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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> March 2025

Hello everyone,

I hope that you are all doing okay.

It is with great sadness that I share some extremely heart-breaking news. At the start of this week one of our wonderful Year 4 Class dads, Mark Davidson, passed away. It has been heart-warming this week to hear the fond connections and happy memories many of you had with Mark. He was a very caring and thoughtful man who will be very much missed by all who knew him. We would like to take this opportunity to offer our condolences to all of Mark's family and friends as we hold them in our hearts and pray that their memories bring them comfort in the days ahead. Please take a moment to pray with me:

'Lord, give us the faith to see beyond the pain and sorrow, and help us find peace in the midst of our grief. May your presence be a source of comfort and healing as we mourn our loss. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Within school we would not openly share this news with the children, however, children sometimes 'hear' things at unstructured moments, especially playtimes, and may ask questions at home. If you feel that this is something you may need help to support your child with, we find the website Winston's Wish extremely helpful. They have a free phone number, should any family feel that they need to access this for support (08088 020 021).

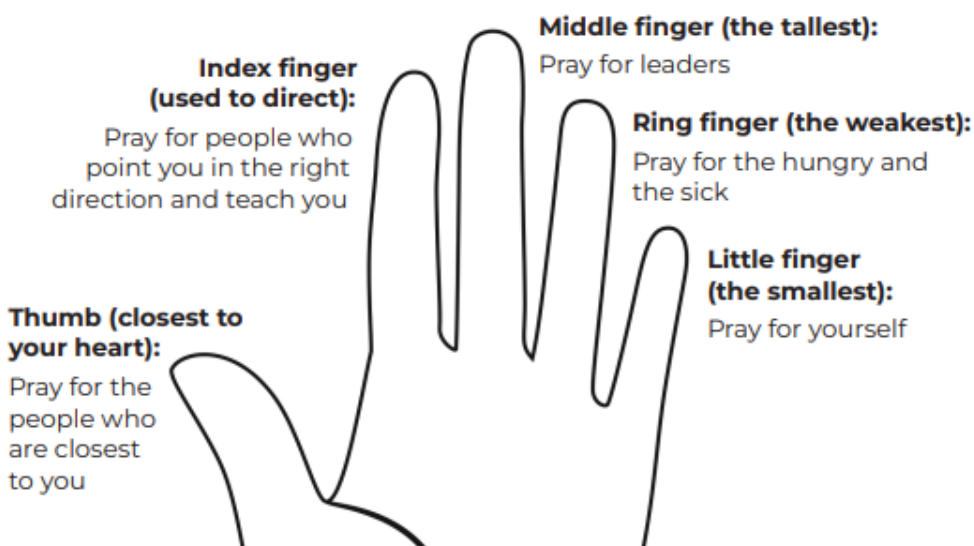
As many of you will be aware, Mark loved PE and various aspects of being active. At the family's request, in Mark's memory, we will be collecting in school for additional sports/PE equipment. If anyone wishes to add to our collection, please speak to either myself or Mrs Pullin, as you are most welcome to do so.

Mrs J Owen

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

**Headteacher:** This week, we would like to share with you an activity from the Year of Prayer which you may wish to practice with your family at home.

**Five finger prayer**





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## NEWS

### DIABETES UK – Final Push

We're so close to the end of March. We have one last walk on Monday, so if you haven't joined us yet and would still like to, please come along on Monday morning at 8:15am and join us towards our final stretch of our goal.

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

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>

### EASTER WORSHIP

This year, we are delighted to say our Easter Worship is going to be at St. Paul's Church, Withnell on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**.

Rev. Ben kindly invited us to join him at St. Paul's for this worship, so this will be a new and exciting experience for some of our children. Unfortunately, due to limited capacity in the church, we aren't able to invite parents to join us during this time, but we will of course share some pictures with you after the event.



### RECEPTION STAY AND PLAY

On **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**, Reception are holding another Stay and Play session for parents. If you have a child in reception and would like to join us for some Easter themed activities and fun, you are welcome from **2pm**.



### YEAR 3 TRIP

On **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**, Year 3 will be visiting Ribchester to explore the local area and the Roman Museum. This is a lovely opportunity for the children to learn some history through our local area.



