

Newsletter— 5th December 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 PEACE

 Time to Shine 	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Savannah Bowers Y6	Savannah stands up for what is right. She is loyal & brave, fun & funny.
George Edmondson Y5	George has a really great throw. He works hard & is very considerate of others.
Joe Kornas Y4	Joe is responsible & mature. He speaks nicely to people & is lovely to be around.
Emily OtuLarbi Y3	Emily is a really good listener. She is loving & brings peace to the classroom
Emily McKiernan Y2	Emily is independent, respectful & a really nice person.
Caleb Watts Y1	Caleb is very creative. He knows lots about history. He is a friend to everyone.
Levi Kay YR	Levi plays fun games & makes his friends laugh. He tries really hard.

 Writers of the Week 	
Name	Reason
Karen Talbot Y6	For a fantastic description of a winter's scene, creating atmosphere with excellent word choices.
Heath Patchett Y4	For using fantastic fronted adverbials in his writing.
Louis Patchett Y3	For an excellent opening to his traditional story with fantastic use of noun phrases.
Euan Strachan Y2	For fantastic noun phrases.
Mia Jones Y1	For beginning to use exclamation marks.
Betty Eden YR	For writing so many CVC words all by herself. Well done.

Christmas Fairs
Don't forget to go along tomorrow, Saturday, to the Parish Hall between 1 & 4pm and help support Scot4All and school and hear the children singing. There are lots of hand-made items for sale—a great opportunity to buy some unique Christmas presents. And then.....next Friday it is our Fair straight after school, including Y6's Enterprise Week stall.

Worship in School
On Monday, we returned to the British Values and thought about how each of them could link to Peace. The children realised that if everyone lived out the British Values, the world would be a more peaceful place. Their challenge this week was to try and make sure they thought about bringing peace through the British Values. On Tuesday Rev Catherine led Worship and talked about how Jesus came to earth to become the biggest peacekeeper and how he died on the cross to bring everlasting peace to all. As it is now December, we could start singing Christmas songs and carols in Wednesday's Prayer and Praise Worship. Considering the children have not sung the songs for nearly a year, they sang brilliantly. Some of the children led us in lovely prayers about peace. Thursday's Worship sessions in class were led by our School Council - see the information below for more details.

Friday Family Worship
Next week will be the last opportunity this term to present awards from clubs outside school e.g. cubs, swimming, dancing etc. PLEASE NOTE THAT NEXT FRIDAY'S FAMILY WORSHIP WILL BE IN THE MORNING - starting at 9.05am. Please do not send anything in during the last week of term as we will be in church and not in school on Friday 19 th December.

School Council Presentations
Earlier this term, the School Council decided that it was really important to talk about bullying across school. They wanted to talk to their classes about what bullying is (not just falling out with your friends), the different types of bullying and what people should do if it does happen to them. One of our enthusiastic Year 4 Councillors (Alfie) went home and created a powerpoint that he wanted to share with his class. Having looked through it, the School Council were really impressed and some said that they wanted to use that powerpoint with their classes and some said that it had inspired them to create their own. On Thursday, the School Councillors led the sessions in their own classes, focusing on our school being an anti-bullying school. I am extremely proud of their determination to make this happen and courage to stand in front of their classes and lead. The feedback has been positive and it has made the children think about the impact that being a bully can have on others. I hope that it has clarified what bullying is and that all children know that they should talk to an adult if they are being bullied. Thank you School Councillors!

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	What	Who
Sat 6 Dec	1-4pm	SCOT4ALL Christmas Fair (Shopping Event) in the Parish Hall	Everyone
Mon 8th Dec	after-noon	Visit to theatre—Panto	Rec/KS1
W/b Mon 8 Dec	All Week	Y6 Enterprise Week	Y6
Thu 11 Dec	2.30pm	RockSteady Concert by the children who have lessons	Invited Parents
Fri 12 Dec	9.05am	Friday Family Worship	Everyone
Fri 12 Dec	3.30-4.30pm	School Christmas Fair in the Hall	Everyone
Mon 15 Dec	9.15am	EYFS & KS1 Dress Rehearsal (no parents) Carol singing—Churnside House—Y6	All children
Tue 16 Dec	2.30pm	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production performance	EYFS & KS1 families
Wed 17 Dec	12 noon 6.30pm All day	Festive Lunch Carol singing—Ashton Manor—Y6 EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production performance Christmas Jumper Day	EYFS & KS1 families Everyone
Fri 19 Dec	1.30pm	Carol Service in Church	Everyone
Fri 19 Dec	3.25pm	Close for Christmas Holiday	Everyone
Mon 5 Jan	8.45am	Re-open after Christmas Holiday	Everyone
Wed 7 Jan	1.15-3.15pm	Open Afternoon for New Reception 2026	All
Wed 28 Jan	3.30-5pm	Maths Open Afternoon Multiplication & Division Details to follow in New Year	Everyone

Filming on the Playground

On Monday 8th December straight after school, we have someone from Church filming Mrs Walsh seeing the children out of school. If you do not wish to be filmed, please ensure you walk around the edge of the playground and exit through the car park. The filming is to celebrate 150 years of St Paul's Church and the links to school.

The Big Little Nativity

Tickets for the show will be given to the children next week—keep a check on book bags!!

Celebrating Life in School

Rehearsals are well underway for The Big Little Nativity with lots of happy singing. In between rehearsals, Nursery discovered angels bring messages and made their own for the Abbeystead Angel Trail, Reception have been making their own toys and Y2 have been out and about in the sunshine to make maps and guide books of the local area. Y6 are getting ready for Enterprise week, discussing what they are going to make. We held our annual Book Fair at the beginning of the week—thank you to everyone who came along to support it. Approximately £930 was spent, which means that school will be able to buy lots of new books for the children to use in class. To see life in pictures, visit the school blog: [Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](http://scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)

Dinner Money

Please ensure that your child's dinner money is paid up to date. If you are sent a reminder, please ensure that you not only pay the outstanding balance, you add on the extra meals for at least the following week. By doing this, the account will not be in arrears immediately the balance has been paid. School policy is that school dinners should be paid for in advance and not arrears. The cost is £2.90 per meal, if anyone is struggling, please come and talk to us. Thank you.

Fundraiser

Jasper from Y6 made a variety of brilliant stocking fillers with his 3D printer and along with Abigale, sold them at his Church last week. He very generously split the money between Church and Scot4All. Thank you very much for your kind donations.

Multi-Skills Club

A reminder that there is **no multi-skills club on Wednesday 10th December**. The last session was last week, 3rd December.

Trophies

Thank you to those who have already returned the trophy they received at the end of the Summer term, However, we are still waiting on almost all of them. Please ensure they are returned by Friday 12th December at the very latest (sooner would be much appreciated). Thank you.

Lost Property

Once again the lost property box is full of un-named/un-readable items, mainly jumpers and cardigans. Any items left after Tuesday 16th December will be disposed of. Please ensure that you name your children's belongings—we can then return them.

Extra Open Day

We are holding an extra open day on Wednesday 7th January for any prospective reception class (2026) parents who could not come along in October. If you know of anyone who missed out, please let them know.