



Jesus (the gardener) nourishes and tends us as we learn and grow, so that we can all flourish. As a vine, we are one, but all unique and special to Him. We care for each other, as God cares for us.



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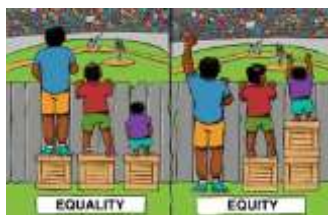
Time to Shine



Celebrating this week in school

What another great week with lots of amazing learning. Wednesday was our Outdoor Learning day, which was led by Hayley and Katy from the Wildlife Trust. Each class ventured out to either Dorrington Woods or the school field. They covered a range of different subjects from English and Maths to History, Art and Geography. Please take a look at the blog for some great photos of the day - [Y1 Outdoor Learning | Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](http://www.scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk) As a school we know the benefits of learning outdoors and have made a commitment to do this wherever it will enhance the children's learning – please see our plea for help to make sure this can happen (in the Information and Reminders below).

Our Christian Value of Justice is not only discussed during Worship, it flows throughout our curriculum too. We will be spending time next month thinking about Black History Month and how justice has played a part in that. This week during our Worship we thought about whether equality always means doing or giving the same to all, using the picture below.



Upcoming Important dates (please watch out for emails from teachers about class specific dates)

- 03.10 Harvest festival in church 2pm all welcome.
- 05.10 SCOT4ALL meeting at 7.30pm (the Boot and Shoe)
- 19.10 Flu Vaccinations by School Nurses
- 19.10 Parents' Afternoon/Evening
- 21.10 INSET day (First Aid Training) – school closed for the children
- 31.10 School Reopens
- 10.11 Open Afternoon for prospective parents
- 16.12 Church Service 1.45pm, then school closes for Christmas

Please keep checking this list of dates as more will be added as we go through the term. We will try to give you as much notice as possible for any that involve parents.

Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Alonzo Wolstenholme YR	He is nice, he plays good games, works hard at his handwriting, has a lovely smile
Fergus Laird Y1	He is great at listening, he is helpful, funny, kind, a good reader, makes up good games
Angelica Bishop Y2	She is kind, helpful, always smiling, ready to work, a lovely friend
Savannah Bowers Y3	She's funny, kind, really good at gymnastics, sharing, helpful
Summer Birkett Y4	She is funny, caring, encouraging, always has her hand up, smiley
Joel Dawson Y5	He is thoughtful, kind, ready & organised, smiley, loves maths problems
Lucy Rowbotham Y6	She is kind, funny, logical, good at art, an amazing friend, happy respectful

Information and Reminders

Our **Harvest Festival** is on Monday 3rd October at 2pm in St Paul's Church and all are welcome to join us. The brand new Worship Team have helped to plan the service and will help to lead it. If you are able to, please send in packets and tins so that we have donations to give to Hala Pantry, who will share the donations with other local charities. The children will have the opportunity to carry their donations to the front of church during the service. We will have some spare for any who are not able to bring a donation, for any reason.

There is a **SCOT4ALL** meeting on Wednesday 5th October at 7.30pm at The Boot and Shoe. Every member of our school community is a member of SCOT4ALL and we would love to see as many people there as possible. Again, coming to the meeting does not mean that you will be given lots of jobs to do. We hope to plan fundraising events that will take place throughout the year that people can dip in and out of when and if it fits in with family/work life. This first meeting is to come up with the ideas and create a calendar of events – please bring your ideas. We are hoping to raise enough money to be able to install a kitchen in school.

Information and Reminders Cont'd

We are VERY keen to use our **local environment** to enhance our learning, but our main barrier to this is having enough adults to supervise the children. It would be brilliant if we could call on members of our community to support us with our commitment to get outside more. If it is something that you feel that you can help with, please contact me on head@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk with any specific days you would possibly be available. This is not a commitment from you to be available all of the time, I would like to create a bank of willing volunteers that we could contact when we want to take the children outside. Each volunteer would need to complete a DBS check and undergo a short volunteer induction – in line with our Safeguarding principles. In order to be able to take the children outside, they need to be prepared – please make sure your child ALWAYS brings a coat to school. Teachers will inform you when your child's class is going off the premises to use the local area to learn.

A friendly reminder for those who **drop off and pick up** at the office/playground side of school, that we have a one way system for dropping off and picking up at the start and end of the day. In order to keep all children safe, they should not walk through the car park. Children should come through the gate and up the side of the building in the morning. Parents should then exit via the car park. At the end of the day, parents should enter the playground via the car park, but leave (once they have collected their children) via the path. Thank you.

Karate Reading Challenge - what a great start!

Well done to all of those children who have brought back their signed reading records this week showing that they have achieved 15 "reads" since 12th September. It was possible from Monday and it was lovely to see many eager faces receiving their white karate band. A special well done to Reception children who are doing the challenge for the first time! It is not too late to bring in your reading record for your white band and we look forward to seeing some YELLOW bands around school some time soon (1st possible date is 11th October)...

As a school we love books and we expect the children to read/share books daily at home. It has a huge impact on them educationally (developing vocab, empathy, sentence structure, general knowledge etc etc etc) and more importantly, is excellent fun! On the school website (under Curriculum) is a useful page with updated Recommended Reads for KS2 children, more information about the Karate Reading Challenge, and a link to an interesting online session for parents/carers called "Raising a Reader" with lots of top tips.

Please encourage your child to KEEP IT UP and continue to read with them. Even our oldest, most fluent readers can benefit from reading and discussing books with an adult regularly. And what can be better than snuggling up at bedtime and reading (especially as the nights are drawing in!)? 😊

National Poetry Day

Next Thursday (6th October) is National Poetry Day and as a school we are sharing and celebrating poems all week, including at our Friday Assembly. You may well have favourite poems that you enjoyed as a child, and this could be a good opportunity to share these with your children.

School Office Hours

Just a reminder that there is someone in the office between 8am and 4.30pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am to 4pm on Fridays. Outside of these hours you can email admin2@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk or bursar@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk or you can leave a telephone message. All messages will be dealt with as soon as possible.

Flu Vaccinations

These will be taking place in school on Wednesday, 19th October. If you have not already done so, please complete the online consent forms (sent earlier this month). Please note that this is the only time the Vaccination Team will be visiting school.

Rainbows

Becky Barr currently runs the Rainbow group on Monday evenings at St Paul's Parish Hall. This is for girls aged 5/6 before joining brownies and there are currently spaces available. If you are interested please visit: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>

Holiday Club

Unfortunately the wrong dates were published on last week's poster. Please see the new one sent following the newsletter.