

Newsletter— 2nd May 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 THANKFULNESS

<div>  Time to Shine  </div>	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Watipa Mwanyisa Y6	Watipa is a hard worker & kind & caring. He is a fantastic drawer & good at maths.
Kitty Smith Y5	Kitty is fun to be with. She is smart, polite, helpful, very funny & a good person.
Mary Makinson Y4	Mary is a great team player. She works well in a group. She is just brilliant.
Jinghang Song Y2	Jinghang is very fast & likes sports. He is kind & cheers people up.
Marcus Huang Y1	Marcus is outstanding at building Lego. He is funny & cheers people up.
Ellie Mitchell YR	Ellie is always smiling, kind & sharing. She always tries her best.

<div>  Writers of the Week  </div>	
Name	Reason
Esther Sudell YR	For using 'and' in her sentence. Well done.
Lucas Burrows Y1	For working independently in some tasks & putting in lots of effort.
Shayne Currie Y2	For good independent writing of a letter & taking extra care with handwriting.
Fergus Laird Y3	For an excellent descriptive piece of writing using prepositions & conjunctions to start sentences.
Sophie Bush Y4	For writing a beautiful, imaginative poem.
Buddy Wood Y5	For an excellent Viking chapter using historical knowledge.
Sophie Lloyd Y6	For using ideas from our "Teaching Live" sessions in her history writing.

Multicultural Week
Please have a think about how you could help with our multicultural week in June. The more volunteers, the better the experience for the children and the school community as a whole.

Online Safety
This week covers online safety tips for parents of children aged 6-10 years. It gives helpful advice on how to set boundaries and help on how to keep your child safe online.

Worship in School
This week we have continued thinking about Thankfulness. In a change to the norm, worship was in classrooms on Monday and the children thought about what they are thankful for. They recorded these and some are now on display in the hall. Tuesday was our normal class worship and on Wednesday, beautiful singing could once again be heard coming from the hall. We were delighted to see Rev Catherine on Thursday, who talked about the Thankful Leper - only one came back to thank Jesus when ten had been healed.

Celebrating Life in School
There have been some very diverse activities in school this week! Professor Tuesday (a visitor from the museum team) came to talk to Y3 about the Egyptians yesterday. What fabulous costumes the children had—well done to parents! She then talked to Y4 about the Greeks in the afternoon. They were able to handle lots of artefacts and had a great time. Y5 took advantage of the great weather and went to the field for athletics practice. Earlier in the week Y5 joined their buddies in Reception to feed some lambs. Last night some Y4, 5 & 6 children took part in the inter-schools swimming gala. What a fantastic result coming 2nd—well done! Thank you to parents and staff who helped make it a great night. To catch up on everything that goes on in school, visit the school blog: Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School (scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)

Staffing News
We are delighted to announce that Mr Taylor will join the school in September as our Year 4 teacher. As it stands, the class teachers for next year will be: Nursery - Mrs Atkinson Reception - Miss Marshall Year 1 - Mrs Boyle Year 2 - Mr Manning Year 3 - Mrs Redmayne (Mrs Ventress on Mondays) Year 4 - Mr Taylor Year 5 - Mrs Dowson/Mrs Mayor Year 6 - Miss Huddleston If any of this changes, we will let you know as soon as possible.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	What	Who
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	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

May Day

Don't forget, school is closed on Monday for the Bank Holiday.

St Paul's Church

Question for our community - Your Church in Your Community.

We are starting the process of applying for Heritage Lottery Funding and we need your help.

Please imagine that we have a new church roof, a new kitchen and toilet area, the windows are repaired and the walls have all received a much-needed coat of paint.

What activities would you like to see taking place in your church building ?

This is in addition to regular services and life events such as baptisms, weddings and funerals.

To take part in this survey please click on the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeAmFEL-tFzCYt3JHxuEvlUQQat-4qhhk9z3AIRUA2x7IU6oQ/viewform?usp=header>

Many thanks for taking part in this survey, we really do appreciate your support with this.

Jayne and Keith - Churchwardens

School Improvement Plan

Every term we work on our identified areas for improvement for the year. This year we are focusing on writing, computing and parent/community links. Attached to this email is a review of the spring term actions and impact of these. The document also records what we hope to do in the summer term. We hope you find this useful.

Scot4All

Events will be starting after the half-term break. Please have a look at the poster sent in the follow up email giving more details and date of the next meeting—we hope to see as many parents as possible!

School Dinner Menu

The new menu for Spring/Summer has started and a copy has been sent on the follow up email. However, the kitchen staff will do their best to follow the menu but due to supply issues, occasionally choices have to be adapted.

Smart Phones

The governors have been keeping up to date with research about the impact of smartphones on children and had an in-depth discussion about this in a recent governors' meeting. As a result, children currently in Year 4 and younger will not be allowed to bring smart phones into school when they are in Year 5 and 6. Children who walk home alone (Year 5/6s only) are allowed to bring phones into school which they must hand in to their class teacher. As the Year 5s may have phones, because they are already allowed them in school, we are not enforcing the new policy on them when they are in Year 6. Phones in school must not have cameras or access to the internet - they should only be able to text and make phone calls. These phones can be bought very cheaply on a pay as you go basis and trackers for school bags (if parents want the ability to do this) can also be found online.