

Newsletter— 5th September 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

Celebrating Life in School

Welcome Back

It has been delightful to have the children back in school this week. So many smiley faces and lots of friendly chatter. You may have noticed that we have had different activities this week including Rock Kidz and Life Education. These are part of our PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) fortnight, which we start each school year with. The children are immersed in activities to build teamwork, independence and resilience, while giving them time to remember the school rules and discover the expectations of their new class as they get to know their new class teacher. We want the children to settle in quickly and feel safe and happy now and throughout the year. The messages about kindness and understanding differences alongside the opportunities to develop communication, resilience and independence skills and recap the basics from the previous year, gives the children the basics they will need to help them, and their class, to have a successful year. Each week the class teacher will put information on their class blog, along with pictures of what the children have been doing that week. Keep an eye out for all their activities by visiting: [Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](http://scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)

General Communication Between School and Parents

- Our main communication method is via email - please read the weekly newsletter, which is emailed to all parents each Friday. It contains upcoming dates and important information as well as celebrating what has happened in school that week.
- We will send occasional text messages to remind you about events or contact you if we need to inform you about something quickly. Usually, the reminders are about things that we would not want the children to miss out on e.g. non-uniform days. Please do not rely on the text messages for all your information - the newsletter is the best place to get information about important dates.
- If you have changed any information over the summer holidays e.g. phone numbers, addresses, parental rights etc, please inform the office as soon as possible.
- We have an information sharing Facebook group called SCOT4ALL. We use this to give reminders and organise SCOT4ALL (our PTA) fundraising events. If you would like to join, you will need to search for it on Facebook, ask to join the group and answer the question to verify who you are.

Communication with Teachers

- Teachers are available most days after school once the children in their class have all left their care, however they are not available to chat in the mornings, or during school time. Wednesdays are our staff meeting days, which start at 3.30pm. We would appreciate it if you could be mindful of this when talking to staff after school.
- Mrs Walsh (Headteacher) and Miss Flynn (Learning Mentor) are usually on the gates each morning. If there is anything you are concerned about, please talk to us.
- We do want to work closely with parents to try and help each child be the best that they can be. If you are unable to talk to your child's class teacher after school, if you need to pass on information at the start of the school day or if you need to share information that you would find difficult to talk about, please email your child's class teacher (see email addresses). Please remember that mornings are busy for teachers as they are preparing for the school day. If you have information that they NEED to know about at the start of the day, please contact the office via both of the emails provided.
- Your class teacher will send you a letter of introduction at the start of the year and an overview of the learning for this term. This is just for your information and so that you can chat at home about what your child has learnt. Your child does not need to start looking at any of the topics at home.

Our Christian value for this half term is LOVE

Contact Information

Please note that some of the email contact addresses have changed this term, eg Head @, Bursar@, Admin2@, Senco@. All email addresses end in **@scotforth-st-lancs.sch.uk**

Headteacher	Mrs Walsh	k.walsh@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk
Bursar (Mon - Thurs)	Mrs Malin	a.malin@...
Admin Assistant (Mon - Fri am and Fri pm)	Mrs Pearce	j.pearce@....
Year 6 and Deputy Headteacher	Miss Huddleston	s.huddleston@.....
Year 5 teacher (Mon - Wed)	Mrs Dowson	s.dowson@.....
Year 5 teacher (Thurs - Fri)	Mrs Mayor	mayor@..... (please note the difference)
Year 4 teacher	Mr Taylor	b.taylor@.....
Year 3 teacher (Tues - Fri)	Mrs Redmayne	j.redmayne@.....
Year 3 teacher (Mon)	Mrs Ventress	d.ventress@.....
Year 2 teacher	Mr Manning	d.manning@.....
Year 1 teacher	Mrs Boyle	a.boyle@.....
Reception teacher	Miss Marshall	g.marshall@.....
Nursery teacher and SENCO	Mrs Atkinson	r.atkinson@.....
Learning Mentor/family Support	Miss Flynn	e.flynn@.....

