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

9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Good afternoon everyone,

I'm delighted to share some highlights from our recent VE Day celebrations at school on Thursday. It was a wonderful day, filled with learning and fun.

We began the day with a worship session led by Mrs. Blezard, who provided valuable insights into the significance of VE Day and why it holds a special place in our history. The children were engaged and curious, showing a keen interest in understanding the importance of this day.

Throughout the day, the children participated in a variety of VE Day themed activities. We held a two-minute silence in the playground to honour and remember those who fought bravely for our country. It was heart-warming to see the children taking a moment to reflect together.

In addition to these activities, the children enjoyed some delightful old English games, including hopscotch, skipping, and plainsies. It was lovely to see them embracing traditional pastimes that have been part of our culture for generations.

For lunch, we indulged in a VE Day themed meal that was not only delicious but also brought everyone together in the spirit of celebration. I'm sure the food was as tasty as it looked!

We were fortunate to enjoy beautiful weather throughout the week. As we move into the weekend, I hope you all have the chance to bask in the sunshine and enjoy quality time with family and friends.

Thank you for your continued support and see you all on Monday.

Mrs J Owen

## This Week's Prayer...

### 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 every new day. Each day gives the promise of love, learning and adventure.

We love playing with: Our friends, Our family, Our pets and Our toys.

This term we are tasting food and also growing our own gardens. Thank you for the food we eat and the flowers that bloom.

Help us to be brave when we get bumped.  
Help us to be kind when we see someone in need. Help us to listen at the first time of asking.

Amen.



## NEWS

### YEAR 6 SATs

Next week, SATs will begin from **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May** until **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May**. All the children have worked incredibly hard to study for this, and we are really proud of how far they have come.

#### **BREAKFAST FOR Y6 FROM 8.15AM Mon-Thurs**

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers next week.

### COLOUR RUN

On **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

### Judo Club Assembly

On **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May**, we will be having an assembly hosted by a Judo club. This will be an exciting time for the children to see what judo is and how they might be able to take part.



More information to follow.

### BOOK BAGS

Please don't forget book bags are available to purchase ahead of September at a discounted rate from our school office.

We will not be accepting rucksacks in September due to various reasons mentioned in last week's letter.

Thank you.



### Nursery Reading Buddies

We are starting a link with Nature Trail Nursery in the village where some of our older children will visit to read with the nursery children on a Friday. This will be started by Year 5 before half-term, then carried out by Y6 for the remainder of the year. We are excited to work closely with our local businesses and the children are looking forward to sharing their reading with the little ones!

### Year 3 Lancashire Sings

On **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May**, Lancashire Sings is coming in to visit Year 3 and to have a small workshop with them in the morning.

This will lead up to **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June** when Year 3 will visit Chorley Town Hall. They will arrive at 9:30, followed by a workshop, some lunch and then a performance. More information will follow as we get closer.

## REDECORATING VOLUNTEERS

We're hoping to have another day of redecorating school on either the **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** or **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June**. Previously, we were very fortunate and grateful to have parents and family members who volunteered to help. If anybody would be able to help on either of those dates, please could you let [bursar@brinscall.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@brinscall.lancs.sch.uk) know and we'll arrange it for the time when most people are available. Thank you.



### ST JOHN'S SUPERSTAR AWARD

**YEAR 6:** Jane  
**YEAR 5:** Archie  
**YEAR 4:** -  
**YEAR 3:** Theo  
**YEAR 2:** Elle  
**YEAR 1:** Jacob  
**YEAR R:** Edith



### WELFARE AWARD

**YEAR 6:** Marcus  
**YEAR 5:** Emmi  
**YEAR 4:** George  
**YEAR 3:** Hattie  
**YEAR 2:** Felicity  
**YEAR 1:** Erin  
**YEAR R:** Finaly

### LIVING OUT THE VALUES AWARD

**YEAR 6:** Anya  
**YEAR 5:** Mayla  
**YEAR 4:** -  
**YEAR 3:** Arthur  
**YEAR 2:** Evelyn  
**YEAR 1:** Louie  
**YEAR R:** Harry



**School closes for half term on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 3.20/25pm**



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## CLASS NEWS

### RECEPTION

Reception class have been busy learning through play, in provision. They have enjoyed buying and selling items in our farm shop, using their imaginations to tell stories in our fairy garden and our farmyard, practising their cutting skills whilst creating frogs, practising their capital letter recognition in the outdoors as well as learning through many other exciting opportunities and activities. We have been keeping a close eye on our tadpoles too and they are definitely growing bigger!

### YEAR 1

Year 1 have continued a busy half term of learning with taking on our own innovated version of Little Red Riding Hood. Instead of the woods, this curious little girl took a walk through many different settings; the funfair, the park, the beach and even our school.

In Maths we have continued to learn how to group and share equally with lots of practical equipment.

We also took on the role of teacher to share our knowledge of growing in science with another staff member. They were very impressed. We have also continued to observe the growth of our grass and cress. The children have also learnt the vocabulary of evergreen and deciduous.

### YEAR 2

Year 2 have been completing VE day celebrations and designing medals. We have been learning to tell the time to quarter past and quarter to. We have started investigating what seeds need to successfully grow. We have planted 5 different sets and will keep a seed diary. We have started to write our own narrative based on "The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch".

### YEAR 3

In Year 3 this week, we have moved onto fractions learning how to add and subtract them. In geography we have continued our mapwork and have been using scales to work out the distance to and from places local to Brinscall. To celebrate VE Day, we started off with a workshop that explained how WWII started and how it ended with VE Day. We then spent the afternoon playing games that children during WWII would have played like marbles, hop scotch and jump rope. We made and flew our own Spitfires and decoded messages using Morse Code. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

### YEAR 4

Year 4 have been very creative recently. We've been making baskets in art using the skills we have been practising and we're incredibly proud of our results. In music, we have been playing the recorder and trying out different tunes.

### YEAR 5

This week, Year 5 have been completing independent work based on 'I believe in unicorns' and creating their own stories. In RE, they've been researching and presenting information about women in the Bible. The children worked together to find information then present what they'd learnt as a group. For VE day, we looked at resources from the Imperial War Museums. These were letters, interviews and pictures from around VE day that showed different aspects to the celebrations and what it meant to different people at the time. The children were very interested in the history of the war, asking lots of questions about how it started, what happened, and who was involved. They looked at the sources maturely, working to understand how VE day had a different meaning for different people at the time – joy, relief and pride for many, but also remembering the losses many suffered. We worked as historians to look at where the sources came from and how history is remembered.

### YEAR 6

Year 6 have been learning about the heart in Science! We have been discussing how it works, about our heart rates and how exercise can change the rate. We have been testing this and the results have been quite interesting.