



Newsletter— 8th November 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
Archie Wong YR	Archie is good at making things & cleaning up afterwards. He is very kind.
Minnie Edmondson Y1	Minnie is good at making up games. She is very clever & always tries her best.
Shayne Currie Y2	Shayne is a great artist & is good at maths & science. He is kind.
Mabel Ellis Y3	Mabel is always happy, enthusiastic, has lots of ideas & has a positive attitude.
Dominic Boyoni Y4	Dominic is funny, kind & respectful. He is really good at drawing.
James Betts Y5	James loves maths, football & geography. He is smart, funny & a good role model.
Finn Brown Y6	Finn is selfless, kind, thoughtful & a great friend. He is a great vice-captain.

Writers of the Week	
Name	Reason
Lujain Abubaker Y4	For including adverb starters in her writing.
Stanley Makinson Y3	For writing a fantastic fable (and beginning to join up some words!).
Caleb Watts YR	For writing an amazing short phrase by himself.
Sofia Parr Y5	For a very thoughtful poem about "Freedom" in South Africa.
William Blackwell Y6	For great use of modal verbs when answering a tricky question.
Isabelle Quinn Y1	For remembering her capital letters and full stops.
Jinghang Song Y2	For writing his recount independently.

Miss Flynn

We wish Miss Flynn all the best for her planned eye operation next week and hope to see her back in school just before Christmas.

Thank You

A thank you to all the parents and children who have brought in gifts for Mrs Cross. If anyone would like to bring in a gift, please leave it at the school office.

Worship in School

This week we have continued with the theme of Hope. On Monday we thought about what Martin Luther King hoped for as a child and then how he tried to make those things happen. On Wednesday the Worship Team read out the prayers they had written about Hope. These thoughtful prayers are on display in the hall. Rev Catherine could not make it on Thursday, so Mrs Walsh talked about how Joseph had Hope in God even though he ended up in a ditch, being sold as a slave and in prison. We thought about how we could remember this story when we feel that things are going wrong - we can have Hope that things will get better and Christians have Hope that God will help them.

Celebrating Life in School

A big well done to our football team! By playing calmly & with teamwork, they came 1st in the small schools tournament. Non-uniform day today was a big success, thank you all for your donations raising a brilliant £271.54 for Water Aid. Y6 visited the Museum of Lancashire as part of their WW2 topic. They learned all about what couldn't be talked about—it was a very 'Top Secret Mission' but much enjoyed! Well done to the Yellow team, the winning team for last half term. They enjoyed an extra playtime with the equipment on Thursday. KS1 have been learning about fire & fireworks with a visit to Y2 from firemen, Y1 reading their firework rules to YR and YR making rockets. The children have also been finding out about Remembrance Sunday with thanks to the Y6 children who volunteered to sell poppies. For more information on school life, visit the class blogs at: [Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](http://scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)

English as an Additional Language

We want to help families who may not be able to read communication from school easily. On many phones, you can take a photograph and translate English into many different languages. If anyone wants any help with this, please talk to Mrs Walsh.

Y6 Enterprise Week (Wanted!)

Y6 would be grateful for any CLEAN jam jars/glass ramekin dishes and white, black or stripey socks of any size with no holes. Items can be left at the school office. Many thanks.

Future Dates

Date	Time	What	Who
Tue 12 Nov	AM	Flu vaccinations—Nursery children to make other arrangements	YR-Y6
Thu 14 Nov	1.30- 3pm	Open Afternoon for September 2025 admissions	All
Fri 15 Nov	All day	Non-uniform—chocolates & sweets	All
Fri 22 Nov	All day	Non-uniform—bottles of anything	All
Fri 29 Nov	All day	Non-uniform—unwanted gifts	All
Fri 29 Nov & Mon 2 Dec	3.15— 3.40 pm	Scholastic Book Fair in the school hall (possible Christmas pressies!) More details to follow	All
Mon 2 -Fri 6 Dec	All week	Y6 Enterprise Week Creating items to sell at Christmas Market	Y6
Fri 6 Dec	9.05am	Friday Family Worship—change of time	All
Fri 6 Dec	3.30- 4.30 pm	School Christmas Market	All
Mon 9 Dec	PM	Nursery, YR,Y1 & Y2 Nativity Dress Rehearsal No Parents	KS2
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	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
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

Code of Conduct

In the same way as the children in school need to follow our behaviour policy and the staff have a Code of Conduct (produced by Lancashire County Council), a Parental Code of Conduct has been created to explain our expectations for Parents. Please read it carefully - it will be in the separate email with other attachments and is on the school website - Parents - Policies and Procedures.

Collection and Drop Off

We have updated our Collection and Drop Off policy and this is on the school website (Parents - Policies and Procedures) for parents to read. We will also send it as an attachment in the separate email. It includes information about who we can let your child go home with, which classes can walk to and from school alone and what happens when parents are late picking up. Please read it and share with anyone responsible for dropping off and picking up your child/ren.

Communication Working Party

We held the first communication meeting this week and discussed the survey results and the points raised by some parents. It was a very positive meeting leading to ideas for improvements. The group were surprised that there were only 33 responses, but were pleased that parents know that there are many lines of communication between school and home. One suggestion was to create an overview of how the forms of communications are used with reasons for why each method is chosen. This will be made and shared with parents as soon as possible. School will also send the newsletter as a single attachment with another email for other relevant attachments. We are looking into how to send the newsletter as the main body of an email, but this is proving difficult as we cannot find a way to do this on the current system (SCOPAY). We cannot send the newsletter via Outlook - which would let us send it on the main body - as blind copying all parents is not set up on that system. SCOPAY makes sure we do not miss anyone out, as it is linked to the school system, and that GDPR (data protection) is adhered to.

The link to the website on the newsletter doesn't seem to work on all devices, but we will leave the link on to remind people to check the Blog. Mrs Walsh apologised for the short turn around time and the following phone calls about taking the children off site. The timing was not good and we will try to get this right next year. Emails will be sent to Priority 1 and 2 parents (based on the order on the data collection form) and texts to Priority 1, due to the cost. The parents at the meeting understood that, even with proof reading, mistakes do happen. Fridays are very busy. We only have one member of the office team and often information is only shared with Mrs Pearce during the afternoon. As Mrs Pearce is supposed to finish work by 4pm, there is only a short amount of time to make sure everything is correct. If you ever notice anything wrong, please contact us. If we spot anything or are notified, we will do our best to change it as soon as possible, pointing out our error, apologising and sharing the correct information. Following another suggestion, we hope to reinstall a noticeboard on the playground so that parents can read the newsletter and see any other information while waiting for the children. Finally, the working party were pleased to read the many positive comments about how well school communicates with parents and commented on the friendly nature of the newsletter. Whilst we always look to improve, it was good to know that parents recognise that we try our best.

School Christmas Market Donations

We understand that times are difficult for some families and please do not feel you have to bring in an item every week.