolls, etc are also very welcome.

Reception Children

A reminder that from Monday 16th parents will need to be on the main playground for pickup rather than in the small reception/nursery play area. It is hoped that over the next few weeks they will start to come into school independently.

After School & Lunchtime Clubs

Clubs taking place this term are:

Monday	Gymnastics Club KS1 3.15-4.15pm (16th Sept—15th Oct) FULL
Tuesday	Athletics Ys 5 & 6 lunchtime
Wednesday	Girls' Football KS1 12—12.30pm KS2 12.30—1.00pm Basketball Ys 3 & 4 3.15-4.15pm (11th Sept—16th Oct) FULL
Thursday	Football with Coach Dan KS2 3.15-4.15pm (12th Sept—17th Oct) FULL