

Newsletter— 1st May 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

Our Christian value for this half term is TRUST

Time to Shine	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Luke Chamberlain YR	Luke is amazing at making things. He is kind & helpful.
Tito Odutola YR	Tito is a really, really fast runner. He is a good buddy. He always has a big smile.
Ewa Kuye Y1	Ewa is very creative, she loves to sing & dance & teaches us Nigerian dancing.
Isabelle Quinn Y2	Isabelle is a good partner to work with. She is respectful & a good role model.
Harbani Jass Y3	Harbani can always be trusted. She is thoughtful, respectful & playful.
Harrison Fagan Y4	Harrison is neat & organised. You set a great example for others to follow.
Michelle Huang Y5	Michelle is honest & always does the right thing. She has a fantastic imagination.
James Betts Y6	James is a great House Captain. He loves history & Harry Potter.

Writers of the Week	
Name	Reason
Thomas Harling YR	For sequencing a story all by himself & trying hard with his letter formation.
Ewa Kuye Y1	For working hard on her handwriting & finger spaces. Well done.
Eddie Cotzias Y2	For a great start to his story using his editing strip really well.
Emily Otu-Larbi Y3	For using excellent sentence openers & editing her work well.
Kenny Qu Y4	For writing two excellent haiku poems which follow the syllable pattern.
Locryn Mellor Y5	For writing an imaginative, thought-provoking poem.

Nursery
Nursery are now taking applications for the September intake. If you, or you know anyone who is looking for a nursery place, please fill an application via the school website or ask at the school office.

Worship in School
On Monday, we continued our focus on our theme of <i>Trust</i> through a story about a boy who was worried about performing on stage. He learned to trust his teachers and those around him, and the children reflected on how we can show trust in our own lives. Later in the week, Rev Catherine continued sharing the story of St Paul, focusing on the shipwreck. The children heard how Paul remained calm during a long and dangerous storm and reassured others that they would be safe, with everyone eventually reaching shore.

Celebrating Life in School
Y4 went back in time this week to learn about the Ancient Greeks from a very interesting lady-Professor Tuesday. She brought in some artefacts for the children to look at and explained how the Greeks lived. Y5 have been looking at atlases to identify different cities in the UK and the names of the different bodies of water that surround us. Scot4All have very kindly been clearing the woodland path by the side of the playground and invited Nursery to have a walk down there to make sure it is safe. Well done to our swimmers who took part in the Inter-schools Gala last night. They cheered each other on and worked fabulously as a team. Thank you again to all the parents who kindly transported the children to the event and stayed to support them. School life in pictures can be seen on the school blog at: Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School (scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)

Use of AI in Everyday Life - Parents' Meeting
We are looking forward to welcoming Rob Musker into school on Wednesday 6th May from 5:30–6:30pm to deliver a parent session on artificial intelligence (AI). The session will provide a clear overview of what AI is and how it is being used in everyday life, along with other useful insights and guidance for parents. We would love to welcome as many of you as possible to this session.

Dates for the Diary			
Date	Time	What	Who
Mon 4 May	All day	Bank Holiday—School closed	Everyone
Wed 6 May	All day	Y5 trip to Martin Mere	Y5
Wed 6 May	5.30-6.30pm	Information for parents about use of AI in school and internet safety from LCC. More information opposite.	Parents
Thu 7 May	Morning	Tempest class photos and children absent for individual photos	YN-Y6
Mon 11—Thu 14 May	Mornings	SATS exams	Y6
Fri 22 May	3.25pm	School closes for half-term	Everyone
Mon 1 June	All day	Inset day—school closed	Everyone
Tue 2 June	8.55am	School re-opens	Everyone
Wed 3 June	5.30 pm	September 2026 Reception Parents' Evening	New Parents
Fri 5 June	9.00 am	Neurodiversity Café	All parents

Welfare Vacancy

We're recruiting!
 We are looking to appoint a Welfare Assistant (Lunchtime Supervisor) to join our team at St Paul's.
 The role is for 1 hour 15 minutes per day, Monday to Friday, over the lunchtime period, supporting children and helping to ensure a safe, happy environment.
 We are looking to fill this role **as soon as possible**, so if you, or someone you know, may be interested, please get in touch with the school office in the first instance.

May Day

Don't forget, school is closed on Monday and re-opens 8.45am on Tuesday—have a nice long weekend.

Kitchen Equipment

Thank you very much to Mr Munnerley who is generously donating cooking equipment to our new kitchen. We hope to be using this very soon.