



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 continued our theme of HOPE this week in Worship as we moved into the time of Advent. On Monday, we thought about three trees who all had hopes that were eventually exceeded, despite disappointment along the way. We linked that to our lives, with our hopes. We know that things may not quite go to plan, but God will look after us along the way.

Early Years and Key Stage 1 are very busy practising their Christmas play and I know that many of you are very excited about coming to watch. I'm very keen to find out how a cat ends up in the Nativity!

In between practising, there has still been lots of learning going on. Year 1 have been reading and acting out Traction Man and Year 2 have continued their instruction work by making toast.

It was lovely to see so much art work going on in Year 5 and 6 this Thursday. There was colour everywhere. The Year 5 masks are looking amazing and I know that the Year 6 Christmas cards are going to be amazing once finished. Year 6 have also been finding out about electricity, investigating different wires and the effect of these - [Bright Sparks! | Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](http://Bright Sparks! | Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School (scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk))

Thank you to SCOT4ALL for organising the Christmas tree and for coming into school to work with the children on their decorations today. It has been a crazy day, but hopefully a very joyful and creative one.

We wish our Athletics team good luck as they represent the school once again this evening. I am sure we will find out how they have got on later on – keep an eye on the Facebook page.

Information and Reminders

We finally have some **building work** news! The temporary classroom is being installed on Sunday 22nd January 2023. Please be aware that the road will be fully closed at some point during the day. If I find out a time, I will let you know. It will then need connecting to the utilities before the Nursery move into it. We estimate that it will be ready by 3rd February, which means that Nursery would move in sometime before half term – again we will confirm arrangements nearer the time. The building work should then start during the half term holiday in February. Once I have a clearer picture of implications for school, I will let you know.

Children's Illness

A reminder that parents should inform the school office by 9.30 am t the very latest if their child is not attending. If your child is suffering from sickness or diarrhoea, the school rule is that they **MUST NOT ATTEND** for at least 48 hours following the last episode, eg sick Monday 3pm they can come back Thursday 9am as long as they have not had another episode.

Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Ivy Withers YR	She is helpful and tidies up, sharing, always tries her best, fun
Ewan Cooper Y1	He is sharing, kind, good at P.E. and running smiles a lot, a good friend,
Locryn Mellor Y2	He is good at maths & science, fun, super kind, good at karate
Luke Waine Y3	He works hard in maths, is amazing at football, is kind & honest
Archie Hylton-Lambert Y4	He is a good footballer, kind, polite, helpful, cheers up his friends,
Isabelle Percival Y5	She is smart, really good at sport, a great friend, funny, helpful
Anya Kornas Y6	She is excellent at football, helpful & caring, a great friend, funny

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

- 09.12 Non-Uniform – good quality used/new toys (no books please)
Family Worship 9.00 am
Christmas Fair including Y6 Enterprise Stalls
- 13.12 Early Years and KS1 Christmas Play 9.15am
Surprise Gift Room
- 14.12 Early Years and KS1 Christmas Play 6.45pm
Flu vaccinations (morning)
School Christmas Lunch - still time to order
- 16.12 Church Service 1.45pm, then school closes for Christmas
- 18.01.23 Parents' Information Evening 6.30pm**
- 25.01.23 Scot4All meeting at Boot and Shoe 7.30pm**
- 27.01.23 Film night (more details to follow)**
- Monday 8th May 2023 – extra Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation**

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 - cont'd

We will be holding a **Parents Information Evening** on Wednesday 18th January at 6.30pm in the school hall. We will share information about our School Improvement Plan, the new Maths initiative (which includes an explanation about Maths homework) and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) support in school. The SEND part of the meeting will include information about how we support children with a range of needs in school, how we identify children who need extra in school support, what that extra support can entail and also the pathway to getting further support involving other agencies.

Thank you to those who attended the **SCOT4ALL AGM** on Thursday afternoon. As part of the meeting it was agreed that the way forward to ensure SCOT4ALL is successful and sustainable is for different people to take responsibility for different events throughout the year. This has worked well so far this term. Officially the new Chair person is Amy Rowbotham and our Vice chairs are Robin Long and Sarah Porter, however this does not mean they are completely responsible for making things happen.

We still need help for the **mini Christmas Fair** on Friday 9th December (next week).

Please could you let us know, if you could help;

setting up 1.15 - 3pm

help on a stall 3.30 - 4.30pm

help on a stall 4.30 - 5.30pm (so that no-one is on the stall the whole time)

tidying up 5.30 - 6.15pm

The stalls will be;

A chocolate tombola

A bottle tombola

A toy stall

Refreshments and cake (please bring some in on the day)

Name the reindeer stall

Thanks to those who have already offered help via the SCOT4ALL Facebook group. If you are not on Facebook you can call at the office with offers of help.

SCOT4ALL SAVE THE DATES

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

Friday 27th January - film night (more details to follow)

Thank You

Many thanks as always for the many items brought in today for our 'Secrets Room'.

Secrets Room

There has been a bit of confusion as to what items to bring in today—toys or unwanted gifts. We would appreciate any suitable male gifts next week along with any toys.

Due to time constraints, please ensure all orders are in school by Wednesday, 7th December NOT Friday, 9th. Many thanks.

The Landlord's Cat

Tickets have been given out today to all KS1 children, except for Y2 who will receive theirs on Monday. Please ensure you ask your child for them! Tickets for the Wednesday evening performance have been oversubscribed and we have tried to be as fair as possible in allocating them. This means that if you asked for 2 extra we have only been able to give 1 and some, unfortunately, have missed altogether. There are still a few available for the Tuesday morning performance.

Trophies

We are still missing several trophies. Please could all children who received an award at the end of the summer term please return them to school by Monday 5th December in order that they can be presented to new recipients during the Carol Service on Friday, 16th December. This does not include any awards presented to Y6 children at the leavers' service or the Y5 Friendship awards—these are kept for the full year.

Please note: school no longer engraves the child's name on the awards, however please feel free to have this done yourself if you wish, before returning yours.

Vacancy—Lancashire School & Residential Care Catering are Recruiting

We have a number of contractual positions around Lancaster and Morecambe. Working Monday to Friday term time only in primary 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