



Newsletter— 1st November 2024

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 HOPE

★ Time to Shine ★

Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Fergus Laird Y3	Fergus has beautiful handwriting & writes great stories He loves problem solving.
Isaac Baines Y1	Isaac is a good friend, kind, funny & has a lovely smile. He is a really fast runner.
Kaylem Arthington Y4	Kaylem is always happy & makes his friends laugh. He is the best goalkeeper.
Jacob Yare YR	Jacob is helpful & good at tidying up. He is kind & funny. He is really fast.
Jacob Mooney Y5	Jacob never gives up. He is good at swimming, football & handwriting.
Summer Birkett Y6	Summer is a great team player. She is enthusiastic, perseveres & works hard.
Ella Larbi Y2	Ella is an amazing friend & cheers up her friends when they are sad.

✎ Writers of the Week ✎

Name	Reason
Adam Sowerby Y3	For fantastic writing of his fable, working independently & neatly. Super speech marks too!
Louis Iacob Y4	For including fronted adverbials & expanded noun phrases in his writing.
Chimamanda Udeoha YR	For being able to write her name all by herself.
Betty Ellis Y1	For working really hard on her letter formation & presentation.
Aliyah Olaniyan Y5	For beautiful presentation of work in every subject.
Ivy Withers Y2	For a great recount with time adverbs.
Lizzy York Y6	For thoughtful editing of her war poem.

Teaching Y5 & Y6

After going through the recruitment process, the Governors have decided that Miss Walsh will continue teaching Y5 on Mondays and Tuesdays and Y6 Wednesday mornings in the Spring and Summer terms.

Worship in School

We have begun thinking about the Christian Value of Hope and Rev Catherine explained that having a wish for something is different from having hope in God. This is something we will be focusing on over then next few weeks as we move into Advent. On Monday, Mrs Walsh talked about how we can give other hope by helping charities including our chosen charity this year, which is Water Aid. On Wednesday we sang some songs and the Worship Team led our prayers about hope and on Thursday Rev Catherine talked about how Abraham had hope in God.

Celebrating Life in School

Christmas came early on Monday! The children were treated to an unexpected performance of Jack and the Beanstalk and great fun was had by all. 'Red sky at night, Shepherd's delight' has come to life in Y4 this week. They have been looking at how faith is depicted in art and finished with a joint class picture. Y6 had their first attempt at badminton this week—lots of fun and good team work. Y3 have become experts in the art of sandwich making and discovering their favourite fillings. Y4 have learned lots of new words in their science lessons by investigating which solids dissolve in different substances. To see more of life in school visit [Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School](http://scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk) (scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk).

Poppy Appeal

If you haven't seen them already, Y6 children have volunteered to sell poppies at the front of school each morning. They will be there until the morning of Monday 11th Nov. Thank you for your support.

School Council

As we mentioned before half-term, the School Council met to choose the School's Charity of the Year. We can tell you that they have chosen Water Aid and their first event is **a non-uniform day next Friday 8th November**. In return for non-uniform, they would appreciate donations of money (any amount). Thank you for your continued support.

Open Day—14th November

Are there any parents willing to come and help serve teas and coffees and are happy to talk to prospective parents about school life? If you are able to help between 1.30 and 3pm please let the school office know as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Extra Curricular Clubs

Clubs taking place this term are:

Tuesday Athletics Ys 5 & 6 lunchtime

Wednesday Girls' football KS1 12-12.30pm KS2 12.20-1.00 pm

Tag Rugby Ys 5&6 3.15-4.15pm (6th Nov—11th Dec)

Thursday Football with Coach Dan KS2 3.15-4.15pm 7th Nov—12th Dec)

Karate with Andrea Corban All years 3.15-4.15pm (contact Andrea direct 0753 433 3569)

Forms are attached to the newsletter—if you can't print, just write on a piece of paper and hand into the office or teacher.

Future Dates

Date	Time	What	Who
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 15 Nov	All day	Non-uniform Day in support of Water Aid	All
Fri 29 Nov & Mon 2 Dec	3.15—3.40 pm	Scholastic Book Fair in the school hall (possible Christmas pressies!) More details to follow	All
Mon 2 -Fri 6 Dec	All week	Y6 Enterprise Week Creating items to sell at Christmas Market	Y6
Fri 6 Dec	3.30-4.30 pm	School Christmas Market	All
Mon 9 Dec	PM	Nursery, YR,Y1 & Y2 Nativity Dress Rehearsal No Parents	KS2
Tues 10 Dec	2 pm	Nativity Performance Nursery, YR,Y1 & Y2	EYFS &KS1 Parents
Wed 11 Dec	6.30pm	Nativity Performance YR, Y1 & Y2 (No Nursery)	YR & KS1 Parents
Thur 12 Dec	2.30pm	Rock Steady Concert For children who have lessons	Invited parents
Thur 19 Dec	2pm	Church Service	All
Thur 19 Dec	3.10pm	Break up for Christmas	All
Mon 6 Jan	8.45am	School reopens	All

School Christmas Market (non uniform)

It's that time of year again!!

We will be holding our Christmas Market on Friday 6th December from 3.30-4.30pm (or sooner if we sell everything!). The Y6s will sell their Enterprise Week goodies plus other stalls.

Once again we are asking for donations for the stalls in return for non-uniform days. The donations are staggered as follows (all Fridays):

15th Nov - Chocolates & Sweets

22nd Nov - Bottles of anything from shampoo to wine

29th Nov - Unwanted gifts (no secrets room this year)

6th Dec - Toys (not cuddly or books)

A6 Cycle Campaign

Students at Lancaster University are campaigning for a safer cycling route along the A6 and have set up an online petition. If you would like more information and to sign up, please click the links . [Information](#) [Petition](#)

Help for Parents

This website has a lot of helpful tips, articles to read and video's to help parents manage a whole range of *parenting issue such as de-escalation techniques, co-parenting, separation, divorce and loss as well as many other topics.*

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

Scot4All Raffle Tickets

Don't forget to send in your raffle tickets which were given to all the children just before half term. There are lots of great prizes including Amazon vouchers, meals at local eateries, a Chas Jacob print plus lots more! If you need more, please ask at the office.

Online Safety

This week's topic is loot boxes and skin betting. Find out how to avoid spending too much by setting limits and how not to become addicted.

Unclaimed Belongings

There is a box full of 'lost' items in the office reception area including lunch boxes, water bottles and clothing. Please have a look to see if you recognise any of them as unclaimed items will be disposed of in the next week or two. Thank you.