

# Newsletter— 30th 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

<div>                      Time to Shine                      </div>	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Grayson Tunncliffe YR	Grayson is always happy, smiling & is a good friend. He is good at making things.
Freya Huys Y1	Freya keeps the classroom clean. She is creative & makes up good games.
Deborah Akinbo Y2	Deborah makes up good games. She has a friendly smile & cheers people up.
Zahra Ahmad Y3	Zahra is really independent and resilient. She learns from her mistakes.
Ewan Cooper Y4	Ewan is full of interesting ideas & comes up with fun games. He loves to learn.
Dominic Boyoni Y5	Dominic has a great laugh. He is great at maths & art. He has great ideas.
Karen Talbot Y6	Karen is an amazing writer & fab at art. She is very kind & a good friend.

<div>                      Writers of the Week                      </div>	
Name	Reason
Betty Eden YR	For thinking of some great ideas & trying really hard with her letters.
Aaron Larbi Y1	For trying really hard to sit his letters on the line & keep them the same size.
Alfie Wiener Y2	For a great independent story with good edits to make it even better.
Ivy Withers Y3	For including lots of historical details in her Stone Age writing. Excellent work!
David Udeoha Y4	For using great word choices to build tension in his story.
Rio Barker Smith Y5	For writing an effective description using short sentences.
Karen Talbot Y6	For some excellent description & using a wide range of punctuation.

Diversity Cafe
Many thanks to Lucy Ellis for coming along today. The parents who took part found it really useful and a good opportunity to chat to others and share ideas. We are hoping to hold another 'Café' on Friday 20th March.

Worship in School
On Monday, Mrs Walsh talked about Corrie Ten Boom and how she showed courage helping Jewish people in World War 2. The Blackburn Diocese Worship this week was about extraordinary and inspirational life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. A very wise Christian theologian who spoke out against Hitler and the Nazis. He stayed true to his faith and died in one of the concentration camps. On Wednesday we had a fantastic time singing about being bold, strong and courageous and some of our Y6 and Reception showed courage by standing at the front and saying prayers. Rev Catherine talked about Esther - a courageous young queen in the Bible. We loved her sparkly tiara.

Celebrating Life in School
YR, Y1 & Y2 had an energetic time on Wednesday when they had a taster session of street and breakdancing. Everyone had a great time and if they want to do more, information will be on the follow up email. Y1 & Y5 discovered that there are many types of bread and had a go at making their own. It was interesting today to see what the children classed as 'comfy clothing' with outfits ranging from shorts to full onesies! Thank you for all the donations to Scot4All, a grand total of £120 has been raised. We hope the children enjoy Aladdin tonight after school and have raised £200 for school funds. Once again, many thanks for all your support at these events. For more on school life, visit the blog: <a href="http://scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk">Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary &amp; Nursery School (scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)</a>

Maths Afternoon
Thank you to all the parents who visited the classes to find out more about how we teach multiplication and division in school. About 40 families attended and it was lovely to see the children showing their parents the different methods we use. We have attached the policies that were given out on the night so that everyone has the same information.

Attendance
Well done Y4! They have achieved a 97.8% attendance for January which is higher than the school average of 95%

### Dates for the Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Who</u>
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

### School Pick-Up

It would be very useful to know if you are going to be late collecting your child from school and an estimated arrival time. We understand that this can be for various reasons. However, we do need to know so that we can let your child know that they haven't been forgotten and for staff to arrange for your child to wait in a safe place.

### School Improvement Plan (SIP)

One of the areas we were going to look at on the SIP this year was the school vision. As there should be a new headteacher in place in September, it has been decided to leave this part of the SIP so that they can work with the school community with a different perspective and possibly create a new vision.

### Calling Keen Bakers!

Scot4All are holding a cake sale alongside the Teddy Tombola on Friday 13th February. They are asking if there are any 'keen' bakers who are willing to make a few cakes/cookies/biscuits to sell at the event. They are **NOT** asking for donations from everyone for this cake sale, it is an add-on event to the tombola. If you are willing to bake a few cakes, please let the school office know and we will pass details to the Scot4All team.

### The Den

You may already be aware that earlier this week, The Den was flooded. The whole room was under water! We have had a donation of carpet tiles to restore the flooring and once Mr Cocker has a little time and we are sure that the floor is completely dry, he will start laying them. Thank you to all those who donated or offered dehumidifiers. They have really helped. We were very lucky that most things were off the floor, but we will need to replace some items. Again, a Lancaster resident has kindly offered to pay for a new rug. We have been blown away with the generosity of those associated with the school and those in the community who just felt called to help.