



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

Our Christian value for this half term is HOPE and we began our Worships thinking about this definition from the bible. **To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see. Hebrews 11:1**

The Worship team helped on Monday when we talked about the difference between hoping for things for ourselves and having hope in God. It was lovely to have Rev Rebecca in school on Thursday leading our Early Years and Key Stage 1 Worship. We have really missed having her in school and are very glad that she is back. She also talked about what hope means to Christians. We have a new school prayer for this half term linked to our Christian value - **Dear God, This term our Christian value is hope. Everyday help us to put our hope in you. Amen.** We will be saying this simple prayer in school as part of our Worship, but thought that some of you may also want to use it at home.

When I heard Mrs Mayor talking about hanging her washing up at school, I thought she was joking! But a quick look on the blog explained all - [Where is the best place to dry our washing? | Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](http://www.scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk). The creative teaching across school is clear to see from the blog. Please take some time to look through the blog from last week and last half term, it is great to see how the children learn in so many different ways. You will also see on the blog that we have had Sportsreach in school this week, walking through the Bible with Year 5 and 6 – thank you Sooty and Ruth.

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

- 09.11 Individual children's photos
- 10.11 Open Afternoon for prospective parents and Cake Stall after school
- 18.11 Non-uniform Day – please send in chocolate or bottles for the Christmas Fair**
- 01.12 SCOT4ALL AGM in school @3.30pm
- 02.12 Non-uniform day—unwanted gifts for Surprise Room**
- 09.12 Non-uniform day—good quality new/used toys (no books)**
- 09.12 Christmas Fair including Y6 Enterprise Stalls (more details to follow)
- 13.12 Early Years and KS1 Christmas Play 9.15am
- 13.12 Surprise Gift Room (see poster on information email)**
- 14.12 Early Years and KS1 Christmas Play 6.45pm
- 14.12 Flu Vaccinations
- 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 – **new dates/information in bold.**

Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Finn Whiteley YR	He likes to share, he is good at handwriting, he plays with everyone
Alfie Martin Y1	He is kind, funny, good at signing, respectful, helps the teachers
Shraddha Hegde Y2	She is kind, friendly, good at skipping, helpful, sharing
Buddy Wood Y3	He is kind, funny, good at running, always ready to learn
Chloe Knowles Y4	She is a good friend, kind, funny, tries hard with everything, polite. listens
Gigi Couchman Y5	She is a great friend, she works hard, a caring buddy, funny, good at drama
Edward Hammond Y6	He is helpful, kind, a good swimmer, enthusiastic, never gives up

### **Attendance**

Our target for attendance across school is 96% so well done to all classes who have exceeded our target and a special well done to Year 4 who have the highest attendance percentage.

Class	Attendance percentage
Nursery	95.34%
Reception	97.5%
Year 1	97.2%
Year 2	95.2%
Year 3	95.5%
Year 4	97.8%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	95.5%

### .Remembrance Poppies

The children have been hard at work making poppies in school for Remembrance Sunday and are now on display in the Market Gate Shopping Centre in Lancaster. If you can, please go along and have a look at them.

## **Information and Reminders**

### **A request for help – people and cakes!**

Next week we have our Open Afternoon for new parents who are deciding where to send their reception and nursery children next September. As part of this, we would like to be able to offer refreshments and a warm welcome from other parents. If you can help the Year 6s with providing refreshments in the hall between 1.15 – 3.10pm (including setting up and tidying away) please get in touch with the school office or via email [head@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk) We would really appreciate donations of cakes and biscuits (either bought or home-made) for refreshments and a cake stall which we will hold at the end of the school day. If anyone can help with this stall, again please let us know. All donations taken from the cake stall will go in the SCOT4ALL fundraising pot for a new kitchen for school.

### **Prayer/Reflection time**

As it is the first Monday of the month next week, school will be open for a time of prayer and reflection.

8.30 – 8.45am staff, parents and accompanied children

9.00 – 9.15am members of the school community (without school age children)

If you have any prayer requests, please email [head@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)

### **New playground equipment**

Before half term we sent out a survey for parents to complete to support our application for some new play equipment on the school playground. Please could you find the time to fill in the form and return it to us. We will only be successful if we have surveys showing the need and benefits of having it installed. Further information can be found on the newsletter dated 20<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Uniform**

Please name all items of clothing – we have many items that are unnamed and unclaimed at the moment and in this past week we have had some very upset children who have lost items of clothing, including coats. When children take their coats off at playtime and then forget to bring them back into school, a member of staff collect the coats and brings them in. If they are named, they are easy to return. If not, it becomes very difficult. Please help by naming everything.

### **SCOT4ALL Non-uniform dates**

18 November—please could children bring in chocolate or bottles for tombola prizes at the Christmas Fair

2 December - we are asking for any unwanted, good quality gifts for our Surprise Gift Room

9 December— we are asking for any unwanted, good quality, used or new, toys for the Toy Stall ( no books)

### **Surprise Gift Room**

We are holding our Surprise Gift Room again this year. An order form is attached to the information email sent following the newsletter.

### **Individual and family photos**

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, the photographer will be in school to take the children's photographs. We are pleased to be able to, once again, welcome younger siblings into school to have family photos with school age children. If you would like to do this, please bring your children into school at 8.30am.

### **Bonfire Night**

Just a reminder that if you are going to a Bonfire Night party or just having a family one in the garden, please stay safe. Don't forget to check your bonfire before lighting to make sure no animals have crept in and be aware that not everybody looks forward to all the noise and smoke.

### **Parent Support**

We now have a folder in the foyer which gives information on how and where to get help for a variety of problems/concerns parents may have. If you have a particular worry or concern but there no information in the folder, please let us know and we will do our best to find out for you.

### **After-School Clubs**

All the After School clubs will be starting next week,:

Monday 7.11.22 KS1 Multi-Skills—Y1 & 2 (parents—please check your emails regarding this club) 3.15-4.15pm

KS2 Girls' football with Morecambe Football Club - lunchtime

Wednesday 9.11.22 Y5 & 6 Fencing 3.15—4.30pm places to be confirmed

Thursday 10.11.22 Y5 & 6 Athletics - lunchtime

KS2 Football 3.15-4.15pm (spaces still available)