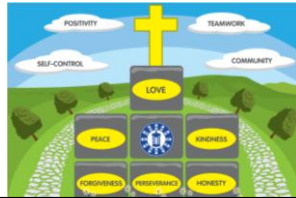


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Date: Friday 6th March 2026

Re: **Weekly Newsletter**

Weekly Worship:

This week in worship we have been learning about...

- Our Christian Values for this half term are FORGIVENESS and SELF-CONTROL
- We are currently in the Christian season of Lent

This week's Bible readings:

Genesis 12:1-4, The Call of Abram; John 3:1-17 - Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

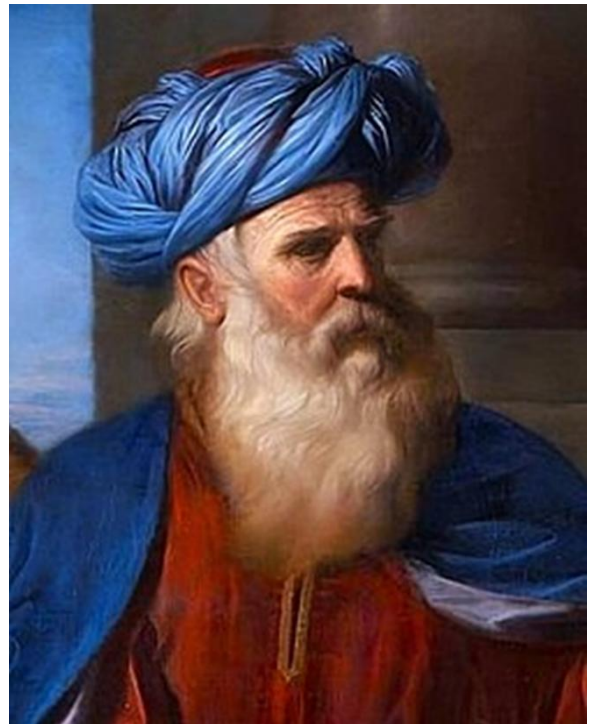
Who was Abram (Abraham)?

Abram (later named Abraham) is the foundational **patriarch** of the Abrahamic religions (Judaism (2000 BCE), followed by Christianity (30 CE), and then Islam (610 CE))

Abram was **revered** for his **covenant** with God to become the father of many nations.

Originally from Ur in Mesopotamia, he moved to Canaan following God's command and is known as the "Father of the Faithful".

patriarch – biblical father of the human race
revered – deeply respected, looked up to
covenant – a sacred, binding agreement or promise to God



Keep in Step with the Spirit! 😊

We ask our children to live out our Christian values every day both in school and at home.

One of the ways we reward these positive behaviours is by recognising the children's achievements in class and in assemblies with reference to the acronym 'S.P.I.R.I.T.'

What does S.P.I.R.I.T mean?

S = Supportive

P = Perseverance and Passion for Learning

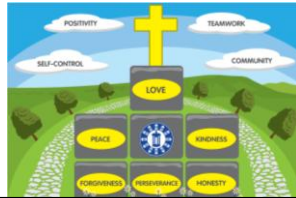
I = Independent Learners

R = Respect and Resilience

I = Ideas and Imagination

T = Teamwork

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Important Safeguarding Notice: Supervision of children outside of the school day

Children must not arrive on school site before 8:45am. It is parents' responsibility to supervise children in the village before this time. We have a breakfast club if you require childcare for your child before 8:45am.

Office enquiries:

From next week, the office will be closed to all enquiries a Tuesday between 9am and 2pm. This is support our staff team to complete essential training and statutory financial and administrative tasks.



School Trip to the Manchester Jewish Museum:

The children had a wonderful time at the museum on Thursday. They learned so much about Jewish history,



culture and religion and as ever, their behaviour was exemplary. 😊
There are lots of photos on our Instagram page. These are just a sample!

