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Shine with the light of Jesus – Matthew 5:14-16. You are the light of the world.

24th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this first half term, I find myself reflecting on what an amazing eight weeks it has been. The start of the school year is always a busy one, but this half term has been filled with such joy, energy, and a real sense of togetherness across our school community.

Our Harvest celebrations were a beautiful reminder of the generosity and compassion that define our school family. Our Y3 children spoke and sang so wonderfully, sharing messages of gratitude and care for others. Your kind donations will make a genuine difference to local families and individuals in need — thank you for giving so generously.

It has also been lovely to see our older pupils taking part in Bikeability this week. Their enthusiasm, resilience, and growing confidence on their bikes have been wonderful to witness. Programmes like this give our children such important life skills, and they represented our school brilliantly throughout.

Another highlight this week was our ECO uniform sale. It was inspiring to see so many families supporting our commitment to sustainability and community spirit. Reusing and recycling school uniform not only helps the environment but also shows the kindness and practicality that sit at the heart of our values.

As we move into the half-term break, I want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for everything you do — from supporting your children with their learning, to attending school events, volunteering, or simply offering words of encouragement. Your partnership and positivity make such a difference every single day.

Our school is a special place because of the people within it — our dedicated staff, our wonderful children, and you, our incredibly supportive families. Together, we've made a fantastic start to the year, and I'm so proud of what we've already achieved.

Wishing you all a restful, happy half term filled with family time, fresh air, and moments of joy.

Kind regards,

Mrs Owen

This Week's Prayer by Reception...

Every week, each class takes a turn to write a prayer for us all to reflect upon in worship. We wish to share this with you so that you may use this as part of your reflection time at home.

Dear God,

Thank you for our food that we eat.

Thank you for making the birds, the sea and flowers. We will look after it.

Please help to look after us and our families in the half term. Help us to be brave, strong and healthy.

Look after older people and help farmers give us tasty food.

Amen





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NEWS

FAITH AND TRADITIONS

As part of our commitments to fostering respect, inclusivity and understanding, we would like to invite parents or carers to share their faith and traditions with our children. This will give children a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the many different religions and belief systems represented in our community.

If you are interested, **please contact Mrs Hammersley.**

CORAM LIFE – TUESDAY 4TH & WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

We are being visited by Coram Life Education. This is to support our PSHE curriculum and each class will have a visit to discuss a topic covered in that class.



There is a parents and carers session timetabled for **8.50-9.05 on Wednesday 5th November**, where anybody who wishes to learn about who Coram Life are or ask questions is able to come and drop in. This will be in the school hall. Alternatively, their website is <https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/> and you are welcome to ask any questions via your class teacher.

Y6 REMEMBRANCE DAY WORSHIP – FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

Our Year 6 children will be holding a remembrance worship on **Friday 7th November at 9am** for the whole school. If you are able to attend, we would love you to join us.



SCHOOL NURSE – WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER AND WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

The school nurse will be in school on **Wednesday 12th November** to complete **reception** vision screenings

And

On **Wednesday 26th November** to do **reception & Y6** heights and weight checks.



NUTRITIONAL GUIDANCE

The DFE have recently published nutritional guidance for EYFS settings and schools. The school council (and Mr Lewis) are looking at how this might affect rules in school, for example, for break time snacks. If any parents are interested, it would be great to be able to consult with parents before making any changes. We will also be talking to staff, pupils and governors before making any decision. If any parents have a profession around nutrition and health and would be interested in talking to the school council about this, it would be gratefully received. If you would be interested in either being consulted on rules around food/snacks or talking to the school council about nutrition, please contact Mr Lewis via the school office.



FRIENDSHIP WEEK – MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

Monday 10th November – Odd Socks days.

Throughout the week children will complete a range of friendship activities to promote positive friendships/ anti-bullying week. We will hold a parent showcase on Friday 14th November at 3.20pm/3.25pm until 4pm for you to see what we have been up to during the week, we will also post these on seesaw if you are unable to make the showcase.



NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS – TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

Just a reminder, if you completed the form to consent for your child to have the flu immunisations, the nurses will be in school on **Tuesday 18th November**

If you still need to complete use the link below, open until midnight on Sunday 26th October
<https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/1b83a96a>

YEAR 1 MATERIALS REQUEST

To enhance our learning experience, we would greatly appreciate your support in collecting some materials that we can use for our activities.

If you have any of the following items at home that you are willing to share, we would be grateful for your support:

- Cardboard boxes
- Plastic lids
- Cans (please ensure they are clean and safe)
- Pieces of fabric or material
- Cotton wool
- Wood scraps



These materials will not only allow us to create some fantastic projects but will also enable us to set up a classification station where we can compare the properties of the different materials we gather.

Please send any contributions with your child to school after half term. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support in helping Year 1 engage more deeply with their learning.



PTFA ADULTS ONLY QUIZ NIGHT FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER



Think you're the brains of the bunch? Prove it! 🧠

A night of laughs, questionable answers, and a bit of friendly rivalry awaits.

Grab your smartest (or loudest) mates and come join the fun — prizes, bragging rights, and plenty of giggles guaranteed!

Doors open- 7pm Quiz starts- 7:30pm

£10 a team.

Max 8 people in a team

Bring your own alcohol.

Soft drinks and snacks on sale.

HALF TERM

School closes for the half term break on Friday 24th October at 3.20/3.25pm. School re-opens to children on Tuesday 4th November at 8.45am. Thank you

BOARD GAMES DONATION

If you have any games at home that you no longer play with but are in fair condition we would love for you to donate them to us. Please give them to your class teacher.



CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

We will be raising money for children in need with a non-uniform day (spotty or yellow if poss) and a sponsored event in PE. More details have been emailed out as one of today's attachments.

The school council - Stand Together, Support Ukraine!

To help other people who are in need, the School Council are organising a Christmas Shoebox Appeal in our school. This will be for people who live in the Ukraine and have been affected by the war there.

Attached to the newsletter is a flyer from 'Chorley and District Support for Ukraine' which explains what could be sent and what will be done with it. This will be to help people who need it the most who might benefit from some of the things we can spare. If you feel you would like to take part,

please could boxes be sent to school by Friday 21st November.



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Dates for your diary

Monday 3rd November 2025	Inset day – School closed for children
Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th November	CORAM life in school all day
Friday 7th November 2025	Remembrance Day worship – Y6 at 9am
Monday 10th November – Friday 14th November 2025	Friendship week Monday 10 th – Odd socks day Friday 14 th November – CHILDREN IN NEED – OWN Clothes day Friday 14 th November - Parent showcase at 3.30-4pm
Wednesday 12th November 2025	Reception vision screening
Tuesday 18th November 2025	NASAL Flu vaccinations
Thursday 20th - Tuesday 25th November	Book fair in school
Monday 24th – Wednesday 26th November	RobinWood for Y6
Wednesday 26th November 2025	Reception heights and weights with the school nurse
Friday 28th November 2025	Advent worship – Y1 at 9am
Sunday 30th November 2025	Messy Church – more information to follow
Tuesday 2nd December 2025	Y6 Stay and learn at 9am – more information to follow Y1 Stay and learn at 2.15pm – more information to follow
Wednesday 3rd December 2025	Reception trip to Elf forest
Sunday 7th December 2025	Brinscall to Bethlehem
Wednesday 10th December 2025	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity for families at 2pm
Thursday 11th December 2025	Christmas Jumper day School Christmas dinner day Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity for families at 6pm
Friday 12th December 2025	Y1 and Y2 Crafting with Santa at 1pm Y3 and Y4 Crafting with Santa at 2.15pm
Monday 15th December 2025	Reception Christmas Party: 1pm – Children can come in Party clothes
Tuesday 16th December 2025	Y1 and Y2 Christmas Party: 1pm – Children can come in Party clothes
Wednesday 17th December 2025	Reception Christmas Stay and play at 2pm Y3 and Y4 Christmas Party: 1pm – Children can come in Party clothes
Thursday 18th December 2025	Rocksteady Concert to families at 2pm Y5 and Y6 Christmas Party: 1pm – Children can come in Party clothes
Friday 19th December 2025	Non-uniform day for winning house team Christmas worship at Hillside at 9.15am School closes at 2pm for the Christmas break



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CLASS NEWS

RECEPTION

This week in Reception, we've started to explore more about Autumn. In our areas, we are painting and carving pumpkins, selling autumn fruit and vegetables in our market and looking for signs of autumn all around. The children have done a great job at learning about all of the colours of autumn and what to look for. We enjoyed going on an autumn walk with our buddies. We looked around for signs of autumn, including colours, leaves and acorns and conkers! We also made some lovely tasty treats to share at our stay and play event.

YEAR 1

Year one have been using counters to support our practical learning of addition in Maths as well as exploring different ways to make 6. We have been busy using our own resources to symbolise creation in RE. We have also been sorting animals into groups and identifying common features. In science we have continued to learn about seasonal changes. We went out on a blistery walk to see what changes we could see outside.

YEAR 2

We have been using lots of practical equipment to help us in maths. We have started our tricky addition and subtraction unit looking at numbers up to 100! We have been practicing our throwing and kicking skills in PE. In computing, we thought about how we can use information technology safely and how to use it appropriately. In Art, we have consolidated our learning by using our observational drawing skills to draw different model animals!

YEAR 3

Year 3 have been finding out about how computers are connected. We discovered that a computer network is made up of lots of devices and we learnt what a switch, server, and wireless access point do. We had a go at showing how a computer network is linked together using ourselves and string! In Science, we've been learning about how muscles help our bodies to move. We have also had fun finishing off our art topic on cave art by creating positive and negative handprints similar to those that have been discovered by archaeologists.

YEAR 4

In Year 4 this week we got to have a go at making our buzz-wire games! We used a cardboard base to wrap the wire around and created a wavy path with the metal wire. We used a battery, a lightbulb or a buzzer and crocodile clips to create our circuits.! In art we have been looking at composition in still-life images and creating our own out of different objects. In History we have learned about how the Vikings first raided the Lindisfarne monastery. We looked at the reasons they were able to do this such as, their longboats were made to be able to travel in shallow water, the monastery was built close to the coast and the monks that lived there were undefended! We then looked at the impact this had in the country.

YEAR 5

In Year 5 we have worked in teams to build our own hula hoop huts! We developed lots of problem-solving skills whilst having fun! Teamwork and smiles all round. We have also explored mixed media techniques to create stunning self-portraits — blending paint, collage, and drawing to express their individuality and creativity.

Every piece tells a unique story through colour, texture, and imagination — such inspiring work from our young artists!

YEAR 6

This week in Year 6 we have looked into the importance of Mental Health with the Five Ways to Wellbeing, encouraging everyone to connect, be active, take notice, keep learning, and give. Year 6 also enjoyed playing with their buddies in the playground and classroom.

We also got active with Bikeability, building confidence and learning how to stay safe on the roads. To top it off, the local fire brigade paid us a visit to talk about road and fire safety — a huge thank-you to them for their time and expertise! It's been a week full of learning, creativity, and community spirit.

Attachments

- ✓ Messy Church
- ✓ Bible Podcast
- ✓ PTFA News