



Value this half term: Compassion

19th December 2024

Head teacher's message.

What a fantastic end to the term. Christmas parties, a Christmas Nativity journey, Christmas jumper day, Secret Santa, the FOCS Christmas raffle and Christmas lunch – all in less than one week! We could not accomplish this without a team who really pull together as well as the extended FOCS team. Our children really do receive a good deal!

In other news, please read the update about Amber at the end of the newsletter. It was lovely to see her yesterday. To all our families – have a wonderful Christmas break.

DIARY DATES

19 th December	Close at 1.30pm
20 th December	INSET DAY
22 nd December	Service of nine lessons and carols at St. Anne's church, 6.30pm
24 th December	Christmas Eve crib service at St. Anne's, 4pm
24 th December	Midnight in Bethlehem Holy Communion service at St. Anne's, 9.30pm
25 th December	Christmas Day all-age service at St. Anne's, 10am
Tuesday 7 th January	School re-opens

STARS OF THE WEEK



- YR : Leo Y1 : Grace E
- Y2 : Thirza Y3 : All of Year 3
- Y4 : All of Year 4 Y5 : Alexis
- Y6 : Annie

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS :

Jack B (Y6), Josh (Y4), Louis (Y5) & Ollie D (Y4)

Thank you from all the staff for your lovely cards and generous gifts. We are extremely grateful.

SUPER EFFORT GREEN TEAM!
Well done



DOUBLE PAGE SPREAD WINNERS



A fabulous standard of Science work across school that made it very difficult for staff to choose just one winner. Well done to each and every child for trying their best and putting so much effort into their double page spread.

Winners were announced on Monday's assembly :

RECEPTION : **Sam** YEAR 1 : **Morgan**
YEAR 2 : **Benji** YEAR 3 : **Anna**
YEAR 4 : **Scarlett** YEAR 5 : **Nicole**
YEAR 6 : **Harley**

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 1 who won the weekly attendance certificate with 98% attendance.

DIOCESE YEAR OF PRAYER

This week, our whole-school Diocesan prayer journey focused on the news delivered to Mary by Angel Gabriel. In classes, children have focused on clothes as part of their prayer.

FOCS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Well done to Year 1 who won the class treat from FOCS last week for selling the most raffle tickets this week and to Year 4 for selling the most tickets overall.

A SUCCESSFUL AUTUMN TERM

Please see the list (not exhaustive) of all we have accomplished this term. It is amazing how much can be crammed into the term.

ONLINE SAFETY REMINDERS

To assist parents and carers to ensure your children have a fun, safe, and balanced gaming it's essential to focus on the **PEGI ratings** (Pan-European Game Information) or equivalent ratings. In addition, the importance of supervision, and the need for safe gaming habits are essential to keep our children safe.

PEGI Ratings (or ESRB, depending on your region):

PEGI 3+: Suitable for all ages. No inappropriate content.

Examples: educational games, casual games like *Tetris*.

PEGI 7+: Minimal violence or scary scenes. Examples: *Minecraft*, *Lego* games.

PEGI 12+: Games may include mild violence or inappropriate language. Examples: *Fortnite*, *Sims*.

PEGI 16+: Realistic violence, mature themes. Examples: *Call of Duty* (many editions), *Overwatch*.

PEGI 18+: Explicit violence, gambling, or strong language. Examples: *Grand Theft Auto V*, *Red Dead Redemption*.

Online Interaction: Many games with online components (e.g., *Roblox*, *Fortnite*, *Call of Duty*) allow communication with other players. **Ensure children use privacy settings and avoid chatting with strangers.**

Supervision Tips for Parents

- **Stick to Age-Appropriate Games:** Choose games based on your child's age and maturity.
- **Set Time Limits:** The World Health Organization recommends balancing screen time with physical and social activities.
- **Parental Controls:** Use console or app parental controls to restrict inappropriate content and manage screen time.
- **Play Together:** Join in gaming to monitor content and foster a shared experience.

Safe Online Gaming Practices

- **Privacy Settings:** Help your child adjust privacy settings to limit communication to known friends.
- **Discuss Cyberbullying:** Teach kids to report and block any harassment.
- **Purchases:** Disable or monitor in-game purchases to avoid unexpected expenses.
- **Teach Online Safety:** Avoid sharing personal information and use strong passwords.

SPRING TERM ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Please see our new offer at the end of the newsletter.

