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

17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the penultimate week of the half term, it's a wonderful time to reflect on how much has been achieved over the past few weeks. Our children have shown great enthusiasm and resilience in their learning, and it's been fantastic to see their hard work paying off across all areas of school life.

Looking ahead, there are still plenty of exciting activities planned before we break up — from our ECO uniform sale on Monday morning and afternoon, reception stay and play, Y2 & Y6 firesafe visit, Y6 bikeability and Y3 Harvest worship. We encourage everyone to keep up the effort and positive attitude as we make the most of these final days of autumn together.

Our recent Parents' Evening was a great success, with fantastic engagement from families and staff. It was wonderful to see so many of you taking the time to meet with teachers, discuss your child's progress, and celebrate their achievements. These conversations are invaluable in strengthening the partnership between home and school, and we truly appreciate your involvement.

Final note from me has to be linked to last week's FANTASTIC cake sale. I am delighted and incredibly humbled to let you all know we raised **£403!!**—a brilliant result that will go directly towards sponsoring a children's bay at Preston Hospital. A HUGE thank you to everyone who baked, bought, and helped out! Your generosity and enthusiasm made the event a joyful and meaningful occasion.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs Owen

This Week's Prayer by Year 1...

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 wonderful friends, family and teachers. Thank you for the world we live in and help us to all look after it. Thank you for the people who look after us and keep us safe. Thank you for the food we eat in school and at home. Help us to look after those in need and those who are struggling this time of year.

Amen,





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NEWS

EXCITING NEWS – Mrs Rounding

We are absolutely thrilled to share some joyful news- Mrs Rounding is expecting her third child in February! We are all so delighted for her and her growing family. While we will certainly miss her during her maternity leave, we're happy to say it won't be for goodbyes for long – she'll be re-joining us full time just before the summer break. We can't wait to welcome a new little addition to our school family. Congratulations, Mrs Rounding!



YEAR 3 HARVEST WORSHIP – Friday 24th October

It is nearly that time of year again for our annual Harvest Festival. Our **Year 3 children will lead our Harvest worship for us on Friday 24th October at 9am.** We would love you to join us! More information about our Harvest appeal will be shared next week.



HARVEST COLLECTION

We are collecting for Chorley Help the Homeless. If you have any non-perishable items or toiletries Please bring them into school on Thursday 23rd or Friday 24th October. Harvest is a time to give thanks and to share with others, and we're proud to be part of a community that comes together to help those in need.

HOMEWORK CLUB – Monday Lunchtime

Homework club starts **Monday 20th October throughout lunchtime.** The club is for anyone who wants to come for extra help or to get their homework done in school.



Y2 & Y6 FIRESAFE VISIT – Tuesday 21st October

Year 2 and Year 6 will have a visit from Lancashire firefighters on Tuesday afternoon to talk about general fire safety and road safety awareness.

PTFA NEWS

Thank you to all PTFA volunteers, the entire school staff and all the parents who paid for and children who attended the PTFA discos last week. We had a lot of fun and, in the process raised an incredible **£533.70**. The PTFA would like to invite you to our next meeting on **Tuesday 21st October at 6:15pm.** We will share a link on class Whatsapp pages for anyone who wants to attend virtually. Going forward, all meetings will be advertised on the pta-events website www.pta-events.co.uk/brinscallstjohns and meeting minutes can be found under the 'Your PTFA' tab (see AGM minutes posted here)

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.**

ECO AMBASSADORS UNIFORM SALE – Monday 20th October

Pre-Loved School Uniform Sale – 50p Per Item!

We're holding a **school uniform sale** on the **main yard** from **8:30–8:55 AM** and **3:15–3:45 PM.** All items are just **50p each**, making it an affordable way to stock up on essentials while supporting sustainability and our school community. Come along in the morning or afternoon and browse the selection—there's something for everyone!



RECEPTION STAY AND PLAY – Monday 20th October

We're excited to invite you to our first Reception Stay and Play event of the year, taking place on **Monday 20th October at 2:00pm** in the Reception classroom. Join us for a fun, autumn-themed afternoon where children will take part in seasonal crafts, show you their classroom where they learn and enjoy a special autumn treat.

Y6 BIKEABILITY – Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th October

Year 6, pupils will be taking part in Bikeability training, where they will learn how to ride their bikes safely and confidently on the road.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mr Lewis.



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 or the school office.



PTFA PANTOMIME – SNOW WHITE

Blackburn Empire Theatre-
22nd November, 1:30pm- Snow White
 All tickets £12.50 each (cheaper than buying them via the theatre!).



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.**

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

HEADTEACHER AWARD

YR: Fearne
 Y1: Pearl
 Y2: Reuben
 Y3: Christopher
 Y4: Grace
 Y5: Tommy
 Y6: Liam

WELFARE AWARD

YR: Max
 Y1: Parker
 Y2: Jude
 Y3: Florence
 Y4: Mabel
 Y5: Eloise
 Y6: Alyster

LIVING OUT THE VALUES AWARD

YR: Cleopatra
 Y1: Harrison
 Y2: Charlie
 Y3: Isabel
 Y4: Kieran
 Y5: Elma
 Y6: James

Dates for your diary

Monday 20th October 2025	Reception stay and play event from 2pm
Thursday 23rd October 2025/Friday 24th October 2025	Year 6 Bikeability
Friday 24th October 2025	Harvest Worship – Y3 at 9am Break up for half term @ 3:25
Monday 3rd November 2025	Inset day – School closed for children
Tuesday 4th November and Wednesday 5th November 2025	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 November 2025 – Tuesday 25th November 2025	Book fair in school
Monday 24th November – Wednesday 26th November 2025	RobinWood for Y6
Friday 28th November 2025	Advent worship – Y1 at 9am

Attachments

- ✓ The One Stop Shop
- ✓ Light Party