



"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 JUSTICE

NO NUTS OR KIWIS

Some children are still bringing in nuts & nut spreads . We have several children and members of staff who suffer from nut and kiwi allergies and therefore such foods are NOT ALLOWED in school. Thank you.

Scotforth Hoedown/Autumn Raffle

A big thank you to everyone who came along to support our first 'Hoedown' last week which was a great success. Our thanks go to the band members for donating their time and to Emily and Jess for arranging the event. A total of £326.00 has been raised from the event.

The children have been given a book of raffle tickets (one per family) to hopefully sell over the half-term holiday. There are great prizes including Amazon vouchers, fish & chips vouchers and a free MOT plus lots more. Tickets are £1 each or £5 per book. If you require any more, there are spares in the office. All ticket stubs and unsold tickets need to be returned to school by Monday 18th November for the draw on Friday 22nd.

Mrs Cross

As you are all aware, Mrs Cross will not be returning to school. If any parent or child would like to send her a card or small gift, please bring them to school and we will happily pass them on to her with your good wishes.

Poppy Appeal

Once again we will be selling poppies and related items on behalf of the British Legion. Suggested minimum donations are £1 for slap bands and bracelets and 50p for smaller items. These will be on sale by the main front door at drop off time from Tuesday 29th October. Many thanks as always for your support of this worthy cause.

School Dinners

A copy of the new Autumn/Winter menu has been given to each child— a copy is also attached to the newsletter. It will begin with the Week 2 menus. If your child would like to have a school dinner, they simply need to bring in their money (£2.60) and order on the day. All children from Reception to Y2 automatically receive a free school dinner. For parents who are signed up to pay via Scopay, please ensure balances are up to date. If anyone would like details on how to pay online, please ask at the office.

Worship

This week we have continued thinking about our Christian value of Justice. On Wednesday, the children were in good voice as we sang songs about standing up for fairness and justice. On Thursday, Rev Catherine joined us and spoke about the final Beatitude we are looking at - Blessed are the persecuted. She introduced us to Bishop Oscar Romero who was persecuted for standing up for people being treated unfairly by the government. The Year 6s also talked about how Open Doors help people who are persecuted for their Christian faith.

Celebrating Life in School

Mindful Monday—many thanks to everyone who took part in our Mindful activities. Some children chose to go outdoors for some sun and fresh air, whilst others stayed inside and brought out their creative side and everyone had a great time.

Sporting Activities—Well done to the athletics team who came second in the first meeting of the year. Our football team put in a fantastic performance yesterday as did the korfbal team on Tuesday. Thanks as always to our supportive parents for transport.

School Council—the School Council met this week to decide which charity they would like to support this year and it will be announced after half term.

Lots of other activities have been going on this week with Y6 showing their artistic side with some fantastic metal sculptures. They braved the rain to find out clues relating to forces. If they got all the clues right, they had the 10 digit code to escape their 'locked in' scenario. Y4 tried to find out whether gas weighs anything and YR had a fun time decorating biscuits with their buddies from Y5. Y5 have had a busy week taking part in a nationwide live streamed assembly all about Black History month with Y6. They also dissected flowers to find out about pollination and they have looked at various translations of Psalm 23 and discussed why this might be. To end the week ,Y1's assembly was full of enthusiasm and everyone enjoyed it.

As always, the staff take lots of pictures for the blog so that parents can see what is going on in school, please take the time to have a look at them.

[Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](http://scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk).

Reminders

Punctuality—please remember that school opens at 8.45am and children should be in class ready to learn by 8.55am. If any child arrives after the 2nd bell has sounded, this will be classed as a late arrival and you will be asked the reason for the lateness.

Illness/Medical Appointments—any absence for illness should be reported to school by 9.30am at the latest. A message can be left on the school phone or via email (please email either bursar@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk or admin2@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk rather than the class teacher). We understand that it is not always possible to arrange medical appointments outside of school hours. It would be helpful, if you could give as much notice as possible of an appointment.

Flu Vaccinations- taking place in school on Tuesday 12th November. Nursery children are not included and parents will need to make other arrangements if they wish to have their child vaccinated.

Earrings—some children are still wearing earrings to school. This must be removed otherwise they will not be able to take part in PE.

School Photos—the proof /order form have been given to the children. All orders are online and should not be brought to school.

Secondary School Applications—applications must be made online by 31st October 2024 for September 2025.

Parking—please remember to park safely and considerately. There are still some parents who are parking on the double yellow and zig-zag lines.

Belongings- you may have to buy new uniform over the holiday (children grow). Please take the opportunity to NAME ALL of their belongings in order for them to be returned to their rightful owner.

Friday Family Worship—children are able to bring in certificates/awards when we return after half-term as it will be the usual Friday Family Worship.

Wanted!

We are needing a small fridge to keep fruit in. If anyone is replacing theirs but is still in reasonable working order, please could you consider donating it to school. Many thanks.

Future Dates

Date	Time	What	Who
Mon 28 Oct	8.45am	School opens	All
Fri 8 Nov	All day	AIM High Maths	Invited children
Tue 12 Nov	AM	Flu vaccinations—Nursery children will have to arrange with their GP	YR-Y6
Thu 14 Nov	1.30- 3pm	Open Afternoon for September 2025 admissions	All
Fri 29 Nov & Mon 2 Dec	TBC	Scholastic Book Fair in the school hall	All
Thur 12 Dec	2.30pm	Rock Steady Concert	
Thur 19 Dec	2pm 3.10pm	Church Service Break up for Christmas	All
Mon 6 Jan	8.45am	School reopens	All

Watch out for upcoming dates for Christmas events - we'll try to sort them out ASAP

Scotforth After School Play Scheme

There are still places available if your child would like to come along to the half-term play scheme. Further details are on the attached poster.

Half Term Hols

We hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday and enjoy whatever you do.