





"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 THANKFULNESS

Writers of the Week	
	
Name	Reason
Jacob Yare YR	For writing a super sentence all by himself.
Mandy Xue Y1	For excellent independent writing remembering capital letters, finger spaces & full stops.
Ivy Withers Y2	For taking extra care when forming her letters.
Jana Abubaker Y3	For excellent dialogue writing based on our class book.
Rosie Britton Y4	For writing super, descriptive cinquain poems.
Momo Zhou Y5	For an excellent opening for a new chapter of our book 'Viking Boy' using speech & varied sentence openers.
William Blackwell Y6	For good use of formal language in a letter of complaint.

Worship in School

This week, we have found out our new Christian Value for the half term, which is THANKFULNESS. There are many things to be thankful for, but sometimes it's hard to remember them when we feel like life is unfair or we're having a bad deal. We kick-started feeling more positive with a golden oldie song - If I were a Butterfly, which is all about being grateful for being ourselves. The children picked up the signs for this song very quickly and sang with gusto. Rev Catherine couldn't be with us this week, so Mrs Walsh retold the story of Peter and John healing a lame man, which also led to another good sing song!

Summer Term

Welcome back to the summer term, where we should be able to do more outdoor learning in the sunshine. As the weather hots up (hopefully) please remember to send your child in with sun cream already on and a sunhat. They can top up their cream at lunchtime - please practise at home so that they can do this as independently as possible. Every child should also have a see-through water bottle full of water every day. As the weather can be unpredictable, especially at the start of this term, please check the forecast and send your child in with a coat if there is any chance of rain. The children go outside for fresh air and exercise even if it is raining.

Celebrating Life in School

The children have made the most of the sunshine this week and been outside covering various topics from Y4 coming up with cat names related their English topic to Y5 finding out about inspirational and important women relating to their RE. Y5 also had a visit from some STEM engineers and had great fun cracking codes and solving puzzles. Y4 have also been discovering how many bones make up the human body—can you guess? To find the answer, visit our school blog : [Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](http://scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)

Start & End Times for School

There seems to have been some confusion with picking up time, with some parents thinking we had lengthened the school day this term. This will happen in **September**, but for now the times are:
School Opens at 8.45am
Register at 8.55am (all children need to be in their classrooms by this time)
Lessons finish at 3.10pm
Please try to be on time, as lateness at either end of the days is disruptive and can cause upset for the children.

Holidays

Please note that it is a legal requirement for all children to be in school and no holidays can be authorised. Five days unauthorised absence now leads to a penalty notice (fine) of £160 per child, per parent. Absences can only be authorised in extreme circumstances and where NO alternative arrangements can be made. Being able to have a cheaper holiday or visiting family members abroad are not considered as exceptional reasons for a child's absence.

Birthday Treats

It is lovely to be able to celebrate the children's birthdays in class with them and it is very kind when children bring treats in for the rest of their class to take home. We do have some children in school who have allergies or are vegetarian or ve-gan, so if you would like to send treats in for your child's class on their birthday, please contact your child's class teachers to find out what would be suitable. It can be upsetting for children when they miss out on their friend's birthday treat. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	What	Who
Thur 1 May	am	Egyptian Workshop	Y3
Thur 1 May	pm	Greek Workshop	Y4
Thur 1 May	6pm	Inter School Swimming Gala—Salt Ayre	Invited children
Mon 5 May	All day	May Day Bank Holiday School Closed	Every-one
Thur 8 May	am	Class Photographs	Nursery to Y6
Mon 12- Thur 15 May	various	SATS	Y6
Thur 22 May	3.10pm	School closes for half-term	Every-one
Fri 23 May	All day	Inset day—school closed	Every-one
Mon 2 June	8.55am	School opens after half term	Every-one
Wed 4 June	6-7pm	New Reception Meeting September 2025 intake	New YR Parents
Mon 23 – Thur 26 June	Each day	Celebration of our multi-cultural school (see separate information box)	Every-one
Tues 1 July	9.30 am	KS2 Sports' Day— field (Weather dependent)	KS2 Parents
Tues 1 July	1.30pm	KS1 Sports' Day—field (Weather dependent)	KS1 Parents
Wed 2 July	2pm	Nursery Sports' Day— school (Weather dependent)	Nursery Parents
Thur 3 July	am	Moving up morning— children visiting next year's class	All
Tues 8 July	1.45pm	End of Term Play	Y6
Wed 9 July	6.30pm	End of Term Play	Y6
Thur 10 July	2.30pm	Rock Steady Concert by the children who have lessons	Invited parents
Wed 16 July	3.30-6pm	Moving on Parents' Evening (talk about reports & meet new teacher)	Nursery to Y5
Thur 17 July	1.30pm	Leavers' Service in Church	Y6
Fri 18 July	9.20 am	YR-Y5 Awards in Church	YR-Y5
Fri 18 July	3.10pm	Break up for Summer Holiday	Every-one

Multi-Cultural Week

The vision for this week is for each class to learn more about the culture, religion and countries that children across school are linked closely with. This could be British culture - celebrating the diversity of the specialist food from around the country, art and music by British artists and special things linked to England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Likewise, it could be finding out about other countries that the children have visited, lived in or have family members there. In order to really immerse the children in different cultures, we need parents and grandparents to get involved. We have a diverse community and we would love to have as many family members in school talking about their experiences and doing activities e.g. baking, singing and craft with the children. If anyone has any other ideas for what we could do in school that week, we would love to hear them. Please talk to Mrs Walsh on the gate or email - head@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk

If you do not have ideas, but would like to help out in school, please contact your child's class teacher.

On the Thursday afternoon, we intend to hold a music and food festival and will be inviting families to join in the celebrations. Again, in order to make this successful, we need your help. We need as much food as possible for people to try. There will be tables in the hall for the different food from around the world (including Britain) and we want the children to have the opportunity to taste authentic dishes/sweets/cakes.

If many people help out, this experience could be amazing for all of our children.

Future dates

We have tried to give as much notice as possible for dates for the summer term - please see the table. We will do our very best to stick to these dates and will not change them without very good reason. Please be mindful that occasionally things happen that are beyond our control and things do need to change. If they do, we would aim to let you know as soon as we possibly can. More details for each event will be given nearer the time.

After School Clubs

This term the clubs are:

Tuesday	Cheerleading 3.10-3.55 pm YR/1(full)
Wednesday	Cricket 3.15-4.15pm Y5/6
Thursday	Football 3.15-4.15pm KS2
Thursday	Karate 3.15-4.15pm all ages

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Watch out for details of upcoming events planned over the next term!