



Value this week: Hope

14<sup>th</sup> January 2025

*Head teacher's message.*

*I have had the privilege of teaching in Years 1 and 5 this week. In both classes, I taught RE and have been astounded by the level of knowledge, understanding and independent thought our children have. They have shown that they work extremely respectfully with each other and consider each other's viewpoints. I am looking forward to teaching them again each week this half term.*

**DIARY DATES**

16 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 Dewlay Cheese visit
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5 begin swimming at Big Fish, Little Fish
w/c 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Online Safety afternoons
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Y6 art gallery visit
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5 Debate at Hodgsons
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 Church worship
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	St. Anne's All Age Worship
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Messy Church
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's RE Conference
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4 Magic Fest visit
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Young Voices
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Dance Competition, Tower Ballroom
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Y2 Church worship
14 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes – 3.15pm



**STARS OF THE WEEK**



<b>YR :</b> Noah	<b>Y1 :</b> Bear
<b>Y2 :</b> Alfred	<b>Y3 :</b> Albert
<b>Y4 :</b> Willow	<b>Y5 :</b> Alfie T
<b>Y6 :</b> Kaiya	

**HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS :**

Isobel (Y6), Kaiya (Y6), Jack H (Y6), Leo (Y6), Robyn (Y6), Harper (Y6), Lili (Y6)



### **DIOCESE YEAR OF PRAYER**

This week, our whole-school Diocesan prayer journey focused on responsibility. Children considered all that they may be responsible for and how they can be responsible for others.

### **AMBER'S PROGRESS**

We are sure our families continue to hold Amber in their prayers as she continues her journey to recovery. Amber is now at home, receiving further treatment here whilst still keeping contact with the hospital in Manchester for additional tests. The outlook is very positive and the family have been told that everything is going in the right direction which is encouraging news.

### **TEAM CAPTAINS LEAD BY EXAMPLE!**

Since we returned from the Christmas break, we have decided to give our Team Captains a little more responsibility and tasked them with ensuring that their teams line up respectfully and responsibly after break times. Children now line up in team colours, organised and encouraged by their Team Captains, with a BEST LINE winner each break time for the Infants and Juniors. Staff have been taken aback by just how well the children have responded to this and as well as being gracious with the decision of which team wins, the children are returning into school in an improved calm, orderly and ready-to-learn manner. Well done children.

### **RSPB**

This year, we will be taking part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch as part of our homework. On Friday 24th January, all classes will have this as part of their weekly homework. We would love it if you could spend some time spotting the birds that land in your garden, making bird feeders, sketching the birds that land or some other creative way of taking part. You can submit the birds you see on the

website: [https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch?sourcecode=bwmith0230&utm\\_source=googleads&utm\\_medium=paid-search&utm\\_campaign=bgbw-2025&utm\\_content=ppc&gad\\_source=1&gclid=EAlaIQo bChMIkbbao6L3igMVyZxQBh1cqgT4EAAYASAAEgIUUPD\\_BwE&gclidsrc=aw.ds](https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch?sourcecode=bwmith0230&utm_source=googleads&utm_medium=paid-search&utm_campaign=bgbw-2025&utm_content=ppc&gad_source=1&gclid=EAlaIQo bChMIkbbao6L3igMVyZxQBh1cqgT4EAAYASAAEgIUUPD_BwE&gclidsrc=aw.ds)

Send your photos to the class teachers via class dojo by uploading them into your child's portfolio. We will display any crafts/drawings etc the children make! Have fun!

### **ONLINE SAFETY WEEK**

Next week, all classes across school will be having an internet safety afternoon. The topics for this half term are as follows:

#### **Reception - Privacy and security:**

Identify some simple examples of my personal information (e.g. name, address, age, birthday, location).

#### **Year 1 - Managing information online:**

Give simple examples of how to find information using digital technologies e.g. search engines and voice activated searching

#### **Year 2 - Self-image and identity:**

Explain how other people may look and act differently online and offline

#### **Year 3 - Managing online information:**

Demonstrate how to use key phrases in search engines to gather accurate information online

#### **Year 4 - Copyright and ownership:**

When searching on the internet for content to use, explain why I need to consider who owns it and whether I have the right to reuse it

#### **Year 5 - Online reputation:**

Describe ways that information about anyone online can be used by others to make judgements about an individual and why these may be incorrect

#### **Year 6 - Self-image and identity:**

Identify and critically evaluate online content relating to gender, race, religion, disability, culture and other groups, and explain why it is important to challenge and reject inappropriate representations online

If you would like any more information on how you can help to keep your children safe online, you can find lots of information here - [Tips for Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#). Please don't hesitate to contact Miss Ainscough if you have any further questions.

