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

14th February 2025

I am delighted to share that our recent Bright for Sight Day was a resounding success! We were privileged to have Galloways join us, providing the children with a series of enlightening workshops that highlighted what life can be like for individuals with eye conditions.

The sessions encouraged our children to engage practically, recognising various products and items, preparing food, and using canes for mobility, all while experiencing the world through a blindfold. Additionally, they had the opportunity to feel Braille, which allowed them to develop a deeper understanding of the vital role that special equipment can play in supporting those with visual impairments. We hope that the children walked away with a greater appreciation of how essential it is to look after their sight and the ways empathy can enrich their understanding of diversity. This was another day planned, requested and organised by our Year 6, who are being fantastic advocates of change.

I would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Reception parents for participating in the Stay and Play session last Wednesday. It is always wonderful to witness the children working alongside their adults, creating valuable learning moments and beautiful memories in our provision.

Please take a moment to check the updated term dates included at the bottom of this newsletter and adjust your calendars as necessary.

I can hardly believe we have reached the end of another half term. From snow days, Chinese New Year, worships, parent showcases, Children's Mental Health Week, Break the Rules, Chocolate Bingo and Bright for Sight! We have been so incredibly busy and working hard to develop our whole Christian character. Have a wonderful half term.

Mrs Joanna Owen

Headteacher

This Week's Prayer...

Year 3

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 the Sun and the food that give us energy. Help us to keep healthy so that we have enough energy to do our best. Thank you for all the sports and activities that keep us moving. Help us to find ways to be as healthy so that we take care of our bodies. Give us the energy to explore your world and help protect it.

With today being Valentine's Day, help us to understand the love of other people. Please

make our hearts love and shine with the light Jesus. Help us to be accepting of others and their needs. Help us be kind and caring to them. Please help those at war see that love is the better choice. Please be with us so that we know your love.

We have been considering friendships and how we can build positive relationships. Please help us to find ways to make our friendships strong and to help us deal with the problems that friendships can sometimes face.

Amen



NEWS

WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday 6th March 2025 Non-uniform

As always, we will be celebrating World Book Day in school and would like to invite all the children to come into school dressed either as a character from one of their favourite books, or in clothes they would be comfortable reading a book in. Most staff throughout school will be taking part in this and it would be even better to see some parents at drop off/pick up who are dressed up too!

£1 Book tokens have come home today and the book fair will be joining us after half term.



YEAR 6 SATs MEETING THURSDAY 27th FEBRUARY

Year 6 parents are welcome to join us at 6pm on Thursday 27th March to find out about what SATs week will look like, how homework is set and how we will organise boosters. Thanks.

SWIMMING – Y4

Swimming will begin on the first Wednesday after half term.

A letter was sent home to Year 4 parents of Tuesday regarding this. If you haven't received this, please let the office know. Thanks.

CHILDREN'S ETHOS CONFERENCE TUESDAY 4TH MARCH

Our reflection leaders from Year 5 will be attending an Ethos Conference. The theme is "Prayer" and there will be a workshop led by Turret House Prayer Spaces. We look forward to hearing all about it when they return to school.

PARENTS EVENING WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH / THURSDAY 27TH MARCH

Following the feedback we received at our last parents evening, these will be face to face. However, we are aware that many of our parents appreciated the online meetings or telephone calls. If you would prefer one of the above, please let your class teacher know and it can be arranged. Thanks.

SAFER INTERNET WEEK

This week, internet safety messages have been shared as part of our Safer Internet Week. Our Online Safety Champions have talked to KS1 and Reception Class about how to stay safe when online and there have been many activities going on throughout the week across school to deepen this understanding and to learn about this year's theme 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'.

Developing understanding of how to keep safe during online activity is a growing part of children's lives now. We regularly receive Online Safety Information which may be useful to support parents too. This can be found on our school website.




THE BIG UNIFORM EVENT

WEAR IT, LOVE IT, THEN SHARE IT AND SAVE IT FROM GOING TO LANDFILL!

10AM-1PM SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM FREE TO TAKE AWAY

INSPIRE YOUTH ZONE, CHORLEY

Everyone welcome!

