



Value this half term: Justice

12th March 2026

Head teacher's message.

Over the past few weeks, we have been placing a strong focus on reinforcing good manners, respect and positive interactions across the school. It has been wonderful to see the children embracing these values in their daily activities. Staff have noticed many lovely moments where pupils have shown kindness, supported one another with learning, and demonstrated thoughtful behaviour both in the classroom and on the playground. These small but meaningful actions help create a Christian, caring and inclusive school community, and we are very proud of the way our children continue to look after and encourage each other.

DIARY DATES

12 th March	Brush & Tipple (FOCS)
13 th March	Y3 Ribchester visit
15 th March	Mothering Sunday Service, Y2 & Y3 (all families welcome)
16 th March	Winmarleigh meeting (Y5)
20 th March	Own clothes day; FOCS
24 th March	Parents' evening
25 th March	Step Into Easter (Y6)
25 th March	Values Assembly
25 th March	Voting closes, 12 noon
26 th March	Reception visit to Farmer Parrs
26 th March	FOCS Easter trail
27 th March	Whole-school Easter service in church
27 th March	School closes, 1.30pm

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Children have been provided with information and a ballot paper regarding the current vacancy for the position of Parent Governor. The ballot box is located at Reception, and parents/carers are kindly asked to follow the instructions outlined in the accompanying letter when submitting their vote. Please ensure that your vote is used. Voting will remain open until **Wednesday 25 March at 12 noon.**



RECEPTION : **George P**

YEAR 1 : **George B**

YEAR 3 : **Luke**

YEAR 5 : **Cooper**

YEAR 2 : **Teddy**

YEAR 4 : **William**

YEAR 6 : **Autumn**

MY HAPPY MIND WINNERS :

YEAR 1 : **Toby**

YEAR 2 : **Aria**

YEAR 3 : **Paige**

YEAR 4 : **Ruby**

YEAR 5 : **Alistair**

YEAR 6 : **Stanley**

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS :

Georgia (Y3), Noah (Y4), Alfie T (Y6)

WELL DONE YELLOW TEAM

Another step up the leader board.

WORLD BOOK DAY - FOCS

At the last count, the FOCS pre-loved book sale raised a staggering £214. A phenomenal amount of money that has been well spent by our children in receiving high-quality books of their choice to enjoy. The money raised will go towards developing an outdoor library for our children. Mrs Macdonald has been working on this idea for some time and has very big plans!

Pre-loved books are still available to buy in our Reception area; please place money in the orange bucket.



PARENT PAY

A whole-school reminder has been sent out to families this week with outstanding balances for lunches, breakfast club and Geccoes. Please note, if you pay via vouchers, it may take some time to allocate the payment against the account from LCC. It is always helpful to have an email to advise of payment, but for financial transparency, we will not allocate this until we receive our official statement.

We would ask that balances for families paying directly are settled with urgency please.

DATA COLLECTION FORMS

As advised last week, classes will start to receive data forms for checking. Please return these as soon as possible to the school office.

BRUSH & TIPPLE (FOCS)

This event is ticket only. We all wish you a creative and an enjoyable evening.

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

Our children in Years 2 and 3 have been busy preparing to assist with the Mothering Sunday service this weekend. This is always a lovely celebration of mothers. All our school family are welcome.

PARENTS EVENING : TUESDAY 24th MARCH

A link has been posted today on Dojo to open bookings for our next formal parents evening on **Tuesday 24th March**. Please note that Mrs Weepman will be available for parents of children in Pre-School. Pre-school appointments can only be made manually through the office and not through the link provided. Mrs Whittle will also be available for SEND appointments.

FOCS PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISING

We are extremely grateful for the generous donation from a local family who have enabled our playground surfacing plans to be fulfilled. The positive nature of this situation is sadly overshadowed by the passing of Mrs Gregory shortly after the donation was made. The school would like to extend its sincere condolences.

More information about the donation is contained towards the end of the newsletter, but school would like to share a heartfelt thanks to the Gregory family and our superb FOCS team, without whom we would not have been able to go ahead with the ambitious plans to improve the playtime experiences of our pupils. We are hopeful that surfacing can begin soon; this will enable our children to access a wider (and cleaner!) area of the playground without staff having to deny access to waterlogged and boggy areas. Watch this space!

YEAR 6 SATS PARENT MEETING

Thank you to those parents who attended the Year 6 SATs meeting last night. We hope you found this informative.

YEAR 3 RIBCHESTER VISIT

Our Year 3 class are due to bring history to life as they attend a visit to the Roman ruins at Ribchester. Details for the visit have been posted on the class Dojo page.

FOCS PLAYGROUND REFRESH

Last weekend, some of our FOCS members, parents and children helped spruce up the playground. The trim trail equipment was given a power wash and the area was cleaned, brushed and tidied by some very able young people that included past pupils who used this as an opportunity to achieve a stepping stone in their Duke of Edinburgh award. A huge thank you to all involved.



ONLINE SAFETY WEEK

Next week, our children will receive teaching around online safety. School feels very strongly that knowledge and preparation to use devices safely and responsibly should be addressed in school regularly.

