

Newsletter— 17th July 2026

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



Scotforth Supestars



Head Teacher's Award for Perseverance/Embodying School's Ethos	Abigale Long
Pearson Cup for Contribution to School Life	Annabel Cooper
Scotforth St Paul's Values Award	Kitty Smith
Scotforth Shield for Progress	Luke Waine
Girl's Sport Award	Ida Davey
Boy's Sport Award	Louis Fagan
Chair of Governors Award for Outstanding Attainment	James Betts
Anne Randell's Award for Excellence in Writing	Karen Talbot
Personal Development	Raaed Shah
Mrs Walsh's Award for Kindness	Angus Laird
Miss Huddleston's Y6 Award for Exceptional Personal Growth	Jasper Young
Greta Puttick Creative & Performing Arts Award	Amy Ludlow

A Fond Farewell

As many of you already know, this is my last newsletter as Acting Headteacher at Scotforth St Paul's.

I just wanted to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome during my time here. It has been an absolute privilege to be part of such a wonderful school community.

To the children – thank you for making every day so enjoyable. Your enthusiasm, kindness and sense of fun have made coming to school a pleasure, and I feel incredibly proud of everything you have achieved this year. To the parents and families – thank you for your support, encouragement and the warm welcome you have given me from day one. It has been greatly appreciated.

To the staff, governors and parish community – thank you for all your hard work, friendship and support throughout the year. It has been a pleasure working alongside such a dedicated team who always put the children first.

Finally, thank you to everyone for the incredibly kind messages, cards and gifts I have received. Your generosity and thoughtful words have meant a great deal to me and are something I will always remember.

Have a wonderful summer break and thank you once again.

Mr Barnacle

Our Christian value for this half term is ENDURANCE

Summer 2026	R	1	2	3	4	5
READING	Harry Britton	Evie Cragg	Marcus Huang	Lacey Jackson Brown	Alfie Martin	Locryn Mellor
WRITING	Isla Webb	Aaron Larbi	Jasper North	Helna Mary Kushuppily	Lotty Eden	Eliza Slater
NUMERACY	Thomas Harling	Michael Zhu	Anon	Leo Monk	Kenny Qu	Lydia Johnstone
EXCELLENCE	Betty Eden	Evie Winder	Annie Discua-Pyne	Mmedara Harrison	Joe Kornas	George Edmondson
CREATIVE ARTS	Rethabile Jani	Chimamanda Udeoha	Lucas Burrows	Jadon Francis	George Withers	Michelle Huang
SHINING STAR	Jonas Manning	Freya Huys	Skyler Thomas	Juana Manoj	George Davey	Daan Jithin
FRIENDSHIP AWARD						Chloe Cooper

Message from Scot4All

We wanted to say a big thank you to every single person who has supported Scot4All this year. Whether you've volunteered your time, helped organise events, donated things and raffle items, bought tickets, enjoyed an ice lolly, purchased a recipe book or simply cheered us on - you've made a real difference.

Thanks to your support we've been able to provide equipment for the sensory room, purchased a 3D printer, created the fruit and vegetable planters, transformed the shaded sensory garden, revamped the Year 1 outdoor area, contributed to the year 6 Lake District trip and have invested over £13,000 towards the children's kitchen.

Together we're creating amazing opportunities for our children. We couldn't do it without you.

Special thanks to 3R foundation, EDF Energy, Rewilding roots and the Men's Hub for their generosity and support.

Reminders

Ear Piercing— if parents are allowing their child to have their ears pierced over the holidays, please remember that they will not be allowed to wear them when they return to school in September so please get them done in the first week to allow them to heal.

Absence—please inform school before 9.30am if your child is going to be absent that day otherwise it will be recorded as unauthorised. From September this is more important than ever with the new attendance rules. (See last week's newsletter for more information.)

Dinner Money Price Increase—The cost of school meals is increasing from 1st September to **£3.00**. If you are in receipt of certain benefits, you may be able to claim free school meals. Either ask at the office or go to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> to check if you are eligible. Please note that if you are already in receipt of FSMs for a child, any other child would have to be a separate claim.

Current Y2 Children—remember that from September your child will no longer receive universal free school meals and school dinners must be paid for in advance.

Change of Details—don't forget to let school know if you move house, change mobile number or if there is any other change of detail.

