



Value this week : Joy

14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

*Head teacher's message.*

*I am not sure we can live out this week's Christian value of joy any more clearly than we have done! Our involvement in the dance competition, visit to Rossall and the Year 2 church worship have all encapsulated joy. These experiences not only allow our children a broad range of opportunities, but also help to fulfil their personal development which is incredible to observe: confidence, articulation, charisma and compassion are just a few of things we have seen.*

**DOUBLE PAGE SPREAD : GEOGRAPHY**

This half term, children have been studying a variety of geographical topics in Geography. From mountains to population and settlements; contrasting settings to other parts of the world and exploring our own local environment. The children's vocabulary and understanding is excellent and they certainly seemed to have enjoyed their learning. Choosing one winner per class is always tricky, but staff have commented how difficult this has been this half term. Well done to every child for trying to achieve their best. Our winners for the Geography Double Page Spread are:

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| <b>RECEPTION : George</b> | <b>YEAR 1 : Mabel</b> |
| <b>YEAR 2 : Aria</b>      | <b>YEAR 3 : Henry</b> |
| <b>YEAR 4 : Ollie D</b>   | <b>YEAR 5 : Bobby</b> |
| <b>YEAR 6 : Annie</b>     |                       |



**STARS OF THE WEEK**



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| <b>YR : Alex</b>  | <b>Y1 : Martha</b> |
| <b>Y2 : Aria</b>  | <b>Y3 : Sofia</b>  |
| <b>Y4 : Jacob</b> | <b>Y5 : Bobby</b>  |
| <b>Y6 : Sofia</b> |                    |

**HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS :**

Samuel (YR), Maya (Y1)

**DIARY DATES**

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| 12 <sup>th</sup> February | Y5 visit to the planetarium at Rossall |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> February | Y2 church worship                      |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> February | Values Assembly                        |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> February | School closes for half term            |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> March     | World Book Day                         |



### **PARENT COLLECTION**

A polite reminder that children should not be taken from class lines at the end of the day. Teachers will hand over children so we know that each child is accounted for.

We also will not release children to meet parents at the car park due to the traffic issues we experience outside of school. Please come directly to pick up your child, or if they are in Years 5 or 6, ensure a walking home permission form has been signed.

### **YOUNG VOICES**

Our 34-strong choir attended Young Voices at the Co-op Live Arena last Friday. This was an incredible experience for the children who really enjoyed the experience of performing as well as being able to see a variety of other artists perform. It was a very late return and we understand there were quite a few tired children the following day. Thank you to the staff who made this possible including: Mrs Twigg, Mrs Mason and Mrs Taylor.

### **TOWER BALLROOM DANCE COMPETITION**

On Monday evening, our dance troupe took to the world-famous stage at The Tower Ballroom. The team were outstanding and gave an incredible performance that stunned on lookers. We know how much hard work it takes to pull off a routine like this – well done to each and every one of you. Additional thanks to the staff supporting at the event : Miss Hardy and Mr Detko and to Mrs Maclean for assisting. A special thank you to Miss Dickinson who choreographed the routine and polished the performance.



### **ROAD SAFETY MEETING UPDATE**

Thank you to everyone who submitted emails and feedback to assist with the road safety meeting. School ensured these points were raised. Please find below some provisional outcomes and suggestions from the meeting:

#### **SPEEDING**

Our local councillor has raised the issue regarding speeding on the road outside school, however, the Council have information from the speed assessment team that shows the average speed is 33.6mph which is within the 40mph speed limit so at this time it is unlikely that any signage will be placed.

#### **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

We also looked at ideas to get our School Council involved with road safety. We will explore these further as a staff.

#### **PARKING**

If there is inconsiderate parking on the zig zags or the double yellow lines around the school, you can report this to [Report a parking problem to LCC](#).

In addition, inconsiderate parking on the pavements at the rear of the school was also discussed. This can be reported to our local PCSO or reported on [Report a parking problem to the Police](#).

#### **NUISANCE DRIVING**

If residents witness regular incidents of nuisance or dangerous driving, they can contact the police directly either by the non-emergency telephone number: 101, or on the Lancashire Constabulary '[Do It Online](#)' webpage, with a record of the registration numbers of the vehicles.

Staff have been advised not to tackle any parking or road issues personally and for any issues to be reported directly by parents using the links above.

We are hopeful we can request some PCSO assistance to observe some of our problems first hand – particularly at pick-up time. School will be pursuing this.

### **YEAR 2 CHURCH WORSHIP**

Year 2's church worship was just wonderful! The Christian value was Peace, and it truly embodied this. The children explored stories from the Bible and sang hymns about peace (with actions!). The children handed out doves to bring peace to everyone in church and to reflect on how they can have peace in their lives. Thank you, Mrs Bailey and Mrs Weepman, for a lovely worship. Year 2 worked hard to pull it all together in a seamless way.

### **MISS GURJEE**

After half term, Reception class will have a student teacher in class until the end of the academic year. Miss Pixton will post further details on the class Dojo after the half term break.

### **YEAR 5 ROSSALL OBSERVATORY VISIT**

What an AMAZING visit Year 5 had with Dr Nick Lister at Rossall School in the Planetarium.

