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

25th April 2025

Good afternoon everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful and restful Easter break. We were very fortunate to enjoy some beautiful weather during the two weeks, which I hope many of you were able to take time for some outdoor activities, or even a little rest under the sun! This season of spring provides us with an excellent opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of Easter, and I trust that it was a special time for all.

I want to take a moment to thank the children for their impressive return to school; they're very clearly feeling full of energy and enthusiasm. It has been wonderful to see them so engaged and eager to dive back into their learning. The growth and progress they are making are a testament to their hard work and the supportive environment we strive to create together.

Today was particularly exciting as we celebrated our 'Photo in the Moment' day, which turned out to be a resounding success. The children were lively and involved, and it was delightful to see their smiles and expressions captured throughout the day. A special thank you goes out to our guest photographer, Dominic Holden, who brought a wonderful energy to our school and skilfully captured some extraordinary images of our children as they immersed themselves in the learning experience. We are eagerly looking forward to sharing these lovely photographs with you soon, as they truly showcase the essence of our school community.

Take care, and I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

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 loving us, and for being my best friend every day. Please help us to follow You, and walk with You in all we do.

Teach us to be kind and caring, to share our love with everyone, to be a friend to those who need us, Just like You're always there, so strong.

Help us to choose what's right, and show Your love in every way, so others can see Your light, and feel Your kindness every day.

Thank You for the friends we have, and for being with us all the time, help us grow in love and joy,

Amen.



NEWS

YEAR 6 BOOSTERS

Year 6 SATs boosters will finish on **Thursday 8th May**. Thank you so much for all of your continued support and thank you to all of the children who came to these sessions, you have worked incredibly hard and should be proud.

SATs begin from **Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May**.

COLOUR RUN

On **Saturday 24th May**, there will be a Colour Run event held by the PTFA at Brinscall Cricket Club.

This will be from **12:00pm – 1:00pm**.

For more information, visit our website or see attachment:
[Brinscall St John's PTFA](#)

PARENTS EVENING

Parents Evening will be on next week on **Wednesday 30th April** and **Thursday 1st May**. These will be until 6pm.

If you are unable to attend, please contact your child's class teacher on Seesaw to organise other arrangements.
Thank you.

YEAR 2 WORSHIP



On **Friday 2nd May**, Year 2 will be holding a worship about World Fair Trade Day.

The worship will start at **9:00am** and you are welcome to join us and watch.

Thank you.

NETBALL

From **Thursday 1st May**, some of our children will be taking part in a Netball Competition at Holy Cross High School.

This will be taking place for 4 weeks.

Best of luck, everyone!



VE DAY

On **Thursday 8th May**, it is Victory in Europe Day (VE Day).

In the morning, the children will have a worship explaining what the day means and why we celebrate it.

Throughout the day, the children will take part in activities relating to VE day.

YEAR 4 TRIP

On **Friday 9th May**, Year 4 will be going on their trip to Brockholes Nature Reserve. The children will be having a lovely day learning about wildlife and exploring around the nature reserve.

We're excited to hear all about it when they return.



ST JOHN'S SUPERSTAR AWARD

YEAR 6: Marcus
YEAR 5: Mirren
YEAR 4: Izzy
YEAR 3: Grace
YEAR 2: Rosa
YEAR 1: Matilda
YEAR R: Joseph



WELFARE AWARD

YEAR 6: Olivier
YEAR 5: Hattie
YEAR 4: Ayrtton
YEAR 3: Arthur
YEAR 2: Zachary
YEAR 1: Reuben
YEAR R: Joseph

LIVING OUT THE VALUES AWARD

YEAR 6: Louie
YEAR 5: Sofia
YEAR 4: Ethan
YEAR 3: Alex
YEAR 2: Gabriel
YEAR 1: Donnie
YEAR R: Parker



Diabetes UK

Huge thank you to everyone who sponsored us during our 62 miles in March we raised a fantastic £713!
We are incredibly grateful to have such a support school family.



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CLASS NEWS

RECEPTION

This week, YR have begun their new topic about growing and changing. We have welcomed tadpoles into our classroom and have learnt about the life cycle of a frog. We are very excited to watch them grow and change through the different stages into frogs.

YEAR 1

Year 1 have made a very creative start back to their Summer 1 term. We have been meeting our new English Text, the Traditional Tale of Little Red Riding Hood and immersing ourselves in the setting of the woods. We have drawn on our own experiences of walking with family and friends in the woods and all the sights and sounds we can hear. We then met some forest creatures through digital media before creating our own woodland/forest landscapes. In Science, we began our topic of plants and growth by identifying common flowering plants and then going outside to sketch some and label their parts, inclusive of the stem, the leaves and the petals/flower. For Maths this week we have begun to look at counting and grouping in 2's, 5's and 10's - who can believe it's only Thursday!

YEAR 2

Year 2 have started off the Summer term busier than ever with food tasting, practising our Fair Trade worship and starting our new units of learning across the curriculum. We have begun reading The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch which everyone has enjoyed and the reason for our interesting food tasting today. We have been trying to create an awful tasting picnic to deter the seagulls from Mr Grinling's lunch! We have sampled grapefruit, lemon, marmite, rocket and strong cheeses. We have had some funny faces!

YEAR 3

What a great first week we have had in Y3. I have loved getting to know each and every one of them and they have all made a great first impression. This week in English, we have been focussing on Wisp, a story of hope which is about a young boy living in a refugee camp. The children have blown me away with the quality of sentences they were able to write about this. In maths, we have moved onto looking at volume and capacity and being able to read and interpret scales. In reading, we have been working with a letter about the Boxing Day Tsunami focussing on vocabulary and first impressions of the characters. The highlight of the week had to be Thursday afternoon where we spent the afternoon getting to know one another, playing parachute games and eating biscuits. I am looking forward to the rest of the half term.

YEAR 4

This week in Year 4, we have created our own songs using the recorder. We even made our first attempt at writing music on a staff. We have also jumped straight back into a swimming lesson on a Wednesday which we really enjoy! On Thursday, we finished off our baskets from last half term using our weaving skills. It's been a very busy week!

YEAR 5

This week, we've all appreciated the relatively pleasant weather and being back with our friends. The children have spent a lot of time with Mrs Scarr this week, who has been leading the class alongside me and will be with us until just after half-term. They've enjoyed reading 'I believe in unicorns' by Michael Morpurgo in English, as well as the experience day Mrs Scarr planned with them to generate vocabulary about the setting of the book. The children have also really enjoyed starting their new science unit, where they've been trying to solve the problem of Mrs Scarr's somewhat contaminated water bottles by filtering. We've started looking at Victorians in history and the process of industrialisation, and will be looking at how our lives now have been affected by the changes during that period. In PSHE, we're starting to look at what to do in the event of accidents or emergencies using materials from St John's Ambulance.

YEAR 6

Year 6 have started the new term with an experience day in English. When a rucksack full of exciting equipment arrived in class, it sparked some amazing conversations. Then our new topic was announced - Everest!

Attachments for this Week:

- ✓ Sweet Chilli Parenting Workshops
- ✓ Colour Run
- ✓ Chorley & South Ribble Primary Care Team Newsletter Spring 2025

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

School will be closed on **Monday 5th May** for the bank holiday.