



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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Celebrating this week in school

Well, I cannot quite believe that we break up for Christmas today. It has been a very busy and enjoyable last week of the autumn term.

The Early Years and Key Stage 1 Christmas Play, The Landlord's Cat, was amazing. It was full of singing, dancing, acting, signing and remembering lines. Well done to our fabulous Year 2s who narrated and took the main parts. The Nursery children were great at being cats, the Reception class were bright shining stars and the Year 1s were very enthusiastic shepherds and sheep. Everyone played their part and the whole performance was a huge success. We hope all of you that came along, enjoyed it.

It was lovely to see so many children tucking into their Christmas dinner on Wednesday. The Christmas jumpers and festive music made lunchtime feel very Christmassy and special – thank you to the kitchen staff.

We hope the children enjoyed their Christmas parties this week. It was great to see so many happy faces enjoying the party games and food – thank you to the staff for organising these and for your donations towards the cost.

The Year 6s have been out and about carol singing at Chirnside House and St Paul's Church and we all enjoyed a big Christmas sing-song on Thursday with Mrs Joel on the piano. [Carol singing at Chirnside House | Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](https://www.scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)

It was also lovely to see so many people in church at our Christmas Carol Service today. The Year 6s and Worship team led the service brilliantly and the singing by all was beautiful.

On a personal note, I wanted to say a huge thank you to the staff team, who have been incredibly supportive and welcoming to me during my first year at Scotforth St Paul's. I have truly enjoyed my time here so far and am excited about the future as we look to continually learn, grow and care together.



Finally, I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year. Take care and God Bless.



Award Winners Autumn 2022



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READING	Zaheer Olaniyan	George Withers	Angelica Bishop	Buddy Wood	Sianna Beswick	Isabella Hama	Tom Pattinson
WRITING	Oscar Harrison	Tala Dawson	Lilly Aspinall	Amelia Long	Uchechukwu Ogwo	Elijah Grimwood	Fletcher Murfitt
NUMERACY	Ivy Withers	James Taylor	Lydia Johnstone	Teddy Ducklin	Ayesha Islam	Aisha Abubaker	Oliver Lewis
EXCELLENCE	Evie Tunnicliffe	Adelina Nemeth	Travis Manning	Raaed Shah	Tilly Murfitt	Damian Georgiev	Dawn Sowah
CREATIVE ARTS	Yasmin Yu	Harrison Fagan	Michelle Huang	Elaine Sowah	Watipa Mwanyisa	Holly Walker	Tharlia Barker-Smith
SHINING STAR	Louis Patchett	Stanley Makinson	Emily Brighthouse	Jacob Mooney	Julieta Lopez	Gigi Couchman	Bella Sawyer

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

**03.01.23 INSET day (school closed for children)**

**04.01 School reopens for the Spring Term**

**22.01 Temporary Classroom delivered onto playground (Sunday)**

25.01 SCOT4ALL meeting at the Boot and Shoe – 7.30pm

27.01 SCOT4ALL Film Night (more details to follow)

**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**

Thank you to everyone who has been involved with the SCOT4ALL Christmas events and activities. We hope all of you that allowed your child to choose presents from the surprise room enjoy your gifts when you open them – we are sure that some of you will be very surprised!!

With everyone's support, the Christmas Fair, the surprise room and the sponsored baubles has raised a massive £1700.00 for the SCOT4ALL fund.

## **Found**

We have a pink 5 metres Rainbow Distance badge in the office. It was brought for presentation in Family Worship a couple of weeks ago and never been claimed. It is in the office and can be collected next term.

## **PE Kits**

There are a number of kits missing! If you took part in any competitions this term, please check at home and return washed after Christmas. We may struggle to provide a full kit for everyone at our next competition. Many thanks.

## **Dinner Money**

Please could parents take the time over the Christmas break to check Scopay balances and top up ready for next term. Dinners should be paid for in advance and not arrears. Dinners are £2.40 /day, £12.00/week, £67.20/half term and £139.20 for the whole term. If you are not already registered on the Scopay system, please ask at the office and we can give you the details. We also accept cash and cheques (payable to Scotforth School Fund). Unfortunately, we cannot take card payments.

## **Children's Property**

Over the holidays it may be a good idea to name your children's things so that if they lose them, we can return them. This isn't just items of clothing, but includes water bottles, book bags, lunch boxes and any other item the children bring to school. Many thanks.

## **....and finally**

The Staff at Scotforth St Paul's would like to take this opportunity to wish all the children and parents a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and to thank you for all your kind cards and gifts.