



## Newsletter— 3rd May 2024

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 TRUST

★ Time to Shine ★	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Skye Holmes YR	Skye is amazing at drawing & painting. She is a really good singer & is always smiling .
Zaheer Olaniyan Y1	Zaheer is kind & a good friend. He is good at running & football. He is fantastic at maths.
Jana Abubaker Y2	Jana is funny, joyful, helpful, loving & one of the nicest people we have met.
Bryan Udeooha Y3	Bryan has lots of ideas in his writing & loves books. He makes people smile & likes a challenge.
Raaed Shah Y4	Raaed is trustworthy , considerate & polite. He is good at crown green bowling.
Julieta Lopez Palma Y5	Julieta puts in a lot of effort with everything & never gives up. She is polite & caring.
Lloyd Elliott Y6	Lloyd has confidence, passion & Commitment . He is a kind, best friend.

**Parking & Dropping Off**

Please do not park or stop, even for a short time to drop off children in the mornings. It makes crossing the road dangerous for all pedestrians.

**Dance Competition**

We were immensely proud of our dancers on Monday as they represented Lancashire in the School's Dance competition at the Blackpool Winter Gardens. They performed their dance brilliantly in front of a very large crowd and were commended for their togetherness by the judges.

**School Dinner Questionnaire**

Thanks to those who have completed the questionnaire about School Dinners. If you have not done so yet, please complete the questionnaire by Friday 10th May so that we can see if there are any improvements we can make to the school dinner provision - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7HM-MCIKi6t6a6-sVsgaFkOtro1d2kPPq3VPprF8MGA-JGQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7HM-MCIKi6t6a6-sVsgaFkOtro1d2kPPq3VPprF8MGA-JGQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**Worship in School**

On Monday, Miss Huddleston led Worship and talked about how God's people didn't trust him, but Moses did. Moses knew that God's plan was a good one and would work out in the end. Wednesday's Worship was again full of singing and praying. The children learnt a new song about trust and sang it beautifully. On Thursday, Rev Rebecca's sister-in-law visited us and talked about her role as a Head Teacher in a Christian High School for girls. The children had lots of questions and it was interesting to find out about the things that are the same and different about education in England and in India

**Celebrating Life in School**

Y4 made the most of the good weather yesterday and tried crown green bowling. Everyone had a great time and their game improved the more they played. Y2 had a walk to church this week to see how it is important to Christians. Rev Rebecca showed them around and explained about the different furniture, artefacts and services. Maths lessons have been colourful in Reception this week with the children making caterpillars based on The Hungry Caterpillar. They are also looking after 5 caterpillars in the hope they become butterflies! Y3 are continuing their topic of the Stone Age and replicated cave art - very impressive drawings! As always, to see the life of school in pictures, go to the school blog: [Blog | Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lanacs.sch.uk\)](http://Blog | Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School (scotforth-st-pauls.lanacs.sch.uk))

**Swimming Competition**

Well done to all our swimmers who took part in the inter-schools gala last night coming an impressive joint 2nd., we are very proud of you all!

**Green House Reward**

The Green team won the most house points for the second half of the Spring term. Their reward of an extra playtime will take place next Wednesday (8<sup>th</sup> May).

## Future Dates

Date	Time	What	Who
Mon 6 May	All Day	School Closed—May Day Bank Holiday	YN-Y6
Fri 10 May	12pm	Singing at the Mayor Making Ceremony	Y4
Mon 13 -Thurs 16 May	AM	SATS Tests	Y6
Mon 20 -Thur 22 May	Through -out the day	Pedal and Scoot	YR, Y1 & Y2
Fri 24 May	3.10 pm	School closed for half-term holiday	YN-Y6
Mon 3 June	All day	Inset day (closed to children)	All
Tues 4 June	8.45am	School re-opens	YN-Y6
Weds 5 June	6pm	New Reception Evening	2024 intake
Fri 14 June	PM	Peter and The Wolf Concert (details to follow)	Y5 & 6
Tues 25 June	All day	Transition Day (Ripley & Central)	Y6
Tues 25 June	AM	Move up Morning in school & New Reception Starters	YN-Y5
Thurs 18 July	1.30pm	End of Year Church Service	All
Fri 19 July	3.10pm	Break up for summer	YN-Y6
Tues 3 Sep	8.45 am	School re-opens	YN-Y6

## Reminders

**May Day Holiday:** school is closed on Monday, 6th May.

**School Toast:** children are able to buy toast (20p) during morning play from the kitchen.

**Information updates:** Please inform school of any changes to contact details., medical issues or other relevant information.

**Lost Property** Last call to check if your child's sweater/cardigan is in the lost property box—they will be disposed of next week. To ensure safe return of items—please NAME THEM CLEARLY, preferably with a sticker or embroidered label—pen washes out.

**Dinner Money:** Please ensure your child's dinner money balance is up to date. Recently we have had to send out several reminders which takes up a lot of time. Dinners should be paid for in advance and not arrears.

## Online Safety

Following on from last weeks advice for under 5s and games on line, this week is about balance screen time for the under 5s.

## Gardening Club/Chinese Club

We are opening up these clubs to children in Y3 & 4. If your child would like to come along, please just write a note and send it into school next week.

Chinese Club—Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm

Gardening Club - Friday 3.15-4.15pm

## SCOT4ALL

SCOT4ALL is our name for the school's PTA (Parent and Teacher Association). It is slightly different to a PTA though because every person who is part of our school community is automatically a member. There are different aims for this group support, advice and fundraising are just some of them.

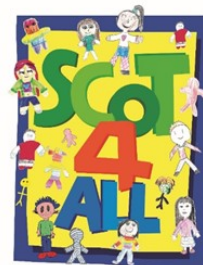
In order to be able to fund projects e.g. creating a new kitchen for the children to use, buy planters and playground equipment we need to raise money - there is not enough in the budget we are provided with. Therefore, we need people to organise and run fundraising events. The more people involved, the better. So far this year, Mrs Atkinson has organised all the SCOT4ALL events and, with parents' help, they have been very successful. However, this is not sustainable and really it should be parents organising events as it is the children who will benefit from extra resources/spaces. School staff will always help, but we need parents to take more responsibility. No-one will be forced to organise all events, but small teams could be responsible for different events.

If you are on Facebook, one of our parents has organised a poll on the SCOT4ALL page (if you are not a member, please search and ask to join) to find out the best time for a meeting to organise some Summer term events - possibly like last year's Fun Fridays. These are really enjoyed by the children and do not take much organising if lots of people get involved. If no volunteers come forward, these would not be able to happen. If you are not on Facebook, we will confirm the meeting date and time via email.

Going to a meeting does not automatically give you lots of jobs to do, it may be that you can just share ideas or volunteer to do a small role, which enables the event to take place.

It would be a real shame if SCOT4ALL folded, as the children will miss out on fantastic extras in school and all the fun of the SCOT4ALL events.

Please talk to Mrs Walsh or Mrs Atkinson if you would like more information about how to be involved, and/or join the Facebook group, if you have not done so already



## SOS—Scotforth Outdoor Space

SOS is a small gardening group run by parents/grandparents of children at our school. We meet every Friday morning, in the summer term, to do an hour's gardening in school. We try to keep on top of the weeds, look after the flower beds, and chop back branches in the woodland. We would love more volunteers to join us, no experience needed! We meet outside the school office at 9am on Friday mornings (weather permitting). Please come and join us.