

Newsletter— 23rd January 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 COURAGE

Time to Shine	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Elvia Jacobs YR	Elvia is a good helper. She tries really hard. She is kind & a good friend.
Joshua Walker Y1	Joshua is very thoughtful & always sensible. He is very good at sports.
Annie Discua-Pyne Y2	Annie cheers people up. She makes up good games. She is courageous & kind.
Josiah Anaya-Gamonal Y3	Josiah is always cheerful & laughs every day. He is a bookworm & good at reading.
Amelia Hylton-Lambert Y4	Amelia works incredibly hard at everything. She has lots of friends.
Lydia Johnstone Y5	Lydia always does what is right & includes others. She is a brilliant friend.
Raaed Shah Y6	Raaed is a fantastic sports captain. He always tries his best & is a willing helper.

Message from Mrs Walsh

After much prayer and careful thought, I have made the difficult decision to step down from my role as Head Teacher at Easter. It has been a real privilege to lead the school over the past four years and to work with such wonderful children, staff and families in our caring Christian community. I am very grateful for the trust and support you have shown during this time. Please be assured that I remain fully committed to leading and managing the school with care and dedication until I leave. I hold the school and all its families in my prayers and wish everyone every blessing for the future.

Celebrating Life in School

Tuesday saw Y6 take part in an inter-schools athletics tournament at the College. They showed great team work with some of the children representing school for the very first time. Y4 went back in time with a visit from Marcus the Roman soldier as part of their history topic. They had a great time learning about the life of a Roman soldier. It was great to see so many children dressed up for the event. Marcus then time travelled to Viking times to visit Y5 and explained about the life of a Viking. Y2 braved the weather when they went outside to find out about the benefits of exercise and how it affects our bodies. For more on school life, visit the blog: [Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](https://scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)

Worship in School

Mrs Walsh led Monday's worship and talked about Martin Luther King and how he showed courage in his fight for justice and equal rights for everyone through peaceful protest. The children continued to watch Blackburn Diocese's God's Big Story on Tuesday in which Jesus called Peter his Rock and how Jesus believed Peter could use his faith and leadership to build His church. Wednesday's worship was an uplifting musical one of new songs and sea shanties all about courage followed by the children praying. Rev Catherine led worship on Thursday. She talked about Zacchaeus the Tax Collector and how, after meeting and talking to Jesus, he had the courage to change his life completely.

Teddy Tombola

Scot4All are running a teddy tombola on Friday 13th February straight after school (£1 a go). Do you have a teddy who needs love and a new home? Please bring in any teddy you can spare to the school office by Friday 6th February. All teddies welcome, even those with a dirty face! Posters attached for further details.

Aladdin / Non Uniform Day

Tickets are still available for the pantomime next Friday - £2.50 from the school office (cash or card). Don't forget, you can watch Aladdin in your cosy clothes (donation for Scot4All if you can). See posters around school for further information.

Maths Afternoon

This is an open afternoon for parents to come with their children to find out how multiplication and division is taught in school. It is for Y1-Y5 (unfortunately Y6 will not be taking part as Miss Huddleston is not available). Details have been sent out earlier this week.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	What	Who
Wed 28 Jan	3.30-5pm	Maths Open Afternoon Multiplication & Division	Y1-Y5 Parents & Children
Fri 30 Jan	All day	Cosy Clothes Non-Uniform Day	Every- one
Fri 30 Jan	9.00-11.30am	Neurodivergent Cafe	All parents
Fri 30 Jan	3.30-5pm	Aladdin (on-line show)	All Children
Fri 13 Feb	3.25-4pm	Valentine's Teddy Soulmate Tombola (details attached)	Every- one
Fri 13 Feb	3.25pm	School closes for half term holiday	Every- one
Mon 23 Feb	8.45am	School re-opens	Every- one
Wed 4 Mar	1.15-3.15pm & 3.45-6.30pm	Parent Consultations (details to follow)	Every- one

General Reminders

Lost Property: to ensure children's belongings are returned, please name them clearly.

Absence: please report a child's absence to the school office (not the class teacher) by 9.30am. Please provide full details if due to illness (Government requirement).

Change of Details: please inform the school office of any change of details as soon as possible.

Dinner Money: dinners should be paid in advance, please check your child's balance regularly. If you are not already signed up to our online banking option (Scopay), please ask at the school office.

Neurodivergent Cafe

Parents are welcome next Friday (9.00 –11.30am) to come and find out more about how to support children on the autistic spectrum and have a chat and a drink. It's an opportunity for parents to talk to other parents about the struggles and solutions and supporting each other through difficult times. This is an invitation to all parents, not just those with children on the spectrum.