



NEWSLETTER 12 – 27th February 2026

Hello everyone, just a short newsletter to send some reminders and to celebrate our weekly award winners as well as the attendance and punctuality figures!

Have a good weekend!

Mr Mackley
Headteacher

Attendance and Punctuality

This continues to be a really positive picture and we are thrilled with the improvements in attendance, thank you! As I said to all the children in worship this morning, if you are in school you can learn and if you aren't in school you can't!

Last week we had only one year group with attendance less than 95% which is fantastic! Punctuality is also much better although we do have some children who are regularly arriving late to school which not only disrupts them and their learning for the day it also impacts negatively on the rest of the class.

World Book Day

A reminder, school will be celebrating World Book Day on Wednesday 4th March. We have the illustrator Frances Martin visiting school and have lots of activities planned for the children around the series of books Little People, BIG DREAMS. The theme for dressing up this year is inspirational people, there are lots of ideas of who the children can come dressed as on the link below. There will be prizes for the most imaginative costumes.

<https://littlepeoplebigdreams.com/shop/>



There is also a special World Book Day Lunch. All Infants will receive a lunch unless you notify the class teacher. Juniors will need to book a school lunch if not entitled to a free meal.

We look forward to seeing the children dressed up!



Year 6 High School Places

On Monday, children in Year 6 will receive notification of their Secondary School placement. Please look for the email, usually sent from 8am. Sometimes this will

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

go to junk/spam folders. The email will be sent to the email address given to submit your child's application.

If you did not submit an application, your child will automatically allocated a place at any school with spaces in the locality.

If you do not receive your School of choice for your child, you can appeal. If you are unhappy with the outcome of your application you can add your child's name to waiting lists for other schools or find out about the appeals process.

Reflection & Prayer

In our worship this week we continued thinking about kindness towards others and linked this to the period of fasting and reflection which Christians and Muslims are currently undertaking. We heard a fable regarding a beggar and two families, one family was rich with plenty to share but selfish and the other was poor but generous. The lesson learned was that we are all called to share what we have and not only recipient but ourselves are blessed as a result.

For all those who are fasting at this time, we pray God's continued blessings on you all (as we do for those who aren't fasting!)

Loving Lord, help us to be kind and generous in all we do.
Show us today and everyday how we can bring peace and joy to all we meet.

Amen

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.

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Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Rec	Antonia & Sulemauddin	Hadia & Ayat
Y1	Daisy & Shahab	Muhyuddin & Zayn
Y2	Hajra & Amira	Patrick & Musa
Y3	Sudam & Rehan	M Kashif & Juwairiyah
Y4	Ridhwaan & Poppy	Ayat & Lily
Y5	Joshua & Lola	Usman & M Mitha
Y6	Anas & Sara	Irina & Maya

KS2 Maths Challenge (Mr	Baksheesh (Y5) correctly calculated the total miles travelled
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Artsmark
Gold Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England



Ward)	
KS1 Maths Challenge (Mrs Gretton)	-
Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) (Mr Ward)	Year 4 beat all the other year groups with a score of 791 Next battle - Y3 v the Teachers!
Numbots (Mrs Gretton)	Yusuf, Y2 had the highest accuracy last week - well done
Geography Challenge (Mrs Copeland)	-