FUNDS RAISED BY SCHOOL FOR UGANDA

The running total raised for our school in Uganda is £232.68.

TRAFFIC & CAR PARKING

On Thursday 30th 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 or drop them into the school reception marked for the attention of Ms. Loughran. It is important we work together to be heard.

YEAR 3&4 CHRISTMAS BONANZA

Years 3 and 4 hosted a very entertaining production last week. The bonanza was developed by the children and included songs, dances and some Christmas jokes. Well done for entertaining the audience. Thank you to all the staff involved with this.

ELSWICK SINGERS 'Whispers of Winter'

Some of our choir were involved in the community concert and once again, our children did not fail to disappoint. Thank you to all the children who attended this event.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

Year 3 were in awe of an event they attended on Wednesday. The children took part in Great Eccleston Free Methodist Church journey of Christmas. This involved Godly Play about the story of Creation, meeting Mary who was visited by Angel Gabriel, seeing a shepherd, a donkey, the stable where Jesus was born and a visit to the Wise Men. The children were impeccably behaved and asked and answered some very challenging questions.



UPDATE ON AMBER

Ms. Loughran and Mrs. Richmond visited Amber in hospital yesterday. The visit was really needed by all involved and we can report with the family's permission that Amber is coping really well with her treatment to date. She is one very brave lady.

We delivered a plethora of presents for both Amber and her younger sister Ivy. They gleefully unwrapped all of them and are super grateful to all the staff and families who helped to fill 2 rather large sacks.

FOCS bought an iPad for Amber as there is limited TV on the ward. Her class mates loaded messages onto the iPad for Amber to listen to when she is ready. Amber was very humble about all the activity around her and said a thank you to the FOCS team for her iPad. She said she will crack on with TT Rockstars and spellings – but that may have been because we were there!



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Autumn Term school successes

- Building works completed
- School name change complete
- Y6 Tower Wood residential
- Y4, Y5, Y6 Church worships
- Y5&6 Harvest Festival in church
- Macmillan Coffee morning
- NSPCC sessions
- Magic Fest (Y4)
- Godly Play session led by external company
- Messy Church sessions
- Online safety afternoons
- Meet the teacher evening
- Early Years Settling-in meetings
- FOCS disco
- Confirmation classes
- Quiet prayer sessions
- Parents evening
- Bible club started
- New enrichment clubs (coding, art)
- Dance Festival at the Opera House
- KS1 Nativities
- Carol service
- Y3&4 Bonanza
- FOCS Secret Santa
- Money raised for Uganda (school & FOCS)
- visit from Bishop Philip
- Y4 Pantomime visit
- Y3 Christmas Journey event
- Y1 visit to Judges Lodgings
- FOCS Christmas raffle
- Women's Aid Christmas donations
- Elswick Choir performance



ST. ANNE'S COPP CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 8th December, 1pm
Carols in Great Eccleston Square

Friday 13th December, 7pm
Film Night - A Christmas Gift from Bob.
£10 includes hot pot supper and drink

Sunday 22nd December, 6.30pm
Service of nine lessons and carols

Christmas Eve, 4.00pm
Crib service

Midnight in Bethlehem, 9.30pm
Holy Communion

Christmas Day, 10.00am
Christmas Day All-age service



	Spring 1 Clubs	Open to	Dates	Time	Price	Payable to	Location	How to get a place?	Places
Monday	Messy Church	All year groups	13.01.25 & 03.02.25	3.15pm-4.15pm	N/A	N/A	Church	Book via ParentPay	Yes
	Players Drama Club	All year groups	13.01.25-10.02.25	3.15pm-4.15pm	£43	Players	Classroom	https://www.playersdramaschool.co.uk/players-in-education/	Yes
	Ju-Jitsu	All year groups	13.01.25 – 10.02.25	3.15pm-4.15pm	£36	Activ8	Hall	Email info@activ8selfdefence.com.	Yes
Tuesday	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	https://portal.cookstars.franscape.io/class-overview/767	Yes
	KS2 Tag Rugby	Y3-Y6	14.01.25-11.02.25	3.15pm-4.30pm	£30	Fylde Rugby	Playground/Field		
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 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
Thursday	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 th February 2025, after school to take part in the competition.	Yes

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ADMISSIONS
PRIMARY**

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2025

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

School transport



Need transport to school? Please don't forget to check your eligibility for free transport. Search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.



**CLOSING DATE
15 JANUARY 2025**

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