

Newsletter— 17th October 2025

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 LOVE

 Time to Shine 	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Buddy Wood Y6	Buddy is always cheerful & smiling. He is great at sport. He is a great friend.
Lujain Abubaker Y5	Lujain has a great imagination & is creative. She is kind & always smiling.
Tala Dawson Y4	Tala is always willing to 'have a go'. She has lots of good ideas & helps others.
James Watts Y3	James loves nature. He is jolly & full of fun. He is hardworking & a bookworm!
Lucas Burrows Y2	Lucas loves looking after bugs. He is good at building. He is good at sharing.
Alya Kantar Y1	Alya makes up good games. She is a fast runner. She cheers people up.

 Writers of the Week 	
Name	Reason
Jacob Mooney Y6	For his adventurous vocabulary choices and sharing his ideas for this in class.
Sohie Bush Y5	For using fantastic descriptive vocabulary in her 'Just So' story.
Nahla Keith Y4	For writing an amazing couple of verses for a poem about bullying.
Ola Siddig Y3	For a really clear plan for her fable including sentence promises!
Moe Jani Y2	For independently writing sentences.
Lucy McRae-Taylor Y1	For great independent sentences and remembering finger spaces.

Well-Being Wednesday (5th November)
Please help with our Well-being afternoon if you can. Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to help with small groups of children. If you can help, please contact Mrs Walsh (k.walsh@scotforth-st-pauls@lanes.sch.uk) by Monday 20th October so that the afternoon can be organised.

After School Clubs
Football, karate and basketball clubs finished this week for half-term. Creative writing will take place on Monday (unless we contact you otherwise) and Chinese club will take place on Tuesday.

Worship in School
On Monday, we thought about how hard it is to describe how big God's love is for us. Whatever we can think of, it's even bigger than that! The Diocese video this week focused on unlikely neighbours. On Thursday, the Year 2s led Worship brilliantly, telling us about the Great Fire of London and singing a song in many different languages. The prayers that three of the children wrote and read out were also fantastic. Thank you Year 2s - we hope all the parents who came enjoyed it.

Celebrating Life in School
Last Friday our Y5/6 Athletics team were in competition with other primary schools in the area. They showed great teamwork culminating in a very close 2nd place. Well done! Thanks go to the parents who helped with transport to the College. Y2 have been preparing very accurate pictures for their 3D Great Fire of London art piece. Y1 have been testing their senses of smell and taste by trying different fruits from different countries and then giving their opinions. Nursery have been guessing what might be inside fruit and vegetables, and found out what lies inside a pumpkin! The picture on the school blog makes it look very hairy! Friday morning saw the flying visit of Bishop Philip. The Worship Team enjoyed meeting him and wished him well on his bicycle in his endeavour to visit all the areas in the Diocese in one day.

SCOT4 ALL
Many thanks to everyone who donated books for the Book Fair and to everyone who came along and bought a book – the event raised a fantastic £156.00!
There will be another Doughnut Day on Wednesday straight after school. The last one raised £73.75.
We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the 3R Foundation https://www.3rc.org.uk/ for their generous £250 donation to Scot4All. This support will help us equip our Sensory Room with items such as a mini trampoline, sensory lighting, and cushions — providing a range of sensory experiences that promote children's wellbeing, development, and emotional support. We are truly grateful for their kindness and commitment to making a difference.

Dates for the Diary			
Date	Time	What	Who
Wed 22 Oct	All day	Non-Uniform Day to support our Charity of the Year	Everyone
Wed 22 Oct	3.25pm	Scot4All Doughnut & Cookie sale	Everyone
Wed 22 Oct	3.25pm	Close for half term break	Everyone
Mon 3 Nov	8.45am	Re-open after half term break	Everyone
Wed 5 Nov	1-3.15pm	Well Being Wednesday	Everyone
Fri 14 Nov	9-11am	Neurodivergent Café with Lucy Ellis	All parents
Mon 1 & Tue 2 Dec	3.30-4.15pm	Scholastic Book Fair	Everyone
Sat 6 Dec	12-4pm	SCOT4ALL Christmas Fair in the Parish Hall	Everyone
W/b Mon 8 Dec	All Week	Y6 Enterprise Week	Y6
Thu 11 Dec	2.30pm	RocksSteady Concert by the children who have lessons	Invited Parents
Fri 12 Dec	3.30-4.30pm	School Christmas Fair in the Hall	Everyone
Mon 15 Dec	During the day	EYFS & KS1 Dress Rehearsal (no parents)	All children
Tue 16 Dec	TBC	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production performance Afternoon	EYFS & KS1 families
Wed 17 Dec	TBC	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production performance Evening	EYFS & KS1 families
Fri 19 Dec	1.30pm	Carol Service in Church	Everyone
Fri 19 Dec	3.25pm	Close for Christmas Holiday	Everyone
Mon 6 Jan	8.45am	Reopen after Christmas Holiday	Everyone

School Council
The School Council met this week to discuss possibilities for our Charity of the Year. They have narrowed the options to four and the classes will now vote to choose their favourite one. The House Captains decided that we should have a fundraising event as soon as possible for whichever charity is chosen, so we are holding a <u>NON UNIFORM DAY on WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER</u> (the last day of this half term) in return for donations to the charity.

Reminders
<u>Absence:</u> Please remember to let school know as soon as possible if your child will be absent. Please do not be offended if we ask for details of the absence, this is due to new Government guidelines. <u>Dinner Money:</u> Please ensure your child's dinner money is paid up to date before the holidays. The cost is £2.90 per meal and should be paid in advance. <u>Parking:</u> Remember park considerately and safely. Do not park on the zigzag lines by the crossing or on the double yellow lines—these are there to keep pedestrians and car drivers safe. A major issue has been cars parking opposite each other on the narrow roads around school. This means that there isn't sufficient space for emergency vehicles to have access. <u>Fish/Pizza 'n Chip Wednesday</u> As Wednesday is the last day next week Friday's usual choice will be on Wednesday. <u>Snacks:</u> Try to ensure your child has a health snack at break time—there is free fruit for all of EYFS and KS1 children and toast (20p) is available to all children. You should avoid sending crisps, cakes or anything with chocolate.

Open Afternoon - Thank You
Thank you to the parents who helped at the Open Afternoon. We really appreciated your help and the feedback from the parents who were able to talk to you was really positive. If anyone knows a parent of a child who is due to start school next year who missed the opportunity to look around, please ask them to contact school as we are hoping to hold another afternoon in January.