



### Christian Value - Our Christian Value this half term is Responsibility.

Dear parents,

Today we celebrated the special time of Easter with our world-famous bonnet parade. The children looked fabulous in their creations, I cannot believe how much talents we have in our school community, thank you for investing so much time in this important tradition.

We are proud to announce the winners - Theo W, Una, Freya S, Hugh, Anais, Ellis, Harrison and Theo. Although we could have picked anyone this year, the standard was so high!

During the season of lent it is important we reflect on our faith and the meaning behind Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection. Our Ethos group, led by Mr Tunstall led a session of reflective activities to help the children respond to lent in their own way. These sessions were reverent, reflective, and special and the Ethos group really thought about the messages they wanted our children to go away with. Thank you to Mr Tunstall and the whole ethos team, what you created was extremely special this week.

This week Mrs Templeton also lead an activity with her pastoral groups. The children have been busy this term creating handmade gifts using crochet and knitting skills. The hand made gifts on show were fabulous and the team raised over £200 for Widnes Foodbank.

Raising funds is so important for our school and I must give a massive shoutout to the PTA. This term we have made significant changes to our playtime outside. We have gathered pupil voice and asked the children what they feel we need outside. The PTA have funded outside equipment for all children, developed our early years provision and contribution to our inclusive practice across the school. Thank you so much to the whole team and to you as parents, the difference this will make to our children is incredible. I spoke to the children about the new resources today and they are ready to use the first day back on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

This will also be the first day of our new behaviour policy. This policy is directly linked to our school motto and Christian values; it also celebrates those children that consistently do their best all the time.

*'If you consistently reward minimum standards then children will strive for minimum standards. If you reward children for going over and above, then there is no limit to their excellent behaviour.'* Paul Dix

I have sent the behaviour policy to all parents so you have chance to give any feedback you may have. The whole school is excited about this change and development, in line with best practice and deep rooted in research.

Our new behaviour policy will replace the star badge certificate as we move to more meaningful rewards for our children. We will move towards dojos, which is an instant, visual and meaningful way to reward children in line with our school motto, Christian values and high expectations. This platform will also give us the opportunity to share what's happening in the classroom with you as parents, more details to follow!

In line with this policy, we have introduced regulation/sensory circuits for all children that need the time to regulate or take a rest break. This is to replace all the fidget toys that some of our children have begun to bring in from home. Please be assured we are observing and monitoring all children in all classes to ensure their individual needs are met. We have also ordered specific sensory/regulation support materials for those children. I urge parents to keep all toys at home as many have no impact on your children other than a distraction from their learning.

Finally, I would like to thank the whole school community for a brilliant term, I have now had the chance to meet many of you. If you are a parent who feels they need to reach out and discuss any matter please do contact myself or the team. We are very passionate about growing our relationships and partnerships with our whole school community.

Have a happy, holy and blessed easter break

Mrs Willis

Headteacher

### Little Angels Sessions

Have you got children under 3? Why not come and join us on a Wednesday Morning from 9:30 - 10:30am where you and your child can explore our Nursery environment for Free.

### Headlice

We have been made aware of a few cases of head lice within school. Head lice are very common among children and can spread easily, so we kindly ask all parents and carers to check their child's hair regularly over the next few days.

#### **What to do:**

- Please check your child's hair thoroughly using a fine-toothed comb.
- If you find any head lice or nits, please begin treatment as soon as possible.
- Treatments are available from pharmacies and supermarkets, or you can use the wet-combing method if you prefer a non-chemical approach.

Children can return to school once treatment has started.

Regular checking helps prevent head lice from spreading and ensures that all children remain comfortable and able to enjoy their learning.

### Socks - Nursery and Reception

We are looking for donations of Socks that will fit our Nursery and Reception children to keep in school as spares.

### Signing in and out children

We would like to inform you that we have introduced a new signing in and signing out system in school. This will apply to any pupils arriving late, leaving during the school day for appointments or lunch, or needing to exit school for any other reason.

The system will help us maintain accurate records, strengthen safeguarding procedures, and ensure that all children are accounted for at all times.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school community safe.

### Star in the Jar!

Our 1st 'STAR in the Jar' Movie afternoon was a huge success.

The winning year group was Year 2 with a fabulous 29 STARS

Closely in 2nd place came Year 3 with 27 STARS and In 3rd place was Year 4 with 24 STARS

Thank you to everyone who took part

#### Polite reminder: How the STAR in the Jar works

For every day a whole class/year group are in school ( 100% ) they receive a STAR.

