



Jesus (the gardener) nourishes and tends us as we learn and grow, so that we can all flourish. As a vine, we are one, but all unique and special to Him. We care for each other, as God cares for us.



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Time to Shine



**Celebrating this week in school**

Oh what a busy week! We have enjoyed singing some Christmas songs and carols this week, in our second week of Advent and we even had a surprise visit from NISCU who lead Worship on Monday with their very enjoyable puppet show. On Friday we had two visitors from Animal Care, Caroline and Penny the dog during our Friday Family Worship. They were both very grateful for the donations brought in during our dress as an animal day.

The Year 6s have been incredibly busy this week as they have become entrepreneurs. Working as a team, with individual responsibilities, they have designed, costed and manufactured items in preparation for the Christmas Fair today. Their focus on affordability and quality has led to a range of delightful Christmas gifts available for purchase. It will be interesting to see which group makes the most profit.

A huge congratulations goes to the athletic team. You may remember from last week's newsletter that they had a competition last Friday. We are thrilled to say that not only did they win, but they were great sports and fantastic ambassadors for the school.

We are very excited about the Early Years and Key Stage 1 Nativity next week. The children have been working very hard to remember their lines, the words to the songs, the acting, the getting on and off the stage – such a lot to remember. I am sure that it will all come together on Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening.

Thank you to SCOT4ALL for decorating the Christmas tree with the children on their decorations on Monday. It looks amazing and is now filled with the decorations made by the children and the baubles sponsored by local businesses - [Oh Christmas tree! | Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](#)

**Upcoming Important dates (please watch out for emails from teachers about class specific dates)**

- 13.12 Early Years and KS1 Christmas Play 9.15am  
Surprise Gift Room
- 14.12 Early Years and KS1 Christmas Play 6.30pm  
Children to arrive at 6.20pm  
Flu vaccinations (morning)  
School Christmas Lunch
- 16.12 Church Service 1.45pm, then school closes for Christmas 3.10pm
- 18.01.23 Parents' Information Evening 6.30pm

Please keep checking this list of dates as more will be added as we go through the term. We will try to give you as much notice as possible for any that involve parents – **new dates/ information in bold.**

Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
William Latham Y6	He is a good friend, kind-hearted, good at swimming & football, super smart
Monty McKenna Y5	He works hard, helpful, funny, great artist, has great ideas for writing
Julieta Lopez Y4	She is hardworking, kind, funny, good at drawing, caring, a good listener
Siona Lawrence Y3	She is helpful, good at art, funny, hardworking, always ready
Rosie Britton Y2	She is a hard worker, very kind, good at skipping, a good friend
Lotty Eden Y1	She is cheerful, great at sport, good at signing, always helpful
Wilf Gornall YR	He is good at handwriting, a fantastic reader, very friendly, good at football

**Information and Reminders**

**Christmas School Lunch—Wednesday 14th December & Class Parties**

Children can come in party clothes for their class party. On Wednesday, Christmas School Lunch, children can wear a festive top and hat (usual active wear uniform bottom). Please note that the Christmas Dinner will be the only hot choice on Wednesday with a vegetarian turkey option.

Please put our **Parents Information Evening** on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm in your diary. We will be talking about our School Improvement Plan, the new Maths initiative (including Maths homework) and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) support in school.

**Poppy Appeal**

The Royal British Legion have informed us that this year your fantastic support collect £293.32 and have asked that we thank you all for your continuing support.

**SCOT4ALL SAVE THE DATES**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January – SCOT4ALL meeting at the Boot and Shoe (7.30pm)  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January - film night (more details to follow)

Please watch out for information about things individual classes are doing – class teacher will inform via email.

## **Information and Reminders continued**

### **Christmas Bauble Donations**

We would like to thank the following for their donations of a Christmas Bauble to decorate our tree:

ICG  
Sketch My Dress  
Mr Monty  
Scotforth Dry Cleaners  
The Runners Centre  
M Pattinson Joinery  
W & J Plasterers  
St Paul's Church  
Neptune Chippy  
Arnside Chip Shop  
Scotforth Afterschool Club  
EQUANS x 2  
Merlin Cycles.com x 2

With special thanks to Lune Valley Home and Garden Florists for providing the Christmas tree as well as a their bauble.

### **After School Activities**

Fencing club has now finished.  
Multi-skills and football— last session next week.

Letters will be sent out at the beginning of next term for the new clubs which will start the second week of term.

### **Mad Science**

Don't forget, the first session is Friday 6th January straight after school.

### **Secrets Room**

Please note that we will NOT accept any orders for presents next week, today was the very last day in order for us to ensure there are enough presents.

### **Pocket Money Toys**

We expect that there will be some toys left from the fair on Friday which we will sell during morning break for 20—50p on Monday.

### **Parking**

We have had a complaint about careless parking around school. The Highway Code states that cars MUST NOT park on zig-zag lines at any time for any reason. Unfortunately, several cars were noted doing this today on the crossing. Parents MUST NOT drop children off outside the school's car park gate. This was also spotted this morning. This entrance is used by parents leaving school and causes obstruction and a danger to pedestrians.

If the situation does not improve, we will contact the Local Authority who will monitor the situation on an unannounced basis and any parent found parked illegally will be issued with a fine.

Please be considerate when parking, the children's safety is ours, and your, priority.

### **Public views wanted on council budget**

Lancaster City Council is inviting people to get involved and have their say on where it should spend its share of council tax over the coming years.

An online survey has been launched and a public meeting arranged for Tuesday December 13 at 6pm for residents to give their views.

People can get involved by sharing their ideas and views on how the council's resources could be best used in a short online survey at [Lancaster.gov.uk/budget-survey](http://Lancaster.gov.uk/budget-survey). The survey closes on Friday December 16.

Anyone without access to the internet can pick up a paper copy of the survey from the town halls in Lancaster and Morecambe between 9am and 1pm, Monday-Friday.

The public briefing will take place on Tuesday December 13 from 6pm to 7pm. To register to attend visit [Lancaster.gov.uk/budget-briefing](http://Lancaster.gov.uk/budget-briefing).