### **PLAYGROUND ZONES**

Miss Hardy, helped by our Year 6 Playground Leaders, has been working on organising zones for our lunchtime breaks to make playtimes more active and constructive. To ensure our children have access to a wider range of sports, our MUGA has a sport-a-week; last week being cricket and this week is netball. Miss Hardy has created a rota of netball, football and cricket to ensure all children are able to try out a new sport in a safe space. In addition to this, we have used some of our School Sports Funding to purchase additional playtime equipment which our Sports Leaders will model and facilitate. This week, we have had skipping ropes out with challenges and activities for the children to take part in. There is now an outdoor store with equipment such as scoop rackets, jump bands and ankle skippers that our Sports Leaders will organise.

### **MESSY CHURCH**

Monday's session concentrated on the Christingle Candlemas Service on 2nd Feb. In the session children had the opportunity to make Christingles. Thank you to church and parents for helping as this is proving to be a very popular club.

### **CHRISTIAN VALUE**

This half term, we will be following the people Jesus meets. In line with this, our Christian value will change every week to reflect the Bible story we are exploring.

### **YEAR 5 SWIMMING**

Year 5 had their first session at our new swimming provider, Big Fish, Little Fish. The session was extremely well organised and the coaching in the water was of an excellent standard. The children shared afterwards that they enjoyed the lesson very much.

### **YOUNG VOICES**

The concert is fast approaching. An update letter with final arrangements has been posted on the Choir Dojo – please look out for this.

### **YEAR 3 VISIT DEWLAY CHEESE**

This morning, our Year 3 class visited Dewlay Cheese as part of their learning in Geography. This is a visit that was received really well last year so we are sure the children have got plenty of learning from this.

### **DANCE COMPETITION: TOWER BALLROOM**

Our dancers have started to refine their competition routine for the Tower Ballroom at the beginning of February. Miss Dickinson has had her dance troupe numbers double for this event, so she is obviously making an impression with the children. We look forward to seeing the routine develop over the next few weeks.

### **PARENT SURVEY**

Results will be published in next week's newsletter following the parental survey conducted towards the end of last term. The survey results will include the strengths of the school as identified by our families, as well as areas for school to consider improving. We thank all families who took the time to complete the questionnaires; your voice is very valuable.

### **KEYRING ACCESSORIES**

Some children have started to bring in large keyring accessories tied to their bags. These items are causing issues in class and on occasions have been broken, causing children to become upset. We ask that children do not bring these items into school nor attach them to any bags. This will assist with space in the cloakrooms which is already very limited. Thank you for your understanding.

### **TRAFFIC & CAR PARKING**

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January, school has a meeting with the road safety team in the hope of getting our concerns across. If you are a parent / carer / local resident and wish to have your views heard, school encourages you to write in a letter. Please send letters via email to : [parent@coppsschool.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:parent@coppsschool.lancs.sch.uk) or drop them into the school reception marked for the attention of Ms. Loughran. It is important we work together to be heard.

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

	Spring 1 Clubs	Open to	Dates	Time	Price	Payable to	Location	How to get a place?	Places
<b>Monday</b>	Messy Church	All year groups	13.01.25 & 03.02.25	3.15pm-4.15pm	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
<b>Tuesday</b>	Quiet Prayer	All	Biweekly	Lunchtime	N/A	N/A	St. Anne's church	The children will be asked in class and are given places on a rota.	Yes
	Cook stars	All year groups	07.01.25 – 04.02.25	3.15pm-4.30pm	£55	Cook stars	Hall	<a href="https://portal.cookstars.franscape.io/class-overview/767">https://portal.cookstars.franscape.io/class-overview/767</a>	Yes
<b>Wednesday</b>	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 gymnastics	Reception – Y2	08.01.25 -12.02.25	3.15pm-4.15pm	£30	School	Hall	Book via ParentPay	Yes
	Art & Craft Club	All year groups	08.01.25 -12.02.25	3.15pm-4.15pm	£20	School	Y3	Book via ParentPay	Yes
<b>Thursday</b>	Choir	Existing Y4-Y6	Thursday	12.45pm-1.10pm	N/A	N/A	Y3	Children have already signed up	No
	Dance Competition	Y4-Y6	Thursday	3.15pm-4.15pm	N/A	N/A	Hall	Book via ParentPay Need to be available Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2025, after school to take part in the competition.	No

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