



"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 SERVICE

Time to Shine	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Tilly Murfitt Y6	Tilly is conscientious & a good partner to work with. She is really kind & helpful.
Buddy Wood Y5	Buddy is a great friend & liked by all. He is a comedian & super funny.
Vienna Noon Y4	Vienna has lovely manners. She is kind & helpful. She is fantastic at gymnastics.
Hannah Norcross Y3	Hannah has a really kind heart. She is a fantastic member of the Worship Team.
Evie Tunnicliffe Y2	Evie is a good partner & she plays with everybody. She is very good at dance.
Annie Discua-Pyne Y1	Annie cheers everyone up. She is clever & always works hard. She loves sports.
Olanna Okafor YR	Olanna always tries hard. She is kind & helpful. She is amazing at drawing.

Writers of the Week	
Name	Reason
James Butcher Y6	For his much improved description & use of vocabulary in his "Teaching Live" story (chapter 3)
Abigale Long Y5	For a great, persuasive formal speech for our inquest in to Bess' death.
Mary Makinson Y4	For a detailed, neatly presented diary entry.
Mabel Ellis Y3	For a fantastic diary entry, trying really hard with her presentation and description of feelings.
Yasmin Yu Y2	For using her editing strip to correct & improve her writing.
Moe Jani Y1	For trying his hardest to use finger spaces.
Felicity Treasure YR	For using her phonics knowledge to help her sound out words independently.

Worship in School
On Monday, we found out what some of the Worship Team have been doing for their Lent Challenge before listening to a story which reminded us to think about WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?) in different situations. On Wednesday, we sang and signed "When I needed a neighbour". Some of you might remember that song from your own school days! Miss Huddleston and Mrs Walsh led the Year of Prayer thoughts and prayers. The Worship Team will start leading them again from next week. On Thursday, Rev Catherine reminded us about how we reflect during Lent and talked about how we use maps and a compass when orienteering. She linked this to if we are feeling a little lost in life, we can use Lent as a time to get back on track. It is nice to have Lent and Ramadan overlapping this year as many of us can be reflecting at the same time.

Celebrating Life in School
Y4 have been investigating friction to find out how easy it is to move items over different surfaces. Y5 &6 made the most of the sunshine for their intrasports competition. Well done to the Y6 Sports' Captains for organising the event. Well done to the Year 4 Footballers who represented the school on Tuesday. Thanks to Mrs Boyle and the parents who came along to support. Make sure you have a look at the school blog: Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School (scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)

Staffing News
Mrs Belshire has decided to take Early Retirement at the end of this school year. It will be a big change for us, but a massive one for her. Having taught here for over thirty years and coming here as a child, she has a long-standing relationship with the school. We hope to see her back from time to time once she has left - she knows that she will always be welcome. A teaching vacancy has been advertised and once the position is filled, we will be able to plan the staffing across school for September 2025 onwards.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	What	Who
Mon 17 – Thur 20 Mar	All Day	Bikeability	Y6
Fri 21 March	All Day	Non-uniform day (see separate details)	Every- one
Thur 27 Mar	2.30pm	Rock Steady Concert For the children who have lessons	Invited parents
Thur 27 Mar	Evening	Music Festival	Y4
Fri 28 Mar	6-7pm	Easter Bingo (See below)	Every- one
Fri 4 Apr	1.30pm	Easter Church Service	Every- one
Fri 4 April	3.10 pm	Break up for Easter Holidays	Every- one
Tue 22 April	8.55am	Re-open after Easter Holidays	Every- one

Fire Service Cooking Safe Competition

Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service are running a Cooking Safe competition where the prize is an Amazon Kids Pro Tablet. If any of your child would like to take part, please complete the picture sent in the separate email and return it via email, no later than Friday 28th March to michellemeylan@lancsfirerescue.org.uk

Easter Bingo

Tickets are available from the School Office for the Easter Bingo night on Friday 28th March.

Adult tickets (including 2 children) £5.00

Additional children £1.00

Lots of chocolate prizes to be won!

Non-Uniform Day

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 21st March for children to bring in chocolate items as prizes for the Easter Bingo night the week after. Posters are attached to the follow up newsletter email for further details.

LAMDA

We recently sent out some information about another club we are hoping to offer, focusing on drama, public speaking and confidence. As it stands, only two parents have expressed an interest in the club and it is therefore currently unable to go ahead. If you are interested, please search your emails and contact the organisers directly.

Communication Working Party

Thank you to the parents who met in school on Monday to discuss communication between school and parents. It was a very good meeting with positive feedback about some changes we have made e.g. sending two separate emails for the newsletter and extras and sending emails to priority one and priority two. One thing we talked about was WhatsApp and Facebook groups for different classes which have been set up by parents from each year group. Parents find these helpful for asking questions and sharing information. If you are NOT part of your child's class WhatsApp or Facebook group and you would like to be, please contact the office with your name and telephone number.

School Term Date

Just a reminder that there are 2 inset days (Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th) added to the October 2025 half-term holiday. These extra days may help if you are currently looking for a cheaper holiday around that time.

Online Safety

You may have seen on the news this week about children playing Roblox. If you are looking for help and advice, take a look at this week's helpful hints on Roblox.