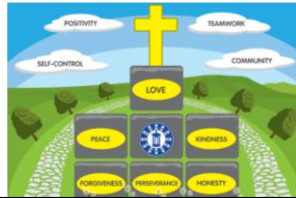


World Book Day – Friday 6th March 2026:

Thank you to everyone who joined us today to celebrate World Book Day. It was lovely to welcome so many of you into school to share stories and games with your children, making some special memories.

As always, look out for some photographs which will be posted on our Instagram page.

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Mother's Day Service in Church – Friday 13th March at 2:30pm (YR, Y1, Y5 and Y6)

We are pleased to invite you to attend the above service which will be led by Rev Lesley and the children. 1 parent per family is invited to attend. Note this is one per family and not per child and this is due to the limitation on numbers in the church building.

Parents may take their children home immediately following the service if they notify their child's teacher in advance.

Battery recycling:

We have a battery recycling box in the office reception area. Please bring any old batteries you would like recycling into school before the 13th March as we are due a collection.

Extra-curricular clubs and activities this half term:

Board Games and Nurture Club: lunchtimes on a Monday, Thursday and Friday with Mrs Schillaci

Fabulous Books Awards: Friday lunchtimes with Mrs Whittaker

Lunchtime Art Club: (Day to be confirmed) with Miss Hopkins, trainee teacher

Homework Club: Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes with Miss Lawson

CANCELLED - Fencing Club: Thursday lunchtimes (cancelled – low numbers)

Archery: Thursday after school club delivered by Sports Cool (booking and charges apply)

Football: Friday after school club delivered by Sports Cool (booking and charges apply)

Extra-curricular clubs and activities summer 1 half term:

Football club: after school with Miss Briddon (dates and times to be confirmed)

Netball club: (to be confirmed)

Parents' Evening: Virtual meetings via School Cloud

Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 12th and Tuesday 17th March.

This will be delivered virtually via School Cloud.

Parents are advised to look out for information which will be coming out shortly on how to book.

Appointments will be live and bookable via the online system provided by School Cloud.

Important Dates this half term:

9th March – British Science Week

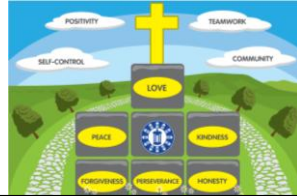
13th March – non-uniform day – bring in chocolate (this will be made into prizes for the PTA event)

13th March – Mother's Day service in church (YR, Y1, Y5, Y6 – 1 parent per family invited)

12th and 17th and March – Parents' evening (appointments will be online via School Cloud)

26th March – PTA Event: Family Games Night

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Reporting your child's absence:

If your child is going to be absent from school, please telephone the school office number and leave a voicemail message before the school day begins stating clearly your child's name, their class and the reason for their absence. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Instagram Account:

Please follow us on our new Instagram account, like and share!

We are: [highamstjohnsschool](https://www.instagram.com/highamstjohnsschool)



Instagram

Website and School Jotter 3 App

To accompany our website, there is also a new app School Jotter 3 – which parents are strongly advised to download. Just search for 'Jotter 3' and look for the image opposite.



Changes to lunchtime arrangements this half term:

After half term, Y6 children will eat their dinner at the earlier time of between 12 and 12:30pm and will have time on the yard from 12:30pm. This will even the number of lunch servings across the two sittings and affords the 'Gardeners and Seeds' more opportunities to socialise together and for the Y6s to develop their leadership skills as mentors and play leaders.

Attendance this week:

Elm Class:	97.6%
Ash Class:	99.2%
Birch Class:	94.7%
Sycamore Class:	96.9%
Oak Class:	96.4%
Whole School:	97.0%

PTA Fundraising Event: Easter Bingo

Further information will be published for parents soon about our end-of-term fundraising event.

Tickets will be £10 for a family of 5 or £3 for an individual ticket.

Numbers will be limited and tickets sold on a first-come-first-served basis.

Timings: 5:45pm – 7:15pm on Thursday 26th March 2026.

Best wishes

Mrs H Shaw, Headteacher