



"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 FORGIVENESS

Time to Shine	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Ronnie Taylor YR	Ronnie is good at helping. He is always smiling. He tries hard with his work.
Ottillie Aldren Y1	Ottillie is good to talk to, she cares about everyone. She makes us laugh.
Oscar Harrison Y2	Oscar has good jokes. He learns from his mistakes. He is good friend.
Maita Mwanyisa Y3	Maita loves doing jobs in the classroom. She goes above & beyond in her learning.
Chloe Cooper Y4	Chloe always makes good choices. She is popular & a role model.
Angus Laird Y5	Angus is a perfect role model—he is funny, super kind, creative & a brilliant friend.
Dina Jithin Y6	Dina has a kind heart, is polite & always smiling. She is friends with everyone.

Writers of the Week	
Name	Reason
Mason McCrink Y6	For writing dialogue which clearly shows the personality of each character.
Emily Hesketh Y5	For thoughtful & detailed ideas when looking at artefacts in History.
Jesse Aldren Y4	For writing a super fantasy story with lots of detail & great word choices.
Alfie Martin Y3	For a super description, full of expanded noun phrases!
Finn Whiteley Y2	For thoughtful questions & improved handwriting.
Euan Strachan Y1	For working hard on his handwriting & finger spaces. Well done!
Devon Wilson YR	For trying hard with his finger spaces.

Scot4 All AGM
Thank you to the parents who came along yesterday—it was good to see some new faces. We had a good discussion and came up with some great ideas for this year—watch this space!

Worship in School
Monday was Holocaust Day and we thought about a very inspirational lady - Corrie Ten Boom. As a Christian, she helped Jews hide and stay safe during World War Two. Unfortunately, Corrie and her sister, Betsy, were discovered doing this and were taken to a concentration camp where they were treated dreadfully and Betsy died. Later in life, after being freed from the camp, one of the guards met Corrie and asked for forgiveness. With God's help, Corrie forgave him. We decided that if Corrie could do that, we should try to forgive others even when it's difficult. On Wednesday, we sang songs linked to forgiveness and Mason led us in prayer thinking about our friends. Rev Catherine joined us again on Thursday and talked about the Prodigal Son and how he left his family for a better life. Unfortunately it didn't quite work out as he had hoped and had to go back to his family. His father forgave him and welcomed him back. God forgives us as His children even if we don't always remain faithful.

Celebrating Life in School
Nursery children have been exploring outdoors this week, firstly by enticing birds with breadcrumbs to see how many different kinds they can count, and then donning wellies and walking in the mud under the trees—enjoyed by some more than others! Reception children had a visit from another everyday hero—a nurse. She explained what she did in her job and then showed the children how to put on bandages and plasters. Y6 experienced the Jewish festival of Passover, tasting some of the symbolic food and drink followed by listening to Passover songs. There are some really good pictures on the school blog—make sure you have a look! <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>

Parents Needed!
Our School Council have a request:  "We need parents to help supervise our Movie Night on Monday 3rd March 3.10-5.00pm. Please let us know by Friday 7th February if you can help. If we don't get enough parents, we will not be able to host this event and we will not raise money for our chosen charity, WATER AID. Thank you"

Future Dates			
Date	Time	What	Who
Tue 4 Feb	2.15pm	Yellow House treat (film) for most points last term	All in Yellow House
Wed 5 Feb	During the day.	Scot4All Bake Off competition. See flyer for details (follow up email)	All children
Wed 5 Feb	3.15pm	Cake sale of Bake Off cakes <b>Please bring cash</b>	All
Wed 5 Feb	pm	Girls' Football Competition	Selected Ys4,5&6
Fri 7 Feb	3.15-4.14pm	NO GYMNASTICS CLUB New date to be confirmed	Those involved
Fri 14 Feb	3.10pm	Break up for half-term	All
Mon 24 Feb	8.45am	School re-opens	All
Fri 28 Feb	9.00 am	Coffee & chat for parents whose children have autistic tendencies	Parents
Wed 5 Mar	pm	Parent Consultation Details after half term	Parents
Tue 11 Mar	am	Y3 Egyptian workshop	Y3

### Scot4 All Bake Off

Children just need to bring in home-made cakes or biscuits (with the list of ingredients) into class. The children pay £2 to taste the cakes and then vote on their favourite one. A prize will be awarded to each class. The cakes will then be sold after school. We would very much welcome vegan/vegetarian and dairy-free products. For further details, please see the poster on the follow up email.

### Reminders

**Late Arrivals:** don't forget to come into the office to sign the 'e-register' if your child arrives after 8.55am (when the gate closes).

**Active Uniform:** please remember children should be wearing black trainers whilst in school. If weather conditions mean they wear boots or wellies to walk to school, you must ensure they have a pair of trainers to change into when in school, otherwise they may not be able to take part in PE lessons.

**Absence:** please let the school office know if your child is going to be absent before 9.30am. If you leave a message on the answerphone, you must give a reason for the absence.

**Toast Money:** the cost for toast at morning break is 20p. Please send the correct money if possible.

**Friday Family Worship:** a reminder that this starts at 2.45pm.

### Leave in Term Time

Since the new rules around taking children out of school during term time came into effect in August 2024 there has been a further update from January 2025. A penalty notice for under 15 days leave remains the same. However, for 15 days of unauthorised leave, the Local Authority will review the request and may **prosecute** parents and **not** offer the opportunity to pay a fine instead.

Please come and talk to us if you have any queries about the rules. An information leaflet will be sent on the follow up email to the newsletter.

### Online Safety

This week's information is about search engines. It gives useful advice on how to watch for misleading facts and how to avoid dangerous sites amongst other tips.