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

28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Welcome back to school, everyone! It's been fantastic to see how well all the children have settled back in after the holidays. They've jumped right into their new topics with enthusiasm and curiosity. It's heartening to watch them embrace these new beginnings and make the most of their learning experiences. The hard work you all put in is truly paying off, and I encourage everyone to keep up that great effort. Together, let's make this term enjoyable and rewarding as we explore new subjects and develop our skills further. Here's to a brilliant start!

On Thursday, Year 4 and 5 led a wonderful worship all about Lent! They shared insightful reasons why we celebrate Lent, explaining its significance and what it means to us, including how we can shine with the light of Jesus during this significant time in the Christian calendar. The children talked about various practices, such as fasting, giving to charity, and reflecting on our actions. They encouraged everyone to think about what their family might do for Lent this year - perhaps giving something up, helping others, or even volunteering. So many of our pupils are acting as advocates for change; and this fits it perfectly. It was lovely to see the pupils engage with this important topic, fostering a sense of community and reflection. We hope everyone takes some time to consider how they can contribute during this special season. Look out for our lent posters on next week's newsletter created by our shining flames children.

The Shining Flames have also set up our reflection area to encourage everyone to think about Jesus' journey for 40 days and 40 nights. The children have written down what they want to thank God for and where they want God to help them shine. The children have included some lovely ideas about this, including love, family and friends and from next week and throughout Lent our worship station will focus on a different value each week.

I hope you have all started your science projects - I can't wait to see these in school on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. If you need a new letter or more information please contact the school office or your child's teacher via seesaw. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Joanna Owen

Headteacher

## This Week's Prayer...

### Year 2

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 families and the time we have spent with them over half-term.

Thank you for a good first week back with our lovely teachers and friends.

Thank you for the delicious food that Anna cooks for us in school.

Thank you for the beautiful flowers that are blooming to show us that Spring is on the way.

Help us to work together as a school family to enjoy the weeks ahead in the Spring sunshine.

Help us to know that when we're feeling sad, you are still with us and we are not alone.

Amen



## NEWS

### **WORLD BOOK DAY** **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025** **Non-uniform**

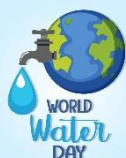


We can't wait to see you all dressed up as your favourite book characters on Thursday.

### **CHILDREN'S ETHOS CONFERENCE** **TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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.

### **WORLD WATER DAY – Flavoured water**

Y5 will be selling **flavoured water** at break for **50p** for a small bottle. As a treat, this will be allowed to be drunk in class instead of their regular water.

There is a limited amount and we will continue to sell them until we run out.



### **LET'S GO SING 2025** **CONCERT**



On **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**, Year 4 will be taking part in a Let's Go Sing concert at the Blackpool Opera House.

If your child is attending, please ensure your child has a packed lunch and water for the day. It will begin at 6:30pm and will finish at 7:40pm. **Children will need to be collected from the venue.**

Thanks.

### **YEAR 5 ANDERTON CENTRE**

Year 5 are very excited to be approaching their residential visit to the Anderton Centre (10-11 March)! This will be an action-packed two days of canoeing, climbing and even axe-throwing among other activities! Children will develop their independence, teamwork and resilience as they tackle both the activities and the night away from home. This is always a highpoint of the year for children and staff and we are raring to go!

### **DIABETES UK- 62 Miles in March**

Diabetes is becoming more prevalent among children and young people. As a school community, we feel a strong connection to this cause, and we would like to make a concerted effort to raise awareness and support for Diabetes UK. This March, the charity has launched a challenge inviting individuals to walk, jog or run a total of 62 miles to help raise funds.

In response, after speaking to some of our children, we have decided to take on this challenge. **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.



