



# Newsletter— 3rd October 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 LOVE

 Time to Shine 	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Aaron Larbi Y1	Aaron has a cheeky smile. He always tries hard & will help if you have a problem.
Eddie Cotzias Y2	Eddie has a great smile. He is a good friend. He is clever and works hard.
Oscar Harrison Y3	Oscar gives loads of good ideas. He is a brilliant problem solver in maths.
George Davey Y4	George has a contagious laugh. He is great at sign language. He is respectful.
Kelani Da Costa Y5	Kelani always thinks of others. She has wonderful manners & is always polite.
Louis Fagan Y6	Louis is an amazing Sports Captain. He is polite, compassionate & respectful.

 Writers of the Week 	
Name	Reason
Ibrahim Ahmed Y1	For independently writing sentences with capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.
Esha Seacy Y2	For a super speech to King Charles II telling him about the great fire of London.
James Watts Y3	For fantastic sentences using effective verbs and adverbs.
James Taylor Y4	For writing an outstanding, non-chronological report about the Loch Ness Monster!
Eliza Slater Y5	For a beautifully presented, detailed start to her story titled 'How the leopard got his spots'.
Raaed Shah Y6	For a thankyou letter using a polite, informal tone—and accurately punctuated.
Angus Laird Y6	For a great description of the Jabberwocky, including complex sentences and powerful vocabulary.

Fire Alarm
No doubt you will be told that the fire alarm went off this afternoon and the children had to go outside. We checked everywhere and there was NO fire and the children were quite safe.

Worship in School
On Monday, Mrs Walsh talked about why we have Harvest Festival and how this links with our value of love. On Tuesday, the children watched a video provided by the Diocese about Brother Andrew (a Dutch missionary) who became known as the Bible Smuggler because of his work getting bibles into communist countries. Wednesday brought some fantastic singing with the children singing some modern harvest songs. Thank you to Rev Catherine and the Worship Team for leading our Harvest Festival on Thursday when they talked about the love and sharing with each other that Harvest brings. Thank you to everyone for their wonderful donations.

Y2 Assembly
Y2 will lead assembly on Thursday 16th October starting at 3pm. All Y2 parents are invited to attend.

Celebrating Life in School
It's been another busy week in school, both in and out of the classroom. Y6 found out the best design for a safe parachute, whilst Y4 had a walk around the local area looking for natural and man-made geographical features. Using the information they gathered, they made their own OS maps. Our Y5/6 football team played their first tournament of the year, trying really hard but didn't quite make past the knock out round. Many thanks as always to the parents who helped with transport and stayed to encourage the team. The children have been learning about Harvest this week, thank you to everyone who contributed to the Olive Branch. Reception children found out where food comes from and then using their cutting skills, tasted various foods. On Friday, Mrs Walsh and the Worship Team (with the help of Mr & Mrs York) took all the donated food to the Olive Branch and found out how our donations help people in the area. They were really interested and represented school the school wonderfully. To see more of our school life visit the blog: <a href="https://scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk">Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary &amp; Nursery School (scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)</a>

## Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	What	Who
Tue 7 Oct	Morning	Visual Screening Check	YR
Wed 8 Oct	1.15-6.30pm	Parent consultation (no children)	Every-one
Mon 13- Wed 15	3.25-4pm	Scot4All Preloved Book Fair (see attached poster)	Every-one
Wed 15 Oct	1.30-3pm	Open Afternoon for new Reception 2026	All
Fri 17 Oct	8.32am	Bishop Philip's visit to St Paul's Church	Every-one
Wed 22 Oct	3.25pm	Close for half term break	Every-one
Mon 3 Nov	8.45am	Re-open after half term break	Every-one

## Reminders

**Earrings** any child who has earrings MUST remove them for school on Monday—covering them with a plaster is no longer allowed. Children should not be wearing jewellery in school

**Water Bottles** some children are still bringing water bottles that are not see through. Please ensure your child has a see through water bottle (clearly named) from Monday.

**Nuts & Nut Products:** please remember NOT to send your child to school with any type of nut or nut product such as Nutella. We aim to be nut-free as there are children and staff with nut allergies. If we see any child with such a product, we will ask them to put it back in their lunchbox and call parents to ask if we can provide a school lunch instead.

**Dinner Money:** please ensure dinner money is kept up to date and paid for in advance.

**Parent Consultation Times:** these have been given to the children either yesterday or today. Please check their bags if they haven't given them to you yet.

## Scot4All Book Fair

Thank you for the donations of books—don't forget the fair takes place Monday-Wednesday 13-15 Oct straight after school. Come and bag a bargain!! You can still drop off books in the school office if you weren't able to bring them in today.

## Parent Governor Nominations

If you would like to be a Parent Governor, you must submit your nomination by midday on Wednesday 8th October.

## School Dinners (menu change)

There will be a slight change to the menu :

Tuesday 14th October—Hot dogs & chips plus the usual past and jacket potato option

Wednesday 22nd October—Fish / pizza & chips or sandwich (as this will be the last day of the week and half term). If your child doesn't normally have a school meal on either a Tuesday or Wednesday but would like to for the special meals, please send them with £2.90 on the day (or before) and they can order on the day.

## Schools Admissions Consultation 2027

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The consultation process for school admissions in Lancashire is a legal requirement to ensure transparency and fairness in the administration of children to schools. Admission authorities must consult whenever they want to make changes to their policies or every seven years if there are no proposed changes. It is seven years since our last consultation. There are no proposed changes to our school policy for 2027.

The aim of the consultation is to provide all parents with an offer of a single school place on the same day, ensuring that the admission arrangements meet future needs. Parents and the local community are consulted to ensure the admission arrangements comply with the Department for Education.

The consultation period is from 1 October to 31 January, and schools must consult for a minimum of 6 consecutive weeks within this period.

For any comments on our Proposed Admissions Policy for 2027, please contact Mrs K Walsh: [k.walsh@scotforforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:k.walsh@scotforforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)

The policy will be sent out to all parents on Monday via email.