



Jesus (the gardener) nourishes and tends us as we learn and grow, so that we can all flourish. As a vine, we are one, but all unique and special to Him. We care for each other, as God cares for us.



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Time to Shine



Celebrating this week in school

It has been quiet during our second week back after the holidays as the Year 6s have been on their residential in Lockerbie. There are lots of photographs on the website, if you want to see what they have been up to. You can also see photographs of the Year 5 children with their Reception buddies. They really are amazing at looking after them.

As we have continued thinking about the Christian value of Justice, we thought about doing things for other people, especially when we notice that things are not fair for them. This will link to our Harvest Appeal, when we think about those who live in our local area who do not have enough food. As part of our Harvest Festival (Monday 3rd October), we would ask that families bring in donations of tins and packets. This will be distributed via Hala Pantry to other groups providing support. I know that for some of you, things are difficult financially. Please do not feel obliged to bring in food – only if you are willing and able. We will have extras in school for children to take to church, so that they do not feel uncomfortable. If you are finding things difficult at the moment, please let us know as there are groups that can offer advice and support.

During the first two weeks at school we have focused on the foundations of learning – how to be a good classmate and learner. Each class has looked at our school rules and thought about what they mean. We have kept it simple so that everyone across school has an understanding of what they are.

They are;

BE READY

BE RESPECTFUL

BE SAFE

Please ask them about these rules at home and encourage them to make good choices based on them.

Information and Reminders

Please remember that we are closed on Monday 19th September for the Queen's Funeral. We will reopen at 8.45am on Tuesday 20th September.

Just a gentle reminder that school opens at 8.45 and ALL children should be in their classrooms ready for registration by 8.55am. If your child arrives after 8.55am, they are considered to be late. In line with Lancashire County Council (LCC) policy, we need to monitor and act on persistent late comers. We have to record all late comers and this is reported to LCC. We will be contacting you if your child is late repeatedly to find out if there is any way we can help improve the situation – a child arriving once the day has started is disruptive to their learning and that of their classmates. We try not to berate the children for being late, but we do need to try and find out what the causes are in order to improve the situation. At the end of the day, lessons finish at 3.10pm and we do try to get the children to their exit points as soon after this as possible. It does help if you are on the playground at 3.10pm, but please be aware that the children may be out shortly after this.

Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Lily Machin Williams YR	Listens in class, always shares, makes up good games, kind
Mateo Ponce Suarez Y1	Good to play with, kind, funny, runs fast
Bella Sowerby Y1	Helpful, funny, smiley, brilliant at signing and shows others how to
Emily Brighthouse Y2	A good friend, kind, shares things, helps others
Angus Laird Y3	Kind, sharing, helpful, a good listener, always tries
Zsofia Babic Y4	Kind, funny, good at gymnastics, a good friend
Elijah Grimwood Y5	Thoughtful, happy, clever, imaginative, funny

Upcoming Important dates (please watch out for emails from teachers about class specific dates)

- 19.09 Bank Holiday—closed as a mark of respect for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth (re-open Tuesday)
- 21.09 Phonics meeting for Reception Parents 7pm
- 21.09 Life Education Visit
- 22.09 Life Education Visit
- 03.10 Harvest festival in church 2pm (more details to follow)
- 19.10 Parents' Afternoon/Evening
Flu vaccinations
- 21.10 INSET day (First Aid Training) – school closed for the children
- 31.10 School Reopens
- 10.11 Open Afternoon for prospective parents
- 16.12 Church Service 1.45pm, then school closes for Christmas

Please keep checking this list of dates as more will be added as we go through the term. We will try to give you as much notice as possible for any that involve parents.

INFORMATION AND REMINDERS—Cont'd

Please remember that we now have an active uniform. Children should wear their black trainers and sports trousers/shorts/skorts every day. Please make sure your child does not wear earrings.

Data Collection Sheets

All children were given a set of forms—thank you to those parents who have returned them. If you haven't seen them, please ask your child and check bags! The forms should have been returned by today, Friday as they provide vital information on how to contact parents in case of emergency, medical details, etc. Please complete and return by next week. If you can't find them, please ask at the office for a new set. Many thanks.

Reception Children

Parents should have received a health questionnaire this week. Please complete and return to school by 21st September as the School Nurse Team will be collecting them.

Phonics Meeting

Mrs Browne and Mrs Atkinson are holding a Phonics Meeting on Wednesday, 21st September at 7pm in the Reception Classroom to help parents understand how phonics is taught in school and how you can help practice at home.

School Library

Do you have half an hour free during the week to help run the school library? We need parent volunteers to help the children open the library between 12.30 and 1.00pm. If you feel you can help, please come and talk to us. Many thanks.

After School Clubs

KS2 Multi-Skills	Y3&4	Mondays 12.09—17.10	3.15-4.15pm
KS2 Girls' Football	Y4, 5&6	Mondays 12.30-1pm	starting 12.09 (no slip required as in school time)
KS2 Athletics	Y5&6	Tuesday 12.30-1pm	start date to be confirmed (no slip required)
Fencing Club	Y5&6	Wednesdays 14.09—19.10	3.15 - 4.30pm (full)
KS2 Football	Y3,4 5&6	Thursdays 15.09-20.10	3.15-4.15pm
KS1 Lego	Y1&2	Tuesdays 27.09-18.10	3.10-4.10pm
Karate All Year Groups		Thursdays—please contact Andrea Corban	0753 433 3569

Dinner Money

A reminder that dinner money must be paid in advance if your child has a school dinner, currently £2.40 per day. If you feel that your circumstances have changed recently and you may be entitled to free school meals, please come and ask for a form at the office.

Please note: for some reason the price of school dinners has not been updated on the Scopay system and some are still being shown at the previous price of £2.35. We are trying to resolve the issue but balances shown at the moment may not reflect the true amount owed. We will keep you updated of progress.

School Admissions—September 2023

Please see the poster on the separate email giving details of how to apply for Primary School Admissions for next September. Unfortunately we do not have full details of Secondary Admissions but details can be found at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. The closing date for Secondary School places is 31st October 2022—6 weeks to get your application in.

St Paul's Church

The church is looking for a new cleaner—please see the separate flyer for further information.