

10<sup>th</sup> January 2025



Happy New Year and welcome back. I have enjoyed seeing all the children back at school even though it has certainly been a cold week! Hearing about their Christmas holidays on Monday was lovely, we had so many happy faces telling us about the fun they have had with their families. Personally, I enjoyed those days, which were far too cold or wet to venture out, spending time playing games, watching TV and relaxing altogether as a family. Sometimes we rush around far too often!

All the children have settled back into routines very quickly and are working hard already. This week I have visited classes and enjoyed taking part in lessons. It really does show how much the children learn over a short period of time and are full of knowledge and enjoyment of their lessons.

This week Owl class started their swimming lessons, I did not envy them leaving school on the cold, frosty morning on Thursday. Mrs Guinan and Mrs Helme have explained that some children have moved groups and are becoming much more confident in water- well done swimmers.

Wren & Robin class have been learning about the UK and the different countries which make up our island. Wrens will enjoy finding out about a very naughty red bus and what adventures it goes on!

Heron class have been learning about how we can use songs to help us learn- they have been completing guided reading activities based on the Greatest Showman. They have also been writing a letter to Miss Harding about a humorous event which could have taken place over the Christmas holidays- there has been a lot of giggling coming down the corridor this week.

Please remember that if your child is due to start school in September 2025, the closing date for applications is next Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January. The link is on the following page for online applications.



## **Epiphany!**

Today we will hear about some wise men who followed a star and came to visit Jesus. Let's think about how we follow God in our lives.

Our whole lives are like a journey. We have to choose which way to go and whether we will follow God in all that we do. Will we do the right thing or the wrong thing? Will we be kind to others and look after them, or will we only do what is best for us?

We do not have a star, or a sat nav, to follow each day, to show us which way that God wants us to go. We might meet people like Herod who try to lead us to do something that we know is wrong.

But God has given us Jesus, to show us how we should try to live our lives. And when we pray, God guides us to do what is right, if we listen.

Generous God, we give thanks for all that you have given us. Open our hearts to follow you so that all that we do may be guided by your love. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

# **Upcoming Events**

### **January**

6<sup>th</sup> January- School re-opens

9<sup>th</sup> January- Swimming re-starts for Owls

14th January- U11 netball match @ 4pm YMCA

20th January- After school activities start

24th January- Heron class mass @ 10am

Yr 5/6 indoor athletics competition

28th January- U11 netball match @ 4pm YMCA

31st January- Owl class mass @ 10am

#### **PTA Events**

6th February- PTA Disco & AGM

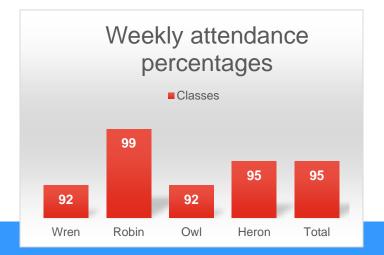
7<sup>th</sup> March- Non-uniform Day in exchange for Mother's Day gifts

21st March- Non-uniform Day in exchange for Easter eggs

28th March- Mother's Day wrapping

28th March- Easter Bingo

Please support these family friendly events



### **February**

6<sup>th</sup> February- Yr 3/4 Table Tennis @ 4pm GCA PTA disco & AGM

14<sup>th</sup> February – Reports out to parents (interim) Wren class mass @ 10am School closes for half term

24<sup>th</sup> February- INSET (school closed for children)

25th February- School re-opens

27th February- Yr 5/6 Boys handball @ 4pm GCA

28th February- Heron class mass @ 10am

Blue Badge Awards (Care & Compassion)

Wren - Lucas B

Robin - Lettie P

Owl - Iris A

Heron - Thomas L

Rising Star Awards

Wren - Toby A

Robin - Isla M

Owl - Skylar B

Heron - Rose A

Marvellous Mathematician

Wren - Albert R

Robin - Bodhi F

Owl - Milena S

Heron - Ivy F

## **Admissions**

Just a reminder for those children who have a 4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 that admissions are now open for a primary place. Please use the link below

For those who are in Year 6, secondary places are also open. <u>Lancashire Admissions</u>