SVP Chorley Buddies We're Helping 01257 542 987

St Vincent de Paul Society England and Wales Turning Concern into Action



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BLUE PETER READER'S BADGE

Thank you so much for everyone who emailed with an interest in this club.

An email was sent home this week.

The first session is on
Tuesday 25th February at 8:00am.
Thanks!



CHESS CLUB

After half term, starting on **27th February**, Mrs Winterson will be holding a chess club every Thursday for Year 5 and Year 6. This will be at 12:15 – 12:45.

If you are interested, please send a message to
bursar@brinscall.lancs.sch.uk
Thanks!



CLUBS AFTER HALF TERM

KS2 Club

After half term, the free Tuesday and Friday lunchtime clubs are cross country. Tuesday will be for Year 3/4 and Friday will be for Year 5/6. Please respond as soon as possible to let me know if your child wishes to take part. Children will need a change of warm sporty clothing and appropriate footwear on these days.

Year 5/6 Club

After half term, the free Friday breakfast club (8am) will be netball. Both boys and girls are encouraged to take part. Please respond as soon as possible to let me know if your child wishes to attend. We can have up to 16 children. If more than this are interested, we will draw names and inform you of the outcome. Children should wear warm sporty clothing to the club and bring their uniform to get changed into afterwards.

Infant Club

After half term, the free Tuesday breakfast club (8am) is girls football. Please respond as soon as possible to let me know if your child wishes to attend. We can have up to 16 children. If more than this are interested, we will draw names and inform you of the outcome. Children should wear warm sporty clothing, including trainers, to the club and bring their uniform to get changed into afterwards.

If you wish for your children to participate in any of these clubs, please could you send a response to
bursar@brinscall.lancs.sch.uk
with your child's name and year group and which club they are interested in.

Thanks.

ST JOHN'S SUPERSTAR AWARD

YEAR 6: Alice
YEAR 5: Amelia
YEAR 4: Lizzie
YEAR 3: Raife
YEAR 2: Kal-El
YEAR 1: Noah
YEAR R: Elena



WELFARE AWARD

YEAR 6: George
YEAR 5: Alyster
YEAR 4: Louie
YEAR 3: Amalia
YEAR 2: Elle
YEAR 1: Louis
YEAR R: Archie

LIVING OUT THE VALUES AWARD

YEAR 6: George
YEAR 5: Ollie
YEAR 4: Emma
YEAR 3: Priya
YEAR 2: Florence
YEAR 1: Daniela
YEAR R: Jessie



ASC NEWS

Surprise, surprise! This weeks theme is **love**. The children have made some beautiful cards to give to those that they love; friends, family and pets.
We hope you enjoy your Valentines Day!



Attachments for this Week:

- ✓ Galloways Flyer



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 24th February	Return to school
Wednesday 26th February	School Council Walk to Village
Thursday 27th February	Y6 SATs Meeting for Parents 6pm Year 4 and 5 Shining Flames Assembly
Tuesday 4th March	Children's Conference – Reflection Leaders
Wednesday 5th March	Book Fair begins – after school
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day – Dress Up Day
Monday 10th March	British Science Week Begins Year 5 Anderton Centre Trip
Tuesday 11th March	Year 5 Return from the Anderton Centre
Wednesday 12th March	Science Fair 3:30 – 4:30 Information letters about our Science Fair went home this week. If you require another letter, please let us know.
Friday 14th March	Let's Go Sing – Year 4
Thursday 20th March	Year 3 Lancashire Sings Workshop
Friday 21st March	World Poetry Day Year 5 Worship
Wednesday 26th March	Parents Evening Day 1 – Face to Face
Thursday 27th March	Year 2 Trip to Houghton Tower Parents Evening Day 2 – Face to Face
Friday 28th March	Mother's Day Worship (Reception) 9am International Woman's Month Afternoon Tea
Tuesday 1st April	Reception Stay and Play @ 2:00pm
Wednesday 2nd April	Year 3 Ribchester Visit
Friday 4th April	Worship In Church Last Day of School before End of Term – Finish at 2pm