

Newsletter— 6 December 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 HOPE

Time to Shine	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Luca Walker YR	Luca always helps to clean up. He is caring & kind & always smiles.
Esha Seacy Y1	Esha is good at reading & writing poems. She is a best friend.
Yasmin Yu Y2	Yasmin is a good gymnast & singer. She is kind, fun & a good friend.
Rosie Winder Y3	Rosie is honest, trustworthy, helpful, crazy & fun. She works really hard.
Daniel Stoyanov Y5	Daniel works hard. He is resilient, kind, helpful & a good role model.
Lizzy York Y6	Lizzy is a great Quality Manager. She works hard and is fun to be with.

Writers of the Week	
Name	Reason
Lola Walton YR	For using her phonics skills to help her sound out words independently.
Tahani Abubaker Y1	For writing independently & remembering full stops & capital letters.
Harbani Jass Y2	For using conjunctions to extend her sentences in her writing about dragons.
Nahla Keith Y3	For a great opening to her Pied Piper story—full of imaginative ideas and interesting word choices.
Marcus Hammond Y4	For trying really hard to explain how the water cycle works.
Amy Ludlow Y5	For an excellent re-telling of 'The Christmas Story' from an animals point of view.

Class Christmas Parties	
Friday 13th	Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2 (afternoon)
Tuesday 17th	Y5 & 6 (morning)
Wednesday 18th	Y3 & 4 (afternoon)
It would be very much appreciated if a donation of £2 per child could be made towards the cost of the party to be given to the class teacher.	
The children can wear their own clothes when it is their party.	

Worship in School
On Monday, we found out about David Attenborough's hope for a better world and thought about what we can do to look after it as God intended humans to. On Wednesday, we started the Blackburn Diocese Year of Prayer and one of the Worship Team told everyone about the sign of peace—a dove. He then read this week's prayer. On Thursday, Rev Catherine talked about how this time of year should be about waiting for and celebrating the birth of Jesus, rather than coloured lights and presents.
On Friday, as well as Friday Family Worship, NISCU came in to talk to us about the real meaning of Xmas, sorry CHRISTmas!

School Christmas Lunch
The Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 11th December. Children can come to school in a Christmas jumper/top but should still wear the normal black leggings/jogging bottoms and black trainers as there is dodgeball for classes throughout the day.
If your child doesn't normally have a school meal on a Wednesday, they are welcome to do so—just bring £2.60 before or on the day. There will be a choice of turkey/Quorn with all the trimmings or a jacket potato.

Additional Open Day Dates
There are 2 additional dates for anyone who missed the open day for September starters in November—Friday 10th January at 9.30am and Monday 13th January at 1.15pm. If anyone would like to come and have a look, please let the school office know which date you would prefer.

Welfare Post
We currently have a vacancy for a full time (6 1/4 hrs 11:45am to 1pm). If anyone is interested please ask at the school office for further details and an application form. The closing date is 9am Friday 13th December for a start date in January.

Online Safety
Despite everyone's best efforts, children can see upsetting things on the internet. This week's leaflet gives help & advice when this happens.

Future Dates

Date	Time	What	Who
Mon 9 Dec	PM	Nursery, YR, Y1 & Y2 Nativity Dress Rehearsal No Parents	KS2 watching
Tues 10 Dec	2 pm	Nativity Performance Nursery, YR, Y1 & Y2	EYFS & KS1 Parents
Wed 11 Dec	12-1pm	School Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day	All children
Wed 11 Dec	All day	Dodgeball	Ys 3, 4 & 5
Wed 11 Dec	6.30pm	Nativity Performance YR, Y1 & Y2 (No Nursery)	YR & KS1 Parents
Thur 12 Dec	2.30pm	Rock Steady Concert For children who have lessons	Invited parents
Fri 13 Dec	1.15pm	Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party (own clothes may be worn)	EYFS, Ys R, 1 & 2
Tues 17 Dec	Morning	Ys 5 & 6 Christmas Party (own clothes may be worn)	Ys 5 & 6
Wed 18 Dec	After-noon	Ys 3 & 4 Christmas Party (own clothes may be worn)	Ys 3 & 4
Thur 19 Dec	2pm	Church Service	All
Thur 19 Dec	3.10pm	Break up for Christmas	All
Mon 6 Jan	8.45am	School reopens	All
Tues 14 Jan	9.00 am	Coffee & chat for parents whose children have autistic tendencies	Parents
Wed 15 Jan	11.59 pm	Closing date for Reception applications 2025	New Starters

Non-Uniform Days

Please note that from now until the end of term there are **no** general non-uniform days. Children **can** wear their own clothes when it is their class party and a Christmas jumper/top when it is the Christmas lunch next Wednesday. The children still need to wear the active uniform bottoms and shoes as Ys 3, 4 & 5 will be taking part in dodgeball at some point during the day.

Celebrating Life in School

Y6 have been very busy this week making items to sell on their stall at the Christmas Fair, from magazine Christmas trees to chocolate truffles. It has been an opportunity to learn about quality control, money management and how to work together in teams. Many thanks to the parents who came in to help them.

Y3 have been looking at packaging and finding out how boxes are put together by taking them apart! It's amazing how one piece of cardboard can make a box.

Nursery children have also been very crafty this week—they are creating an Angel for the Abbeystead Angel trail taking place at the weekend and what a beautiful angel it is!

On Thursday a group of children from Y4 & Y5 took part in Glow Dodgeball at the University. This wasn't a competition but an opportunity to work together, be honest and trust your team mates. They played really well in the spirit of the game. Again, many thanks to the parents who provided transport and stayed with the children. Without parents' support, the children wouldn't be able to take part in many out of school activities.

As always, for more information on school life, visit the class blogs, these show what's going on in school much better than just a description.

[Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](http://scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)

School Improvement Plan (SIP)

As we come to the end of the Autumn term, the SIP is in the process of being reviewed. If anyone has any comments on how we approach writing, basic computer skills or, in particular, whether you feel communication has changed since September, please contact Mrs Walsh with your comments: head@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk.