



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

We have started the year with gusto! It really has been wonderful to welcome everyone back and to see so many cheerful faces around school and in classes. I hope your child is beginning to feel more settled in their new class.

Our Christian value for this half term is JUSTICE. We have introduced this across school by talking about fairness. I asked the children to think about times when they have said "It's not fair!" and really consider whether it really is not fair or if they are just not getting what they want! We thought about people who try to make things fair, linked to charity work.

Tuesday was such an exciting day, with lots of singing, dancing and the outfits were amazing – thank you for getting on board, it really made it special. Rock Kidz were amazing and taught us a fantastic lesson all about being proud of our differences and celebrating the fact that we are all unique.

On Thursday, the Year 5s and Reception children were buddied up. Our Year 5s take this job very seriously and look after the younger children brilliantly. They spend lots of time together to build their relationships and get to know each other well.

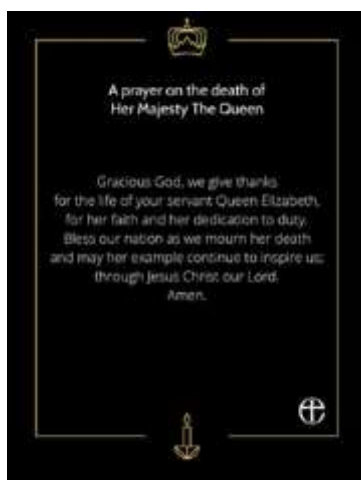
Also on Thursday evening, we heard the sad news about the Queen's death. We remembered her on Friday by talking about her life and thinking about her reign as the Queen and also as the Head of the Church of England. Our book of condolence is in the foyer by the office – if you would like to contribute to it please do. She was a remarkable example of leadership through all manner of different and difficult situations throughout her 70 year reign.

Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Oliver Lewis Y6	Kind, caring, a good friend, cheerful, good listener
Grace Aspinall Y5	Polite, helpful, good at maths, a good friend
Isabel Johnstone Y4	Smart, works hard, good at football, kind
Amelia Long Y3	Kind, friendly, says nice things to everyone, good at karate
Lilly Aspinall Y2	A good friend, helpful, a great sharer, always has a smile on her face
Amelia Hylton-Lambert Y1	Has a lovely smile, enjoy her singing, does good colouring
Shayne Currie YR	A super singer and guitar player, makes up good games, has the best smile

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

- 12.09 – 16.09 Year 6s at Lockerbie
- 21.09 Phonics meeting for Reception Parents 7pm
- 21.09 Life Education Visit
- 22.09 Life Education Visit
- 03.10 Harvest festival in church 2pm (more details to follow)
- 19.10 Parents' Afternoon/Evening
Flu vaccinations
- 21.10 INSET day (First Aid Training) – school closed for the children
- 31.10 School Reopens
- 10.11 Open Afternoon for prospective parents
- 16.12 Church Service 1.45pm, then school closes for Christmas

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.



At this moment in time, there are no plans to close school for any reason. If this changes, I will let you know.

Information and Reminders

Unfortunately, we are no further forward with the building work. The logistics of getting a temporary classroom onto the playground are taking longer than the project manager thought. We will continue to keep you informed when we have dates for the work starting.

Please remember that we now have an active uniform. Children should wear their black trainers and sports trousers/shorts/skorts every day. Please make sure your child does not wear earrings.

Scotforth St Paul's Church will be open for those who may want a moment of silence, an opportunity to pray or make an entry for the Diocesan Book of Condolence. Church will be open every day (until the day before the funeral) from 3pm to 6.30pm.

Data Collection Sheets

All children were given a set of forms earlier this week—thank you to those parents who have already returned them. If you haven't seen them, please ask your child and check bags! The forms need to be completed as soon as possible (Friday, 16th September at the latest) as they provide vital information on how to contact parents in case of emergency, medical details, etc. If you can't find them, please ask at the office for a new set. Many thanks.

Reception Children

Parents should have received a health questionnaire this week. Please complete and return to school as soon as possible, 21st September at the latest when the School Nurse Team will be collecting them.

Karate Reading Programme

Due to its success last year we are running the Karate Reading Programme again this year. For details of how it works, please see the flyer sent separately to the newsletter.

School Library

Do you have half an hour free during the week to help run the school library? We need parent volunteers to help the children open the library between 12.30 and 1.00pm. If you feel you can help, please come and talk to us. Many thanks.

After School Clubs

KS2 Multi-Skills	Y3&4	Mondays 12.09—17.10	3.15-4.15pm
KS2 Girls' Football	Y4, 5&6	Mondays 12.30-1pm	starting 12.09 (no slip required as in school time)
KS2 Athletics	Y5&6	Tuesday 12.30-1pm	start date to be confirmed (no slip required)
Fencing Club	Y5&6	Wednesdays 14.09—19.10	3.15 - 4.30pm
KS2 Football	Y3,4 5&6	Thursdays 15.09-20.10	3.15-4.15pm
KS1 Lego	Y1&2	Tuesdays 27.09-18.10	3.10-4.10pm
Karate All Year Groups		Thursdays—please contact Andrea Corban	0753 433 3569

Dinner Money

A reminder that dinner money must be paid in advance if your child has a school dinner, currently £2.40 per day. If you feel that your circumstances have changed recently and you may be entitled to free school meals, please come and ask for a form at the office.