The class/year group with the most STAR's at the end of each term, hosts a Movie Afternoon

Goodies provided by school

### Thursdays Craft Sale

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all the parents and children who made, sold and supported the Craft Sale on Thursday.

We raised a fabulous **£215.00**

The money raised will go to our local Foodbank

Many thanks

### Ethos Group Easter Carousel

On Thursday, the ethos group led the whole of KS1 and KS2 with some Easter reflection activities. They organised and delivered the activities themselves and were absolutely brilliant. Thank you to all of the ethos group for your brilliant work in leading our whole school at Easter. We look forward to seeing what you do with the things the children have made!

### Church News

This Sunday is **PALM SUNDAY**. We have a special service planned with the Methodist Church. Meet at Cronton at 10.30 and we will walk together to the Chapel on Chapel Lane. All welcome.

On Good Friday, 10am, we will hold **JAM/CAFE WORSHIP** in school. Even though school is closed, please join us.

May I take this opportunity to wish children, parents and the whole school community a very happy Easter.



I have been given some Golden Tickets for Gravity Max  
( worth £60 each, expiry date Dec 2026 )

Each voucher gives the winning student a free Gravity Max experience for themselves plus a friend, free of charge.

The star students should have:

1. Excellent attendance,
2. Follow and share our school values,
3. Show acts of kindness.

**Anyone who is in school from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May will go into the draw ( 100% attendance in those 6 weeks, and NO Yellow or Red cards during this period )**

Mrs Templeton

Pastoral and Safeguarding Lead

### Celebrating our Patron Saints

Our team colours are linked to our 4 Patron Saints and the country they represent:

Blue team represent St Andrew (Scotland)

Red team represent St George (England)

Yellow team represent St David (Wales)

Green represent St Patrick (Ireland).

On their Saint's Day the specific colour team can come into school wearing their team colours instead of their uniform.

### Well Done

Well done to Lucas who ran for Merseyside Year 5 boys and the team won gold in the national primary schools cross country finals.





## Our Celebration Winners Toady -



Well done to all our children who have worked hard this week

CLASS	Winners and Reasons	
Year 6	<b>Isla B</b> <b>Jude M</b> <b>Luca</b>	For being non-stop positive energy - you are a joy to teach! For completing our WHOLE maths revision booklet in record time. Wow! For always working hard and getting the job done
Year 5	<b>Gabriella</b> <b>Tallulah</b> <b>Sadie</b> <b>Harriett</b>	for outstanding work and attitude all term. for outstanding work and attitude all term. for always putting 100% effort into all her work for always putting 100% effort into all her work
Year 4	<b>James</b> <b>Autumn</b> <b>Jack C</b>	For creating an outstanding 2 page spread on the Easter story. For an exceptional summary on the Persians and the Greeks. For an excellent 2 page spread about the Easter story.
Year 2	<b>Leon</b> <b>Liberty</b> <b>Parker</b>	For excellent Science work For always being ready to learn For being enthusiastic about learning
Year 1	<b>Harley</b> <b>Elsie T</b> <b>Summer</b>	For great focus, attitude and participation in phonics. For excellent independent measurement work in maths. For great focus during carpet time.
Reception	<b>Cooper</b> <b>Layla</b>	For super 'Fred Talk' in phonics. For always sitting beautifully at carpet time.

## Ninja / Accelerated Readers

Our Ninja Readers have really been doing really well. This scheme is always extremely successful and hopefully we will beat the scores of previous years.

Each time your child reads at home please ensure you sign their book. Once they have read 25 times they will get their first colour 'belt' - White. When they have read another 25 times (and all signed for) they will get their next colour "belt" - Yellow. Each time they read for another 25 times they will achieve their next colour 'Belt', all the way through the colours up to black and then move onto Dans. But please make sure your child's book is signed by an adult or their reading will not count towards their certificate.

Well done to all our Ninja Readers this week:

### Yellow Belt Winners

Year 2 - Amelia N

### Orange Belt Winners

Year 2 - Arabella, Alba, Connor

### Red Belt Winners

Year 1 - Jenson, Ruby, Ella

Year 2 - Vinnie, Amelia, Meave, Luca

Year 4 - Eloise H

### Blue Belt Winners

Year 2 - Ayana, Phoebe

Year 4 - Kennedy, Autumn

### Purple Belt Winners

Year 2 - Ayana, Rosabella, Parker, Freya S, Charlotte

Year 4 - Autumn, Sia, Finley

### Brown Belt Winners

Year 4 - Amelia, Dora