Not only was he impressed with the children's questions and enthusiasm, but also their conduct and respect. Year 5 learned everything there is to know about space and were able to use this in their science work at school!

Dr Nick Lister will do a couple of follow up sessions at school next half term.



### **WORLD BOOK DAY**

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March and as a school we will be coming together to celebrate it. We would like all our children to dress up as a character from a book and if they can bring that book into school to share with their class, that would be great. We will be focusing on 'Reading for Pleasure' during World Book Day.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Please see the information on attendance at the end of the newsletter.

### **PYJAMARAMA DAY**

Due to unforeseen circumstances on Tuesday, this event has been rescheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

### **NUTS IN SCHOOL**

Due to some of our children having a nut allergy, we politely ask parents and carers to be vigilant in ensuring snacks and packed lunches do not contain nuts. Thank you for your assistance.

### **TWINCARE FOUNDATION SCHOOL, UGANDA**

The money raised from school and FOCS (just short of £500 which equates to approximately 1,200,000 UGS!) is on its way to Twincare. The school will be in touch when this has been received.

### **SWIMMING**

Next half term, our Year 4 class will start their swimming lessons. Details have been sent out to parents on the class Dojo page.

### **ATTENDANCE AWARD**

Year 5 won last week's attendance award with 99.1%. Well done Year 5.

### **ENRICHMENT CLUBS**

We have a variety of new and established clubs on offer for spring 2. Details of all available clubs are below.

***Wishing our families a lovely half term break.  
From all the team at St. Anne's Copp.***

## A is for Attendance!

At St Anne's Copp we aim to develop the gifts and talents of all our pupils and to encourage a love of learning. To achieve this, and for our children to achieve their full potential, excellent attendance and punctuality is crucial.



### Does attendance really matter?



### Illness

There is some helpful guidance on the NHS website as to when your child is too ill for school <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Parents must phone school **each day** that their child is ill, before 9.20am, and there must be a valid reason (school can request evidence such as proof of a doctor's appointment or evidence of a prescription). If we do not hear from you each day, we will ring to find out why your child is not in school.

### Medical Appointments

We request that, where possible, routine medical and dental appointments are arranged outside of school hours as these appointments will affect your child's percentage attendance. We do understand that some appointments, such as hospital consultations, are not always possible to arrange outside of school hours. However, if your appointment time allows your child to come to school for registration, 8.55am, and then leave, this will have a positive impact on their attendance figure. Likewise, if they are able to be back in school for afternoon registration (1pm Reception & KS1 and 1.15pm KS2) this will also have a positive impact.

### Punctuality Matters

Arriving on time for school is important as late arrivals are disruptive to the class and leads to missed chances to hear what will be happening that day and missed learning.

- ❖ School doors open 8.40am
- ❖ Register is taken at 8.55am
- ❖ Late arrivals from 8.55am-9.25am (and PM Reception & KS1 1.30pm and KS2 1.45pm)
- ❖ Arrival after 9.25am (without a valid reason such as an appointment) is recorded as unauthorised

We understand that mornings are hectic, but did you know that being 5 minutes late each day is the same as missing three whole days of school!

*"Let us love, not in word, but in truth and action." 1 John 3:18*

	Spring 2 Clubs	Open to	Dates	Time	Price	Payable to	Location	How to get a place?	Places
Monday	Messy Church	All year groups	03.03.25 & 31.03.25	3.15pm-4.30pm	N/A	N/A	Church	Book via ParentPay	Yes
	Ju-Jitsu	All year groups	13.01.25 – 10.02.25	3.15pm-4.15pm	£36	Activ8	Hall	Email info@activ8selfdefence.com.	Yes
	Mad Science	Y1-Y6	24.02.25 – 31.03.25	3.15pm-4.15pm	£63	Mad Science	Y5 Classroom	<a href="https://northengland.madscience.org/">https://northengland.madscience.org/</a>	Yes
Tuesday	Cook stars	All year groups	25.02.25 – 01.04.25 Exc 11.03.25	3.15pm-4.30pm	£55	Cook stars	Hall	<a href="https://portal.cookstars.franscape.io/class-overview/1084">https://portal.cookstars.franscape.io/class-overview/1084</a>	Yes
	Netball	Y5 & Y6	25.02.25-01.04.25	3.15pm-4.15pm	N/A	N/A	Playground	Book via ParentPay	Yes
Wednesday	Bible Club	All	Biweekly	Lunchtime	N/A	N/A	Prayer Room at school	The children will be asked in class and are given places on a rota.	Yes
	KS1 Curling	Reception – Y2	26.02.25 – 02.04.25	3.15pm-4.15pm	£30	School	Hall	Book via ParentPay	Yes
Thursday	Choir	Y3-Y6	Thursday	12.45pm-1.10pm	N/A	N/A	Y3	If you child in in Y3 and wishes to join the choir, then please book via ParentPay.	Yes
	Golfstarz	Y1-Y6	27.02.25-27.03.25	3.15pm-4.15pm	£25	Golfstarz	Playground	Email blackpoolgolfstarz@gmail.com	Yes

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