**Have your step counters ready!**  
**We can't wait to see many of our families on our first walk on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.**

### **Book Fair**

We are excited to announce that the book fair will be back with us next week, just in time for World book day. All children will visit the fair during the day on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Cash and card payments accepted. The fair will be open as follows:



**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – 3.25pm – 3.45pm – Year 2 Classroom**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – 8.20- 8.40 School hall (Enter through the main entrance) and 3.25 – 3.45pm – Year 2 Classroom**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March – 3.25pm – 3.45pm – School hall (Enter through the main entrance)**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March – 8.20- 8.40 School hall (Enter through the main entrance)**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – 3.25 – 3.45pm – Year 2 Classroom**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – 8.20- 8.40 School hall (Enter through the main entrance)**



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#### ST JOHN'S SUPERSTAR AWARD

**YEAR 6:** Loki  
**YEAR 5:** Evie  
**YEAR 4:** Tommy  
**YEAR 3:** Kieran  
**YEAR 2:** Felicity  
**YEAR 1:** Annie  
**YEAR R:** Graysen



#### WELFARE AWARD

**YEAR 6:** Jacob  
**YEAR 5:** Martha  
**YEAR 4:** Oliver  
**YEAR 3:** Holly  
**YEAR 2:** Max  
**YEAR 1:** Emme  
**YEAR R:** Jessie

#### LIVING OUT THE VALUES AWARD

**YEAR 6:** Allana  
**YEAR 5:** Alyster  
**YEAR 4:** Reggie  
**YEAR 3:** Robyn  
**YEAR 2:** Jessica  
**YEAR 1:** Anna  
**YEAR R:** Katie



### CLASS NEWS

#### RECEPTION

Reception class have hit the ground running with our new topic of 'People Who Help Us'. We've been busy learning about the emergency services this week as well as thinking about others who may help us. In provision we've been fighting fires, writing postcards, posting them in our post-box and delivering them at the end of each day. We have also been learning about the value of stewardship by thinking about how we can all be great gardeners by looking after plants and helping them to grow. We planted seeds and bulbs and we're going to do our best to give them what they need to grow into healthy plants.

#### YEAR 1

Year 1 had an amazing start to the week and are working hard in all their subjects. In English, we have started looking at Toys of the Past, having lovely discussions about teddy bears and our favourite games. In Maths, we have been partitioning numbers through lots of practical work. And in PE, we have been practicing our teamwork through throwing and catching games.

#### YEAR 2

Year 2 have been busy measuring classroom objects in cm and m. We have been ordering and comparing different heights and lengths in maths. We have started instructional writing in English, looking at 'how to make a bird feeder' in a logical order and sequence.

#### YEAR 3

We came back from our half term break to the Year 3 classroom to find our Roman pottery had dried. We were pleased with how they turned out. With a new half term, we have lots of new units of work starting. In English we are writing an instruction text. We started this by trying to follow some instructions for how to make a paper boat. Some of us had pictures only, some of us had text only, and some of us had pictures and text. We decided that the pictures and text were the easiest to follow.

#### YEAR 4

Welcome back, Year 4! In our first week back, the children have already been working hard in all of our subjects. This week in computing, we have used Scratch to make our own games. We explored some different games made in Scratch first and used this to inspire us in our own designs. The final results are pretty amazing! We had to think carefully about the characters, background and obstacles to try and make an interesting game for our friends to try.  
All Y4 were amazing at their first swimming lesson this week, well done!

#### YEAR 5

This week, we've been starting a lot of new topics. In computing, we've started looking at databases. The children have had a go at doing things 'the old-fashioned way' with paper - we're seeing if computers make things easier soon. In English, we've started writing based on 'The Explorer' by Katherine Blundell. This is an adventure story set in the Amazon, which links to our geography work around climates and biomes.

#### YEAR 6

Year 6 started the week by designing and building our spooky buildings inspired by Hansel and Gretel. We used our skills to create electrical circuits that included switches to make lights flash and buzzers sound. We have also created some amazing posters to acknowledge the challenge the whole school is undertaking in aid of Diabetes UK.

Don't forget boosters start next week, everyone has had a letter, please return the slip if you would like your child to stay. Contact the office if you require a new letter. Thank you,

#### Attachments for this Week:

- ✓ Diabetes UK Letter