



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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Time to Shine



Celebrating this week in school

This week, we welcomed Archdeacon David, who visited our school in his role of supporting the local schools. He led worship on Wednesday and talked about how Jesus forgave Peter after Peter had denied Him three times. On Monday, we also thought about how unforgiveness can affect us and can cause us pain.

We are very proud of all the children who represent our school in sporting events, but it is not very often that children represent the local area and compete against other children from around the country, so we have to say a massive well done to the children who took part in the Korfball competition in London last weekend. They played six games, won four and drew one. We are very proud of them and really pleased that they got the opportunity after coming to the korfball after school club organised by Mrs Boyle last year.

We had a lot of excitement in school this week when it started to snow. The children have had the opportunity to play out in the snow safely - [If Winter's your favourite season, clap your hands! | Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](#)

You can see how quickly the weather changed this week from the photos on the blog if you scroll through them – Year 3 were outside learning about The River Nile on Monday without their coats!

Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Joseph Cooper Y6	He is always smiling, an amazing friend, funny, enthusiastic, good at football & running long distances
Sianna Beswick Y4	She is helpful, a good friend, funny, smiley, good at drawing & always tries her best
Ida Davey Y3	She is kind, hard working & always tries her best & is always smartly dressed
William O'Brien Y2	He is a great friend, runs as fast as Superman!, makes up great games
Mabel Ellis Y1	She is funny, has lovely manners, good at sports, a good friend & good at signing
Evie Tunnicliffe YR	She is friendly & plays with everyone, is good at maths

Information and Reminders

Parents Information Evening on Wednesday 18th January at 6.30pm

Thank you to all those who attended. We hope you found the evening useful and informative. We are always looking for ways to share how we are doing things in school, especially when we introduce new initiatives like the Super Speedy Maths. As always, there were questions we were able to answer on the night, but if you could not attend and have any questions please contact your child's class teacher. The main point was to reinforce is that your child's maths homework from now is practising the facts that your child's class is working on (there may be additional maths homework for Year 6s to prepare them for secondary school). The class teachers will email the facts your child needs to focus on at the start of that unit – please watch out for this email – and the best way to practise is to do it verbally. Repetition of quick-fire questions will build up the knowledge so that facts can be recalled and used efficiently during their maths lessons. Also on the letter sent home by Mrs Cross, there are examples of computer games and APPs that can be played. It is not about completing worksheets, it's about remembering number facts quickly.

During the meeting I circulated a review of the School Improvement Plan which records the actions completed in the autumn term and the impact of these actions. It is attached with this newsletter. I hope you can see that we are striving to be the best that we can be so that your children have the greatest opportunity to flourish in a variety of different ways.

Mrs Atkinson spoke about our Special Educational Needs provision and the process that schools and parents need to go through to access support from outside agencies. We have to try everything we can in school (within the constraints of our budget) before applying for Educational Health Care Plans and we need to prove that the situation is extreme before it is considered. The process is a very long and complicated one. There are, however, many ways we can provide support in school. Miss Flynn works with children in groups and on a 1:1 and adapts what she does according to the needs of children within school. Some of the support we provide, alongside our high quality class teaching and learning include handwriting, maths follow up, Lego therapy, friendship groups, bereavement support, extra reading, editing with an adult, communication/speech and language, extra language help for children with English as an additional language and motor skills programmes. We also employ a play therapist who works with children on a priority basis. We help families access support from outside agencies by completing paperwork and signposting parents to self help groups and individual support. There is lots of information about these in the folder in the foyer – please take a look. Again, if you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Information and Reminders cont'd

SCOT4ALL SAVE THE DATES

Wednesday 25th January – SCOT4ALL meeting at the Boot and Shoe (7.30pm) ALL WELCOME

Tuesday 31st January - film night

Film Night

At the request of the children, SCOT4ALL are hosting a film night on Tuesday 31st January straight after school. Please see the letter attached to this newsletter.

Breakfast and After School Club

We are very lucky to have the Breakfast, After School and Holiday Club in our school for children of all ages to access. Although we have close links, it is not run by school. Marie Smith is the director and makes sure that there are a range of activities for the children to get involved with including board games, art, baking and playing outside. More information about this fabulous service can be accessed via this link - [Home of Scotforth Playschemes | Scotforth Playschemes](#) Please contact Marie if you would like your child to attend any of this provision. It ensures that there are seamless links between childcare and school and offers parents full childcare between 7.45am and 6pm every school day and during some holidays. Please see poster on the following information email giving information for the February Half Term Holiday Club.

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

22.01 Temporary Classroom delivered onto playground
(Sunday)

25.01 SCOT4ALL meeting at the Boot and Shoe – 7.30pm

31.01 SCOT4ALL Film Night – CHANGE OF DATE!

10.02 Break up for half term

20.02 Back in school after February half term

31.03 Break up for Easter holidays

Teacher's Strike—Wednesday 1st February

We are currently doing all we can to ensure school stays open, however should the situation change, we will inform parents immediately. To make sure you don't miss any important information, please keep an eye on any email/text received from school.

Attendance

Just to remind parents that they **MUST** inform school by 9.30am at the latest if their child will not be coming to school that day.

Lost Property

Please ensure all your child's belongings are named so that they can be returned to them. Any un-named/unclaimed lost property left at the end of each term will be disposed of. Many thanks.

Nursery

We are currently accepting applications for nursery children for April and September. Further details can be found on our website. If you would like to come and have a look round, please call the school office to arrange a convenient date.

School Kitchen Vacancy

There is a position available working Monday to Friday term time only in our school kitchens Duties to include, food preparation and serving, cleaning, setting up dining rooms and other general day to day duties.

Uniform & Safety shoes are provided and you will also need to undergo a DBS check.

Hours are usually between 11:30 – 13:30 paying £9.90 per hour pro rata.

For more information and how to apply, ring Caroline Roberts on 07854 184215 Monday – Friday between 10am-4pm