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

**14<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Happy Science Week to everyone! I am delighted to share how each class has engaged in thrilling science experiments throughout the week, uncovering fascinating facts and enjoying the wonders of science.

Wow! What a fantastic event science fair was. A truly resounding success! It was wonderful to observe the creative projects developed by each year group—each one a unique blend of education and imagination. We were truly astounded by the impressive turnout, and it was heart-warming to witness both children and parents sharing in the enjoyment of learning from these projects. A heartfelt thank you to all who participated and supported this event in any way, and to those who voted on their favourite projects from each year group. I am glad I did not have to choose a winner as they were all incredible. Everyone who contributed deserves a huge pat on the back for their amazing effort. For the winners, check out the news section of our newsletter.

At the start of the week, we were lucky enough to have a visit from author Paul Cookson. He kicked off the day with an interactive assembly, sharing his engaging poems and tales from his career as a writer. The children eagerly joined in, helping to complete some of his poems, and the sound of laughter filled the hall. It was a joy to see them so engaged and enthusiastic about poetry writing! Following the assembly, Paul hosted workshops for each class, providing the children with invaluable tips and tricks to craft their own poems. Who knows? We might have a poet amongst us.

Of course, good luck to Year 4 tonight who are taking part in Let's Go Sing! We look forward to hearing everything on Monday!

Thank you once again for all your support during Science Week. We are excited to continue to hold new events and experiences with you which promote a love of learning. We encourage you to foster your child's newfound interest in science and poetry at home—perhaps a fun experiment or a little poetry writing session over the weekend?

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Joanna Owen

Headteacher

**This Week's Prayer...**

**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 people who help us like the police who help to keep us safe.

Thank you for nurses who help us get better.

Thank you for helping us know how to keep ourselves healthy.

Thank you for the postal workers who post our letters.

Thank you for the firemen who help us when they fight fires.

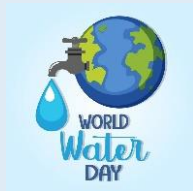
Please keep them safe.

Amen



## NEWS

### YEAR 5 WORSHIP – WORLD WATER DAY Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Non-uniform



On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March, we will be holding a non-uniform day in aid of World Water Day.  
**On the same day Year 5 will lead worship at 9am. All parents are welcome to join us.**  
We would be grateful for any donations that can be given, which Year 5 will give to UNESCO to support their work on providing safe water for all.

Thank you so much to everyone who bought a bottle of water this week.

#### DIABETES UK – JUSTGIVING PAGE

Thank you so much to everyone who has already donated to this cause. If you would like to donate to a specific year group, you can use these links:

Reception: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/reception>

Year 1: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/emma1740487096532>

Year 2: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/elin1740487359372>

Year 3: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/matthew1740487436703>

Year 4: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/terri-ann1740487509586>

Year 5: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/andrew1740487583408>

Year 6: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/simon1740487702598>

#### DIABETES UK- 62 Miles in March

**Every Monday in March**, we will be offering an opportunity for families to join us in a mile walk before school. If you would like to participate, we will meet on the school playground at **8:15am**, **ready to leave at 8.20am**. Children must be supervised at all times

**DIABETES UK**  
CARE. CONNECT. CAMPAIGN.

#### International Women's Month Afternoon Tea

On **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March** at **2:30pm**, we will be hosting an afternoon tea for EYFS and KS1 parents and carers. This will be an event similar to past afternoons, with snacks and drinks available for the families. A letter has been sent home this week and also through ParentPay. If you are interested in coming, please return the form by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you.



#### Daffodil Duddle 2.2km Junior/Fun Run

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Daffodil Duddle 2.2km Trail Race for U16s and beginners will be held on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025**.

Registration opens at **08:30am** closes at **09:15am**.  
**It will begin at 9:30am.**

If you are interested in taking part, you can find more information here:

<https://www.madbullevents.com/events-1/daffodil-duddle-2-2km-junior-fun-run-2025>

#### SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Thank you so much for all of the wonderful projects that came in for this years Science Fair! It was amazing to see all of the hard work and dedication that went into each project. Here are the winners:

Reception: Noah

Year 1: Phoebe

Year 2: Grace

Year 3: Abi

Year 4: Esther

Year 5: Esmail

Year 6: Allana



#### PARENTPAY

Please can you ensure that you have your mobile number on your ParentPay details so that we can ensure everyone receives the communications we send out.

