



NEWSLETTER 11 – 20th February 2026

Hello everyone - where has that half term gone and (almost!) the half term break? It only seems like yesterday that we were celebrating Epiphany and the visit of the Magi to the infant Christ at the beginning of term and here we are approaching the end of February with Lent underway and the journey towards Easter. This week has also seen the start of Ramadan for all our Muslim families.

Whatever your faith, we wish you every blessing.

We re-open on Monday 23rd February at the normal time of 08:45

Mr Mackley
Headteacher

Attendance and Punctuality

I am delighted that last week we saw an amazing level of school attendance with **all** year groups bar one with attendance of at least 95% which is fantastic! Every year group had attendance of **at least 93%** which is also a big improvement.

Regular attendance is vital in giving every child the best possible opportunity to be the best that they can be.

Uniform

A further reminder from the last newsletter as this is still an issue. Trainers and joggers are not part of uniform and that Hijabs (if worn) must be shoulder length only, we have started to see some longer ones being worn and these can be a safety risk if they get caught.

<https://stmatthewspreston.co.uk/parents/uniform>

PE Kit - a lot of children are not bringing the correct kit into school. Please see the link above for details of the PE kit your child needs.

Reflection & Prayer

In our worship last week we considered the Vast Love of God. We tried to imagine how big it is and concluded that it is bigger than we can imagine! We shared some passages from the Bible, including Psalm 108: 9 which talks about God's love reaching to the skies which we agreed was pretty big!

Thank you, God, that your love is so big it reaches to the skies.
Thank you that nothing can stop you from loving me.
Your love goes on and on and on. **Amen**

“Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be...”

Many of our worships can be viewed online here <https://www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/blog/category/worship>

Stars of the Week and Values Awards.

Week ending 30th January 2026

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Rec	Manha & Farhan	Anayah & Rayan
Y1	Jaya & Harris	Dominic N & Saba
Y2	Fabian & Hannah	Thomas & Aryaan
Y3	Anthony & Hafsa D	Rayyan
Y4	Moayad & Mathias	Matilluah & Jayden
Y5	Ilyas & Lyndon	David & Muhammad A
Y6	Eileen & Kinaat	Habiba & Adam B

KS2 Maths Challenge (Mr Ward)	Ayaan - Y3
KS1 Maths Challenge (Mrs Gretton)	Arwa- Y1
Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mr Ward)	Y5 boys beat the Y5 girls
Numbots (Mrs Gretton)	1st - Sufyan, 2nd - Shahzain, 3rd - Elyf
Geography Challenge (Mrs Copeland)	Saad in Y2 correctly identified the flag as that of Scotland

Week ending 6th February 2026

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Rec	Abdullah & Sahrisatu	Shreshta & Naveed
Y1	Kievan & Sai	Fathima & gabriela
Y2	Aamina & Hoorain	Laibah & Hadiya
Y3	Tasneem	Olaife



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Y4	Abdullah & Shahzain	Alexia & Harrison
Y5	Shayan & Yasmina	Joshua & Eeshmal
Y6	Khadija & Zainab	Loreta & Ismaeel

KS2 Maths Challenge (Mr Ward)	Theo - Y4
KS1 Maths Challenge (Mrs Gretton)	Saad - Y2
Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mr Ward)	Y6 girls beat the Y6 boys!
Numbots (Mrs Gretton)	Hannah, Fareed and Kamila (all Y2) were the highest in accuracy this week
Geography Challenge (Mrs Copeland)	-

Week ending 13th February 2026

Year	Star Writer	Half-term achiever
Rec	Mirha & Rudra	Zahra & Antonia
Y1	Abdullah & Arwa	Muaaz & Robert
Y2	Fabian & Yusuf	Iqra & Aryan
Y3	Yusuf & Ayaan	Denis & Tara
Y4	Areesha & Haniya	Mehrun & Zainab F
Y5	Hasnain & Raheem	Halima & Haim
Y6	Lily & Ilyas	Marius & Esme

KS2 Maths Challenge (Mr Ward)	Abinoor
KS1 Maths Challenge (Mrs Gretton)	Musa
Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mr Ward)	Y4 boys beat the Y4 girls. The next battle is each junior year group against all the others!
Numbots (Mrs Gretton)	Anete, Robert and Kamila (Y2) were the highest in accuracy.

Geography Challenge (Mrs Copeland)

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