### PTFA MEETING

The PTFA will be holding a meeting on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 6:15pm - 7:15pm**. If you wish to come along and see what it's all about, you are welcome to join us.

### DINNER MONEY

LCC will be raising the prices of school dinners to **£2.90**. This will start on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**. Thank you for your understanding.

### EASTER HOLIDAYS

**Reminder: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April school closes at 2pm**  
**After school club closes at 4.30pm**



### WELFARE AWARD

**YEAR 6:** Archie  
**YEAR 5:** Sofia  
**YEAR 4:** Ethan  
**YEAR 3:** Joshua  
**YEAR 2:** Isaac  
**YEAR 1:** Annie  
**YEAR R:** Elena



## FAMOUS!

You may have already caught sight of the Chorley Guardian, but we were on the front page! For those of you who may have missed it, here it is! To say I'm proud would be an understatement- the children have worked so incredibly hard towards a good cause, driven towards meeting their 62-mile goal. This is our last week of the challenge, and we are within reaching distance of our target. So if you'd like to donate, please use the links in our news section.

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March will be our last morning family walk, let's make it the biggest walk yet! 8.15am on the playground for an 8.20am start!**

# School's 62 mile challenge

Michelle Adamson  
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Staff and pupils at Brinscall St John's C of E and Methodist Primary School are taking part in a challenge to walk 62 miles in March to raise awareness and funds for Diabetes UK.

The challenge has been inspired by a Year Six pupil who has been diagnosed with type 1 diabetes.

Headteacher Joanna Owen said: "Each class has a pedometer to track the amount of miles they do each day and have increased the amount of walking they are doing each day with extra walks around the playground, move breaks between lessons and even healthy competitions to get moving at lunch and play-time."

"As well as this we have been engaging our families



and community by walking as a big team before school every Monday morning, leaving school just after 8am and getting those steps in before the schoolday even begins.

"Year 6 children have created posters to raise

awareness and we have been holding them whilst out on our walk in the community and we have worn our diabetes t-shirts proudly."

"I am incredibly proud of all our children for taking on this challenge of walking

62 miles in March to raise awareness for Diabetes UK.

"It is a cause that is close to our hearts as a school community."

"We are always encouraging our children to be advocates of change within our society and this is just another example of them living out our school ethos and love beyond the school gates."

Children at the school are enjoying taking part in the challenge with Betty saying: "It is really good. Not only is it good for your mental and physical health, but it is also supporting a really good charity. Diabetes is relentless but we want to stop it."

Leia said: "It is important that we raise awareness of diabetes if we're going to put an end to it."

The school has set a fund-raising target of £700 and every class has a justgiving page, which can be found on the school's Facebook page to donate.



## LANCASHIRE IN FOCUS

### Miles of smiles in walk challenge

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### DIARY DATES FOR SUMMER TERM

Here are the dates we already have things organised for in the summer term. As in all schools though, we are continually trying to be involved in various activities and provide the best holistic opportunities for all our children so this is the bones of the calendar, but keep checking back to our weekly newsletter for updates and additions as we move through the term.

<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025</b>	Return to school after the Easter Break @ 8.45am
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025</b>	Year 2 class worship @ 9am
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	Bank Holiday – School closed
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	World fair trade week
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	Year 6 Assessments Breakfast in school Monday-Thursday for all Y6 from 8.15am
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	Reception stay and play at 2pm
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025</b>	Break up for half term at 3.20pm/3.25pm
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025</b>	Inset day – School closed to children
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025</b>	School reopens after the half term break @ 8.45am
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	Year 4 Timestable check week
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	Year 1 Phonics screening check
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	Year 1 Father's day worship
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	Father's day afternoon tea
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	Year 3 Lancashire Sings
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	Bishop Phillip visit Whole school Reflection day
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025</b>	Reception stay and play @2pm
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	Rocksteady cocert at 2pm
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025</b>	Move up day – More information to follow
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Sports week including Sport day (7.7.25) – more information to follow
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Year 6 performance – whole school at 2pm
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Year 6 afternoon performance at 1.30pm
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Year 6 evening performance @ 6pm
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Reports out to parents
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Back up sports day
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Y6 end of year worship
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	School closes for Summer at 2pm.

#### Attachments for this Week:

- ✓ HAF Easter Multisports
- ✓ Wigan Warriors Rivals Week