If you log into your ParentPay account and add your mobile number, ParentPay will then send you an email to verify the details and you must click on that email and verify in order for you to receive text messages.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

#### ST JOHN'S SUPERSTAR AWARD

**YEAR 6:** Lily  
**YEAR 5:** Martha  
**YEAR 4:** -----  
**YEAR 3:** Aria  
**YEAR 2:** Florence  
**YEAR 1:** Norma  
**YEAR R:** Finlay



#### WELFARE AWARD

**YEAR 6:** Issac  
**YEAR 5:** James  
**YEAR 4:** Thea  
**YEAR 3:** Ella  
**YEAR 2:** Felicity  
**YEAR 1:** Lukas  
**YEAR R:** Parker

#### LIVING OUT THE VALUES AWARD

**YEAR 6:** Alfie  
**YEAR 5:** Freddie  
**YEAR 4:** -----  
**YEAR 3:** Owen  
**YEAR 2:** Elliott  
**YEAR 1:** Emme  
**YEAR R:** Lily





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## CLASS NEWS

### RECEPTION

Reception class have been lucky to have been visited by our very own school crossing patrol, Nikki. A huge thank you to her for coming into school to talk to the children about her job and how to cross the road safely. We had a wonderful time on World Book Day, dressing up as our favourite characters. We had a go at making models and pictures to represent our favourite characters. We've also been enjoying looking at the books available at the book fair. In RE, we learnt about Palm Sunday. We made our very own palm leaves and acted out the parade, waving our flags as Jesus rode into Jerusalem.

### YEAR 1

Year 1 have had some very busy days recently!

Diving right in with Design Technology where we have created images with moving parts using sliders, based on the traditional tale of the Gingerbread Man - this involved lots of processes in order to create an end product. In Science we have been attempting to keep teddy dry by predicting which materials would be waterproof and testing them in a fair way. We also talked about why some materials, although waterproof may not make for a good umbrella; challenging us to think about the 'right material for the right job'.

### YEAR 2

Year 2 have been very creative this week. In Science, we started something called Deep Sea Discovery. We explored a range of sea creatures and talked about the shapes of them, and then we tried to imitate those shapes ourselves to become those creatures. In RE, we used a range of materials to create stained glass windows, discussing where we see these windows.

### YEAR 3

Year 3 had an amazing start to the week with a visit from the author, Paul Cookson. We heard some of his poems and he shared a few tricks to write poems. Together, we created our own poem, with an illustration to boot! In English, we started to look at a historical story based on Stone Age Boy. Who knows, maybe we'll write some stone age poems too!

### YEAR 4

Year 4 had an amazing time celebrating World Book Day! We had so many interesting costumes and characters. We spent some time talking about our favourite books and characters, sharing some stories in the process. In RE, we have been learning about trust, linking to the Easter story. To demonstrate and understand trust, we practiced some trust exercises together.

### YEAR 5

This week, Year 5 have been on their residential. It's been rather exciting – we've tried axe-throwing, tree climbing and canoeing, tried making fires and toasted some marshmallows. The children have been a credit to the school and their families, with the staff at the Centre remarking on how well-mannered and pleasant they all were. I was impressed with their teamwork and positive attitude towards one another and with how determined they were in their activities. Axe-throwing was a whole new skill to learn, but they took to it with aplomb and enthusiasm. Climbing and heights aren't everyone's cup of tea, but every child identified a target step and made it, with many going further. Canoeing was exhausting, especially on the way back against the wind, but every boat made it. Even lighting a fire (especially in the cold wind) took perseverance, but the class all took it in their stride and helped each other out. I was really proud of each and every one of them, as were all the staff accompanying them.

### YEAR 6

This week, Year 6 have been in the spirit of Science Week by taking part in lots of experiments. We have begun to explore light and how it travels, using our knowledge of materials to find appropriate opaque materials for our experiment. We also had an author called Paul Cookson join us, where we had a workshop about writing poems and together, we wrote a poem about pets.

### Attachments for this Week:

- ✓ CSSP Easter Camp Letter
- ✓ FACE Spring Newsletter 2025
- ✓ FACE Spring Timetable
- ✓ HAF Spring PRIMARY
- ✓ Mathematics Stretch and Challenge