Scotforth St Paul's CE Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter— 6th November 2026



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

Scotforth Superstars

Name	Teacher's Comments
Rethabile Jani Y1	For always trying his best & seeing his confidence grow.
Evie Cragg Y2	For showing great resilience & determination in maths.
Marcus Huang Y3	For always being ready, listening carefully & settling quickly to work independently.
Zaheer Olaniyan Y4	For always being a polite & friendly member of our class & putting his hand up.
Amelia Hylton Lambert Y5	For always being thoughtful & offering to help in class.
Emily Brig-house Y6	For always having a positive attitude to learning!

Writers of the Week

Name	Reason
Stephanie Iacob Y1	For becoming a more confident & independent writer each week.
Luca Walker Y2	Good vocabulary choices & super sounding out
Isabelle Quinn Y3	For really effective editing of her fable using red-pen editing.
Eri Kuye Y4	For a brilliant first draft of his adventure story with similes, extended noun phrases & speech.
Holly Heald Y5	For using relevant evidence from the text to write a setting description.
George Edmondson Y6	For writing a detailed & informative biography about Rosa Parks.

Clubs

Spaces are still available for **KS1 football** starting on Tuesday for 6 weeks and **Multi-Skills** for years 5 & 6. Forms were emailed earlier this week but if you can't print them off, simply send an email to the office, write your permission on a slip of paper and bring it to the office, or simply come in as we have spare forms in the office.

Sustainability Club: Starting on Monday. Places are still available—information attached.

Message from Miss O'Donnell

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a lovely half-term break and enjoyed some time together as a family. We have a busy and exciting half-term ahead, and I am looking forward to continuing to work with our children, staff and families as we build on the positive start we have made to the school year. As the weeks unfold, we will also be looking forward to the special seasons of Advent and Christmas, with plenty of opportunities to come together as a school community and celebrate this wonderful time of year.

Worship in School

This week, in our collective worship, we explored the Beatitudes from Matthew's Gospel, thinking about what Jesus meant when he described people as 'blessed'. We reflected on how we can put his teachings into practice by showing kindness, compassion, fairness and peace in our everyday lives. Rev Catherine also joined us this week to celebrate the Feast of All Saints, encouraging the children to reflect on the lives of those who have followed Jesus and how we can learn from their example.

School Uniform Consultation

We are currently reviewing our school uniform to consider how well it meets the needs of our children and families. Our School Council has been busy developing a survey to gather pupils' views, and we would also really value feedback from parents and carers.

We would therefore like to invite you to complete a short questionnaire to help us understand your views on our current uniform. At this stage, no decisions have been made about any changes. We simply want to hear your thoughts and ensure that our uniform remains practical, affordable and appropriate for our school community.

Please complete the questionnaire by Friday 4 December using the link below:

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/SF6Z0E7qug

Poppies

Poppies will still be available to buy on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far and to Y6 for helping to sell them.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	What	Who
Thu 12 Nov	All Day	Non-uniform	Y5
Fri 13 Nov	All day	Non-Uniform Day (donations for the Rainbow Raffle at the Christmas Fair – see attached poster).	Every-one
Tue 24 Nov	2pm	School Nurse Drop-in Session	Every-one
Sat 28 Nov	1-4pm	Scotforth St Paul's Christmas Fair (see poster around school)	Every-one
Mon 30 Nov	3.25-4pm	Bookfair in the School Hall	Every-one
Wed 2 Dec	3.25-4pm	Bookfair in the School Hall	Every-one
Mon 7 Dec	10am	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal	YN-Y6
Tue 8 Dec	2pm	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production	Parents
Wed 9 Dec	9.30am	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production	Parents
Thur 10 Dec	2.30pm	Rocksteady Concert	Invited parents
Tue 15 Dec	2pm	School Nurse Drop-in Session	Every-one
Wed 16 Dec	Lunch-time	School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day	Every-one
Thu 17 Dec	2pm	Christmas Service in Church	Every-one
Fri 18 Dec	3.25pm	School closes for the Christmas Break	Every-one
Mon 4 Jan 2027	8.45am	School re-opens after the Christmas Break	Every-one

Lunchtimes

We want lunchtimes at Scotforth St Paul's to be a happy, relaxed and enjoyable part of the school day. As part of our ongoing review of school routines, we are looking at how we can make the lunchtime experience even better for our children. This includes encouraging good table manners, developing independence and helping children to enjoy a variety of foods in a calm and welcoming environment. We would also appreciate your support in promoting healthy eating habits, including providing balanced, nutritious packed lunches with a variety of foods to help children stay healthy and ready to learn. Our aim is to make lunchtime a positive experience for every child.

End of Term Awards

We are making a small change to how we celebrate children's achievements throughout the year. Our special awards will now be reserved for the end of the academic year, making these an extra-special occasion.

At the end of each term, we will instead celebrate a Star of the Term from each class. These awards will be presented during our final Friday Celebration Assembly at 9.00am. Parents and carers of children receiving an award will be notified in advance and warmly invited to join us for the celebration.

Reminders

Non-Uniform Days:

Y5 ONLY are having a non-uniform day on Thursday 12th November (Ewan's Golden Ticket Prize).

Non-uniform day for all school on Friday 13th November for items for the Rainbow Raffle for the Christmas Fair. Posters and information have been sent out earlier this week, but it is also attached to this email for further information

Absence: please inform the school office by 9.30 am at the latest if your child is not going to be in school. If no reason is received, the absence may be classed as unauthorised.

School Dinner Money: dinner money should be paid in advance. Please ensure your child's account is up to date. If you are not already signed up to Scopay, please ask at the school office.

Children's Belongings: please ensure your child's belongings are clearly named in order that they can be returned.

Coats & Shoes: as the weather seems to be getting colder, please ensure your child has a suitable coat and shoes for the weather. The children still go out when it is raining and cold.