Drop Off and Pick Up Arrangements

- In the morning, please try to follow the one-way system - through the main gate, drop your child off at the gate to the playground (Nursery and Reception parents can go into the building with their children) and leave via the car park.
 - Y1s can be dropped off at either of the gates leading to their classroom door. The alleyway has a step-free access.
 - Please try to walk to school whenever possible and if you travel by car, please park responsibly.
 - The staff car park is only to be used by staff members and visitors. It is not accessible to parents between 8.15am and 4.30pm. No vehicles should be moving in this area at drop off and pick up times. We do our best to ensure this, for everyone's safety.
 - There is no one way system for after school as all parents should be on the playground by 3.25pm and can leave via the car park or main path.
- Please make sure you are here on time to drop your children off in the morning and to collect in the afternoon - if you arrive late in the morning, you will need to sign your child in at the school office. There is no-one in school paid to look after your children beyond 3.25pm unless your child is booked into a club or the After-School Club run by Marie and her team. Many staff also have children that they need to take home and others have other jobs that they need to start and meetings to attend.

Absences

Please do not take your child out of school unnecessarily, e.g. holidays, as they will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and if your child has 5 days of unauthorised absence a penalty notice (fine) will be issued. School is not able to authorise any holidays taken in school time. Please see the term dates and book your holidays when school is closed. A copy of the holiday dates is attached to the newsletter email today.

If your child is ill, please contact the school office before 9.30am on the day, either by phone or email. Due to a tightening of Government rules, please do not be offended if we ask for details of the absence—for example 'fever' is not sufficient information and we may ask for an actual temperature.

We understand that medical appointments cannot always be taken outside of school hours, however again, we have to ask for proof of these appointments. If it is a text message from the dentist for instance, sight of this message is sufficient, or if you have a letter, a copy of this is acceptable.

Worship in School

This week we have welcomed the children back with LOVE. This is our Christian Value for this half term and will be the focus on most Worships. The children watched a Worship video led by Bishop Phillip which talked about coming back to school and how the children may be feeling about it. On Wednesday, we sang songs about God's love for us and how we should love God and each other. It was lovely to hear the hall full of beautiful singing once again. On Friday, we had a quick Worship thinking about what the children had learnt so far in each class and what we can all do to make sure we treat other with love so that everyone in school stays safe and happy. ***We look forward to welcoming parents back to our Friday Family Worships from 19th September at the new time of 3pm.***

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	What	Who
Mon 8 –Fri 12	All Week	Lockerbie Residential Trip	Y6
Mon 29 Sep	Morning	Flu vaccinations	YN-Y6
Mon 29	All day	Aim High Writing Day (invited children)	Y5/6
Wed 1 Oct	Morning	Individual photos (details to follow)	YN-Y6
Tue 7 Oct	Morning	Visual Screening Check (details to follow)	YR
Wed 8 Oct	1.15-6.30pm	Parent consultation (no children) More information to follow	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

General Reminders

Water Bottles: these should be clear or see through and only contain water.

Uniform: please ensure this is the active uniform—skort/shorts/leggings/joggers which should be plain. PLEASE ENSURE ALL UNIFORM AND LUNCH BOXES ARE NAMED.

Jewellery: this is not permitted in school.

Coats please ensure that your child has an appropriate coat for the weather, they play out even when it is raining.

Dinner Money: this should be paid in advance or on the day (£2.90). If you would like to set up an online account, please ask at the school office.

Allergies: we aim to be a kiwi and nut free school—please ensure you do not send any foods containing these ingredients with your child for either a snack or their lunch.

Mobile Phones: can parents remember not to use their mobile phone whilst on school premises. Only children who are allowed to walk home on their own can bring a phone to school and MUST BE handed to their class teacher.

Clubs

Mon: Y5 & Y6 Creative Writing (8 Sep—20 Oct) 3.25-4.25pm

Mon: Story Box Drama (see further information)

Tue: Chinese Club Y3,4,5&6 (16 Sep-16 Dec) 3.25-4.25pm (TBC)

Wed Y3 & Y4 Basketball (10 Sep—15 Oct) 3.25-4.25pm

Thur Y3,4,5&6 Football (11 Sep-16 Oct) 3.25-4.25pm

Thur All children Karate (11 Sep—16 Oct) 3.25-4.25pm
Please ask the office for further details

All clubs are on a 'first come, first served' basis due to limited space. Forms are available from the school office.

Storybox Drama (formerly LAMDA)

This is starting on Monday 15 September. Amy (the teacher) has contacted previous attendees, however if you are interested in joining please see her website at: **www.armstrongspeechanddrama.com**. This is run by Amy and places are booked by contacting her via the website.

YR/Y1 - 8.15-8.45am

Y2/Y3 - 12.30-1pm

Y4/Y6 - 3.25-3.55pm