Uniform—When buying new uniform please remember no brand names on leggings/tracksuit pants. Trainers should be plain black (no shoes with buckles). Girls have the option of skorts, again no logo. Tops are either white or green polo shirts and jumpers/cardigans can be plain or have the school logo. Please do not send children in pleated skirts, dresses or non-active trousers. The idea is that the children are ready for PE at all times and do not need to get changed.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE CLEARLY NAMED. There is ample time in the holidays to do this.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	What	Who
Tue 1 Sep	8.45am	School re-opens	Every-one
Wed 2 Sep	All day	Life Education	All years
Thu 3 Sep	All day	Life Education (see below)	All years
Fri 4 Sep	morning	Rock Kidz	All years

Life Education (PHSE)

There will be a parents' session to explain what this is all about on Thursday 3rd September at 9.15am to which all parents are invited.

Celebrating Life in School

It may be the last week of term but classes have still been busy.

On Monday Nursery had fun in the sun for their Sports Day.

On Tuesday, Y4 were transported to France for their French day tasting various French themed foods and learning about France in general. Reception children had a great time trying out different bikes and scooters, with Y1 doing the same on Wednesday. Many thanks to the parents who volunteered to help.

After school on Wednesday, we had our Transition Evening and hopefully parents found it useful.

On Thursday, the children who achieved the Black Band Level in the Karate Reading Challenge, of which there were over 50, enjoyed a fun reading game and ice lollies in the sun. Well done to them all! In the afternoon, awards were presented in Church to Y6 children during their Leavers' Service by the previous winners— it was good to see them again. Thank you to Rev Catherine for leading the service. It was lovely to see Miss Huddleston who presented her award to Jasper.

This morning awards were presented to children from Reception to Y5 in the school hall.

To find out more about life at Scotforth St Paul's, please visit our 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)

Thank You from Miss Huddleston

A huge thank you from Miss Huddleston to all the families who contributed towards her wonderful gifts and cards. She has been overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity and is extremely grateful for all the thoughtful messages and well wishes.

Thank You

A very big thank you from all the staff to all the parents and children for their kind gifts, cards & kind words - they are very much appreciated.

We would also like to say thank you to parents and grandparents who have helped at school events and provided taxiing services without which the children wouldn't be able to take part.

Goodbyes!

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, we say a fond farewell and heartfelt thank you to several valued members of our school family.

Mr Barnacle has expertly steered the ship throughout the summer term, providing strong leadership and guidance. We thank him for his dedication and wish him every success in his future ventures.

Sadly, we are also saying goodbye to Miss Huddleston, who has been at Scotforth for 18 years. She has inspired confidence, teamwork and resilience in the children through residentials at Lockerbie, Enterprise Week and the daunting prospect of Shakespearean plays. She will be greatly missed by the whole Scotforth family.

After 12 years of dedicated service to our school, Mr Cocker is hanging up his keys and beginning a well-earned retirement. Throughout his time with us, he has worked tirelessly to ensure our school has remained safe, welcoming and well maintained. We are incredibly grateful for his commitment and the difference he has made to our school community over the years. We wish him a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

We also bid farewell to Miss Green, who has been one of our fantastic Teaching Assistants for the past six years. Her care, commitment and support for our children have been greatly appreciated. We thank her for everything she has done for our school and wish her every success in the future.

Over the past few weeks, Mrs S Winder has been a wonderful addition to the Scotforth St Paul's team, and we thank her for all of her hard work and support. She is now embarking on an exciting new chapter as she begins her teacher training, and we wish her every success. The good news is that we'll be welcoming Mrs Winder back to Scotforth St Paul's in January as part of her teacher training, and we can't wait to have her back with us.

We are incredibly grateful to each of them for the contributions they have made to our school community and wish them happiness and success in all that lies ahead.

In September, we will be delighted to welcome Miss O'Donnell as our new Headteacher. We know she will receive a warm Scotforth St Paul's welcome from our pupils, families and staff, and we look forward to the next chapter of our school's journey under her leadership.

Mr C. Barnacle

Site Supervisor Vacancy

Site Supervisor – Summary of Duties

Key Responsibilities

- Site security and keyholder duties
- Cleaning and maintaining school buildings and grounds
- Carrying out minor repairs and routine maintenance
- Supervising and supporting cleaning staff
- Health and safety, fire alarm and site compliance checks
- Preparing for lettings, events and out-of-hours activities
- Monitoring supplies, equipment and contractors
- Responding to emergencies and ensuring site safety

Role Overview Responsible for the day-to-day security, cleanliness, maintenance and safe operation of the school site. The postholder will undertake routine caretaking duties, carry out minor repairs, supervise cleaning staff, oversee health and safety checks, support school events and lettings, and ensure the premises remain safe, secure and welcoming for pupils, staff and visitors. All duties must be carried out in accordance with school policies, safeguarding requirements and health and safety regulations.

For more information please contact: a.malin@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk

HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

And finally, it just leaves everyone here
to wish you all a very Happy Summer
Holiday.

Hoping the weather is good to us all and
we all come back refreshed in September!!

