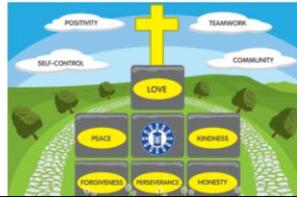


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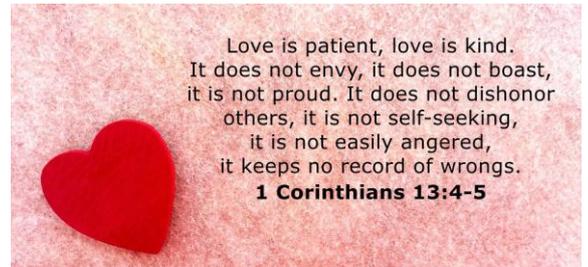
Re: Weekly Newsletter

Have a wonderful half term holiday, everyone – we will see you back in school on Monday 23rd February 2026. 😊

Weekly Worship:

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

- Our Christian Value for this half term is LOVE



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

World Book Day – Friday 6th March 2026:

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on FRIDAY 6TH March and not on the Thursday. This is because Sycamore Class our out on a school trip on the Thursday and we don't want them to miss out on the fun! A letter with more information is coming home today.

Year 5/6 Football Tournament this week:

Our school football played in a tournament on Wednesday. They won 2 games, drew 1 and lost 1. They played brilliantly and were a credit to the school. Well done! 😊

Extra-curricular clubs and activities next 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

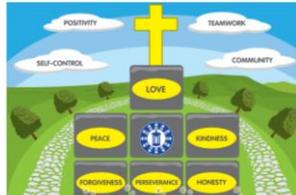
Homework Club: Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes with Miss Lawson

Fencing Club: Thursday lunchtimes delivered by Judo Education (booking and charges apply – please see link sent out via School Comms)

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)

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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)

Important Dates next half term:

18th February – Shrove Tuesday

19th February – Lent begins

5th March – Sycamore trip

6th March – World Book Day celebrations

Please note: We are doing this on the FRIDAY so that Sycamore class do not miss out!

9th March – British Science Week

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

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

26th March – PTA Event: Family Games Night

Timings:

Please arrive before 8:55am. The gates are locked at this time.

Elm: arrive at 8:45am, break 10:45am (15 mins) and 2:15pm (15 mins), collect at 3:20pm

Ash: arrive at 8:45am, break 10:45am and 2pm, collect at 3:25pm

Birch: arrive at 8:45am, break 10:30am (15 mins), collect at 3:25pm

Sycamore: arrive at 8:45am, break 10:30am (15 mins), collect at 3:30pm

Oak: arrive at 8:45am, break 10:30am (15 mins), collect at 3:30pm

Village Hall Building Works

Please be advised that there are currently building works relating to an extension project at the village hall.

The paths behind the hall and the village hall car park and therefore currently unavailable.

Reporting parking and driving issues

The link to the council eform to report a parking problem is below:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/parking/report-a-parking-problem/>

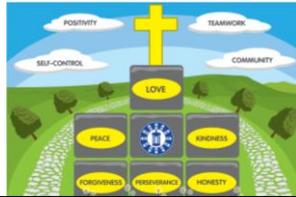
To report a driving offence to the Police, follow this link:

<https://fallback.soh.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/driving-offences/>

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.

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Educational Off-Site Visits:

Q: What is an Educational Off-Site Visit?

Educational Off-Site Visits are planned discrete off-site educational experiences designed to enrich and enhance the curriculum.

Q: Why are Educational Off-Site Visits important for my child?

Evidence shows that educational off-site visits provide learning opportunities and benefits that are rarely realised in other educational contexts or settings. Visit experiences are fully integrated with the school's curriculum, planning and ethos.

The overwhelming body of evidence outlines numerous positive impacts educational visits can have on learning, behaviours, attitudes and personal development. The County Council is committed to supporting all user groups to achieve a rich and broad offer. Their vision is for all young people to enjoy appropriately planned off-site visits and the life changing experiences they provide.

Q: What is the school's policy on educational visits and how are these planned?

As a school, we adopt the Lancashire County Council Educational Visits Policy and procedures. These are available to view on our school website. Every trip is planned thoroughly and detailed risk assessments are carried out. Pre-visits to the venues are generally conducted by the trip lead if a trip is new or has recently changed.



School Trip to Manchester Jewish Museum

On Thursday 5th March, Sycamore Class plus Year 5 children in Oak Class will be going on an exciting trip to the Manchester Jewish Museum. This is another new trip for 2025/26 to enrich our RE curriculum and we know the children are going to have great time learning about Jewish religion and culture.

Manchester Jewish Museum is a well-established, accredited educational venue,

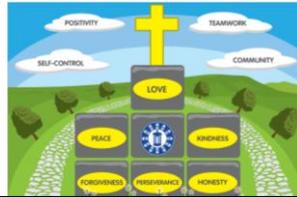
frequently visited by primary schools. It provides age appropriate learning linked to: RE curriculum, British Values, Diversity & cultural education, Local history and Community understanding. Lancashire schools visit this venue regularly.

The museum is not a place of worship during school tours and the visit does not involve religious practices. Activities focus on history, storytelling, culture and creativity. Visits like these help children to understand the diverse world around them.

Mrs Shaw visited the museum this week as part of the planning and preparation for this trip and can't wait to take the children! 😊



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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 after 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.

Ramadan and Fasting

When we return following the half-term holiday, Ramadan will have commenced.

A letter with further information has been sent home to parents.

We do not anticipate any children below Year 6 will choose to fast during the school day and it is the parents' decision.

Any parents of children who intend to fast must provide written consent in advance.

Children choosing to fast will as usual be given the option to either come into the hall and sit with their friends at 12:30pm or alternatively they may remain outside on the yard.

We expect all children in our community to respect one another's decisions regarding fasting which is a wholly personal choice.

Attendance this week:

Elm Class	97%
Ash Class	93.5%
Birch Class	95.8%
Sycamore Class	95.6%
Oak Class	95.5%
Whole School	95.5%

Have a wonderful half term holiday making happy memories and we will see you all very soon. ☺

Best wishes

Mrs H Shaw, Headteacher