



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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Celebrating This Week in School

During worships this week, we have continued to focus on our value of kindness. It has been lovely to see so many footprints being filled in – the children are recognising each other showing kindness. On Tuesday the whole school met to talk about how we can be kind to those people who are not feeling safe at this time. We found out that Jesus was a refugee who needed the help of strangers and we thought about how we can help refugees today. The children were encouraged to write down their ideas for the school council to look at and were told to use the reflection space outside Mrs Walsh's office and talk to a grown up if they ever felt worried. Hopefully, those of you who were able to join the Zoom Celebration Assembly enjoyed it. We are hoping to let you know if your child is going to receive a Star of the Week award on Friday mornings so that you can attend via Zoom or hopefully in person after Easter.

Following the Assembly on Tuesday, the School Council met to discuss possible options for helping those in, or fleeing from, Ukraine. There were so many good ideas, but they settled on three main ones; a cake stall (with craft stall, badges to buy and a Ukraine board – pick a number to try to win a prize), a non-uniform day (blue and yellow, if possible) and a collection of items that can be taken to the border of Ukraine. Please see page two for more information and the relevant dates.

Once again Rosie enjoyed being in school listening to readers. The children who came to read to her did an amazing job – some relaxed her so much that she fell asleep!

In class, there has been some amazing practical work. Year fours made their own rivers and investigated water resistance. Year sixes had fun looking at how to make structures stable and have investigated more about Fair trade. Year twos had a very exciting trip to Palatine bowling green, where they developed their hand eye co-ordination and focused on the skill of rolling accurately. Year ones were very excited to find that they have got some new class pets – take a look on the blog to find out more - [Y1-Meet our new pets | Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](#) Links to the blog will be posted on Facebook periodically.

On Monday, Lucy, Thomas and Joseph went to Lancaster University to Pupil Parliament. They found out about sustainability and thought about ways that school can reduce, reuse and recycle to help the environment. They are part of a team from many different schools across Lancaster and Morecambe that are hoping to write a sustainability charter. They were all an absolute credit to the school and I am sure they will come back from their next meetings with lots more ideas for what we can do in school. These are their comments from the event:

★ Scotforth Superstars ★

Table with 3 columns: Name, Nominated by, Nominated for. Lists 15 students and their nominators with descriptions of their achievements.

"This Monday we represented our school in the first of three Pupil Parliament meetings at Lancaster University. We were addressing the important matter of climate change. We found out what we can do to help the world. Now we have lots more ideas about how to make our school more green."
Lucy, Thomas and Joseph

Our athletics team is taking part in the inter-school athletics tournament on Friday after school at Lancaster & Morecambe College. Many thanks to the volunteer parents who take them without whom the children would miss out on a variety of activities.

UNICEF Fund Raising Day

Many thanks again for the brilliant amount raised last month, we have been able to order 2 'Schools in a Box'. UNICEF will send them to where they feel they will benefit children the most.

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

21.03 – Cake stall (with craft stall, badge stall and Ukraine board to pick a number)
22.03 – Nursery and Reception school trip
23.03 – Year 1 and 2 school trip
24.03 – Non-uniform day for Ukraine (blue and yellow if possible)
25.03 – Photographer in school
25.03 – Y1 Reading Café 2.30pm
28.03 – 31.03 Bikeability for Year 6
30.03 – Special Easter dinner
30.03 – Parents' Evening in school (Zoom appointments to be made separately)
01.04 – Service in church 1.30pm
01.04 – Break up for Easter
19.04 – Summer term starts

Information and Reminders

Please help!! We need cakes!!

Apologies for the short notice, but the school council want to raise as much money, as soon as possible for the Ukrainian refugees and have decided to hold a cake stall on Monday 21st March after school. The weather is looking good, so we hope to hold the cake stall outside. If you can help by baking/buying cakes or biscuits to donate, we would be really grateful – please bring them to school on Monday morning. Please also provide a list of ingredients so that we can avoid allergy or intolerance issues and please do not bake anything containing nuts or kiwi fruit. As part of this event, there will be a craft stall, a place to buy handmade yellow and blue badges and a game where you can choose a square for £1 and maybe win a prize. There will be no prices for the cakes and biscuits, please come along and make a donation.

On Thursday (24th), we will be holding a non-uniform day – blue and yellow clothes, if possible. Please do not buy anything special, any colours can be worn, it would just be nice if something blue, or yellow or both could be worn as they are the colours of the Ukraine flag. Alternatively, anything to do with sunflowers, as this is their national flower. Please send donations into school on Thursday morning.

During the week beginning 28th March, the school council would like you to bring in items that would be useful to take to the areas where refugees are going. These items will be taken to a collection point on the morning of Friday 1st April. Depending on the number of items donated, we may need some help transporting them to Morecambe. From there, they will be transported to the border of Ukraine.

The following items have been requested;

Warm clothing (jackets, new socks, jumpers) – adults and children
Toiletries
Children's toys (preferably soft)
Buggies/baby carriers
Basic children's books

Thank you to everyone who completed a parent questionnaire and to those who attended the meeting on Tuesday night. It was a real positive and productive meeting. I intend to send out feedback from both next week, with some information about actions we are taking

Photographs Friday 25th

Please note that these are class photos and for those children who were absent when she came on 23rd September last year. If you would like a group photo with a child **who is not currently in school for those who missed in September**, please come along at 8.30am for your photo. Individual photographs, on this occasion, are only for those who missed.

Year 6

Final reminder to get your hoody order in by Wednesday, 23rd at the latest.

Team Points

This week's winners of team points is Ashton. Well done!

Community Notices

Attachments this week (on separate email) include the Parish News, information about the Holiday Club at Easter, how to get free football tickets and autism friendly cinema screenings.