



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

Forgiveness is still the theme of our Worships this term and we thought about how we mend different things including a friendship that has been broken. On Tuesday, Sooty and Ruth from Sportsreach led a special worship with help from the Year 5 and 6s, who shared the actions they have learnt from their Walk through the Bible sessions.

You may have seen on our school Facebook page that the Athletics team won their competition on Wednesday. They beat lots of schools from the local area and will now represent the area in a competition against other Lancashire schools in Blackpool. We wish them all the best!

Rosie was not the only animal in school this week, Nursery have got two fish to look after - [Fishes | Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](https://www.scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)

Please scroll through the blog from the link. There are examples of the variety of different learning opportunities the children have had over the last week including French, Science, outdoor learning and maths.

Attendance

As it is the start of a new term, we have been analysing our attendance figures once again. As you may be aware, there is a major focus on raising attendance in schools by the government and we are asked to monitor it and act when there are persistent offenders. The target for attendance remains at 96% nationwide and we know that good attendance helps children with their progress.

Having analysed the information from last term, we can see that most absences have been due to illness. As such, we will not be sending letters to parents of all children falling below the standard set (as we have in the past), where we know that illness has been the contributing factor. We will, however, be contacting parents where attendance is significantly low or is falling, especially where there have been unauthorised absences.

We value your support when trying to improve our attendance throughout school and we will continue to try to be understanding when children are not in school because they are not well enough to be here.

Please always contact school before 9.30am if your child is not in school for any reason. This can be by email to admin2@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk or bursar@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk or there are facilities to leave a telephone message 01524 65379. If you do not, and we cannot get in touch with you to find out a reason, their absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Arna Hama YR	She is good at maths and singing, is kind and helpful to her classmates
Hannah Norcross Y1	She is a good friend and helpful, doesn't give up, good at maths and likes using sign language
Kaylem Arthington Y2	He is super at maths, runs fast, a good person in class & an amazing friend
Elaine Sowah Y3	She is helpful, sharing and always smiling, hardworking and excellent at maths
Isobel Miller Y4	She is kind, thoughtful and a good friend, has neat handwriting and is smart
Holly Allan Y5	She is a good friend, stands up for justice, hard-working, always smiling
Kirsty Taylor Y6	She is a really nice person, clever, funny, good at tennis and Rubik's cube

Our overall attendance for the autumn term is 96% and our class with the best attendance is Year 5. Well done Year 5!

Class	Attendance percentage
Reception	95.1
Year 1	96.2
Year 2	95.5
Year 3	96.3
Year 4	96.0
Year 5	97.2
Year 6	95.5

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

- 18.01 Parents Information Evening - discussing Super Speedy Maths, SEN across school and the School Improvement Plan. All parents welcome —6.30pm
- 19.01 Chinese New Year School Lunch (can be ordered on the day)
- 22.01 Temporary Classroom delivered onto playground
(Sunday—the road outside school will be closed)
- 25.01 SCOT4ALL meeting at the Boot and Shoe – 7.30pm
- 31.01 SCOT4ALL Film Night – **CHANGE OF DATE!**
- 10.02 Break up for half term
- 20.02 Back in school after February half term
- 31.03 Break up for Easter holidays

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.**

Information and Reminders

Parents Information Evening on Wednesday 18th January at 6.30pm

This is your chance to find out about our School Improvement Plan, the new Maths initiative – Super Speedy Maths (including Maths homework) and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) support in school. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions and make suggestions for further Information Evenings.

You may have noticed that Mr Cocker, our site supervisor, has been standing at the front of school during drop off time in the morning. We are increasingly concerned about the number of parents stopping on the zig zags either side of the road and Mr Cocker has even spotted cars driving through the red traffic light! While we appreciate that parking in the area can be difficult, please do not stop (even just to drop your child off) on the zig zag lines, at the car park entrance or on double yellow lines. The most important thing is that all our children are safe. We appreciate your co-operation with this.

SCOT4ALL SAVE THE DATES

Wednesday 25th January – SCOT4ALL meeting at the Boot and Shoe (7.30pm) ALL WELCOME

Tuesday 31st January - film night

Film Night

At the request of the children, SCOT4ALL are hosting a film night on Tuesday 31st January straight after school. Two films will be chosen (PG and U) and you can choose which one your child will see – letter to follow. It will cost £2 and this will include refreshments. We aim to be finished by 5pm.

Nursery

Parents can apply for nursery places for the summer term (April and also think about September). Details of our Nursery can be found on the school website along with an application form.

School Kitchen Vacancy

There is a position available working Monday to Friday term time only in our school kitchens. Duties to include, food preparation and serving, cleaning, setting up dining rooms and other general day to day duties.

Uniform & Safety shoes are provided and you will also need to undergo a DBS check.

Hours are usually between 11:30 – 13:30 paying £9.90 per hour pro rata.

For more information and how to apply, ring Caroline Roberts on 07854 184215 Monday – Friday between 10am-4pm