

# Newsletter— 28th March 2025

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 SERVICE

Time to Shine	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Theo Munnerley YR	Theo is good at tidying up. He has an incredible smile & is a good friend.
Jasper North Y1	Jasper brings colour to our classroom. He is helpful & a great friend.
Therasa Manoj Keepram Y2	Therasa always tries her best. She is good at making friends & is kind & funny.
Harper Reid Y3	Harper has a great personality & is a good role model. She is good at signing.
Bryan Udeoha Y4	Bryan has lovely handwriting. He is very funny & tells the best jokes.
James Sowerby Y5	James looks after other people. He works hard & is a great role model.
Sebastian Manoj Keepram Y6	Sebastian is observant, reliable, caring & enthusiastic. He is full of energy & always smiling.

Writers of the Week	
Name	Reason
Florence Heald YR	For trying really hard with her letter formation. Keep up the hard work!
Marcus Huang Y1	For being more independent in his writing.
Zaheer Olaniyan Y2	For a super recount of our story so far from the point of view of a character.
Bella Sowerby Y3	For a super non-fiction report about the Stone Age.
Fox Thompson Y4	For a well presented, detailed information page about Antoni Gaudi.
James Betts Y5	For a very detailed non-chronological report about the Vikings.
Lizzy York Y6	For a well-constructed & detailed non-chronological report about our school, including good vocabulary choices.

Worship in School
This week worships were a little different to usual. On Monday, we had our Prayer and Praise worship where we sang songs and prayed, with a focus on Service. Tuesday was the same as normal - our regular timetabled class worship. On Wednesday, Rev Linda, from the Methodist Church on Scotforth Road, joined us with her puppet to tell us the story of The Feeding of the 5000 and Annie, from the Worship Team, led us in a thought for the day. On Thursday, children who have Rocksteady lessons treated us with a concert and showed us their rock star skills. We met in school for our Friday Family Worship this week - the last one for the Spring Term.

Easter Church Service
Our Easter Service is on Friday 4th April at 1.30pm in church and everyone is welcome. Our Worship Team will be leading the service with Rev Catherine. There will be no Time to Shine or Writer of the Week next week.

Y4 Assembly
This half-term it is Y4's turn to lead an assembly and their parents are welcome to come along on Tuesday 1st April at 9am to watch. They will be singing some of the songs from the Music Festival and we are hoping to show a video of the dance team's entry.

Easter Bingo/Chocolate Tombola
Thank you to everyone who is coming along tonight to the bingo—lots of prizes to be won and a fun time (if last year is anything to go by!). Thank you again for all the donations of chocolate—there are various bars/boxes that are not needed for the bingo, so we will hold a tombola on Monday 31st March straight after school. <b>Please bring cash—tickets are £1 each and everyone is a WINNER!!</b>

Change to the School Day
You may remember that we asked parents about making the school day longer, as the government have asked us to do. The governors talked about this at their recent meeting and decided to add 15 minutes to the end of the day. From SEPTEMBER 2025, the timings for school (including nursery) will be 8.45am - school opens 8.55am - all children to be in class for register time (if you arrive after the bell, your child will be marked as late). 3.25pm - end of learning time. Parents to be at school to collect children at 3.25pm.

## Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	What	Who
Fri 4 Apr	1.30pm	Easter Church Service	Everyone
Fri 4 April	3.10 pm	Break up for Easter Holidays	Everyone
Tue 22 April	8.55am	Re-open after Easter Holidays	Everyone
Thur 1 May	am	Egyptian Workshop	Y3
Thur 1 May	pm	Greek Workshop	Y4
Mon 5 May	All day	May Day Bank Holiday School Closed	Everyone
Thur 8 May	am	Class Photographs	Nursery to Y6
Thur 22 May	3.10pm	School closes for half-term	Everyone
Mon 2 June	8.55am	School opens after half term	Everyone

## Clothes for Sammy's Project

Bags are still available from the office to fill with unwanted, good quality items of clothes, bedding, curtains, toys, etc. Donations will raise funds for school and blood charities. Bags should be brought to school for collection on Wednesday 2nd April before 9.30am.

## Lost Property

Don't forget to look in the box before the end of term as anything left will be disposed of.

## Online Safety

Keeping an eye on what your children view online is getting harder and harder. Take a look at the information about setting up Youtube for kids. It offers useful tips and information on parental locks and for you to view what your children are seeing.

## Lent Challenge

It would be really good to know about anything your child has done linked to the Lent Challenge focusing on Service. If you have noticed them being extra kind and helpful, please email me and they might get a mention in next week's newsletter!

## ASDA Cash Pot

Thank you to everyone who signed up to the ASDA cash pot scheme via Parentkind. We have had notification that a total of £264.90 has been raised for school funds through the scheme.

## Celebrating Life in School

We finished last week with the final of the school's athletics tournament. Well done to our team who came 3rd out of 8 teams with only 2 points between 1st and 3rd! This week started with a cross country event at Ellel—well done to everyone who took part in the long course. On Tuesday Y6 took a walk in the sunshine to church to meet Rev Catherine who explained all about the Eucharist service. The children found it very interesting and informative. On Wednesday there was another sporting activity with a group of Y5 & 6 children taking part in tag rugby. Thank you to the parents who helped transport the children and those who came along to cheer them on to 3rd place. Well done! On Thursday the weather was again kind when Y4 walked down to the Town Hall for their Music Festival practice. It was an amazing night—the practice definitely paid off. On Thursday afternoon the Rock Steady children gave a fantastic concert for their parents and the rest of school with lots of cheering, clapping and joining in.

Make sure you have a look at the school blog for more information on what goes on in school: [Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](http://scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)

## Dance Clubs

Y1 & 2 parents are invited to come along on Tuesday 1st April at 4pm to the hall to watch their children perform their dance routine.

**Blackpool Dancers:** don't forget, if you are coming along to watch your child on Wednesday you MUST buy a ticket from the venue—school are NOT providing these. All the details were sent in an email and paper copy earlier this month.

## Parent Governor Nominations

The nominations closed at 12 noon today. We will let you know the outcome next week.

## Easter Holiday Club

We have an amazing programme of activities on offer and a full staff team for this Easter holiday club. Currently we have lots of places left to book so please have a look at the information flyer on the follow up email.

We also have some free places for those who have eligibility codes to book through the city council's website:

<https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/sport-and-leisure/happy-healthy-holidays>

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