Reception: Online bullying: I can describe ways that some people can be unkind online.

Y1: Online relationships: I can give examples of when I should ask permission to do something online and explain why this is important.

Y2: Privacy and security: I can explain how passwords can be used to protect information, accounts and devices.

Y3: Self-image and identity: I can explain how people can present themselves in different ways online.

Y4: Online bullying: I can describe ways people can be bullied through a range of media.

Y5: Privacy and security: I can explain what a strong password is and demonstrate how to create one.

Y6: Copyright and ownership: I can demonstrate the use of search tools to find and access online content which can be reused by others.

Years 3-6 will also complete an additional task related to healthy amounts of screen time.

LCC CATERING VACANCY

We have been asked to share the following vacancy with our families :

https://fa-esms-saasfaukgovprod1.fa.ocs.oraclecloud.com/hcmUI/CandidateExperience/en/sites/CX_1/job/18123/?utm_medium=jobshare&utm_source=External+Job+Share

ENRICHMENT CLUBS : SPRING 2

Please find a list of refreshed clubs for Spring 2 half term at the end of the newsletter.

STAY STRONG, STAY VACCINATED CAMPAIGN

Please see information for parents on the attached letter from LCC at the end of this newsletter.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 3 who won the attendance award with 100% last week.

**Have a lovely weekend.
From all the team at St. Anne's Copp.**



**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU &
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO**

♥ Mrs Anne Gregory ♥



As many of you know, FOCS has been working hard to secure funding for the playground surfacing project. A large section of our outdoor space becomes heavily waterlogged and muddy for much of the year, making it unsafe and unusable for both children and staff.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Anne and Dave Gregory for their incredibly generous personal donation. Anne wanted to make a difference to local families in a community she loved. After speaking with her husband Dave, she chose to support the playground project to help create a safer and more usable space for the children.

This support will also help us better accommodate our increasing number of children with Special Educational Needs by providing an accessible area for active play while maintaining our sensory woodland retreat space.

Anne sadly passed away peacefully on 18th February, but her legacy will live on through our school and through the positive difference this project will make to many children for generations to come.

Dave is also a former pupil of St Anne's Copp School, and we look forward to showing him the remarkable difference this contribution has made. FOCS and St Anne's Copp School are also currently in discussions about recognising Anne with a special tribute within the playground.

Those who know me personally will understand how much this playground project means to me and the FOCS volunteers, we are passionate about making a difference for local children and about supporting mental wellbeing. Securing funding is always a challenge, so we are incredibly grateful to everyone who supports us and enables these important projects to become a reality.

When we received this donation, it brought a mix of emotions, shock, gratitude, and even a few tears. Anne and Dave's kindness has made it possible for this project to move forward. I am grateful that Anne knew the gratitude we expressed and how much her thoughtfulness and consideration for others meant. It is truly heartfelt and deeply appreciated.

We hope to begin work in April and will keep everyone updated on the progress. This project will bring significant long-term benefits to our pupils by providing a safe and inclusive outdoor space that supports children's physical health, wellbeing, and social development.

We are extremely fortunate to have people like Anne and Dave who care so deeply about supporting our school and the local community.

Thank you, Anne.

A dearly loved wife to Dave and much-loved mum to Emma.

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

Stay Strong, Get Vaccinated

Information for parents to protect their children through vaccination

We know your child's health is your top priority and so protecting them from serious disease is incredibly important. That is why the NHS offers a free childhood vaccine programme, safeguarding your child from certain illnesses.

Vaccines work by causing the body's immune system to remember the specific infection targeted in each vaccine. If your child comes into contact with an infection and they have had their vaccines, your child's body will recognise that infection and quickly respond to fight off diseases like measles, mumps, rubella, whooping cough and more.

Illnesses like measles can spread very easily between children who are not vaccinated, and such infections can have a huge impact on your child's life. They can miss out on school due to time spent unwell, be hospitalised, and even experience life-long complications and disability. In some cases, these infections can tragically cause death

Recent data shows that in 2024¹, over 2,900 measles cases were confirmed in England, the highest figure in decades. As a result, the UK has lost its World Health Organization (WHO) measles elimination status. Vaccination rates also remain well below the 95% target needed to prevent outbreaks.

Health experts warn that falling vaccination rates are putting more children at risk of severe illness and long-term complications, many of which are entirely preventable through the free NHS vaccinations programme.

Vaccination remains one of the most effective public health interventions, second only to clean water. Immunisation protects millions of children from severe illness, long-term complications and death globally each year.

We understand that you may have questions about vaccine safety and effectiveness. All routine childhood vaccinations offered by the NHS have an excellent safety record.

As well as directly protecting vaccinated children, many vaccines also reduce transmission across the population, helping to protect those who are too young or too vulnerable to be vaccinated.

What's new in 2026?

For the first time, the NHS is offering free protection against chickenpox as part of the routine childhood schedule through the MMRV vaccine. This single injection protects against:

¹ [Parents urged to protect children through vaccination campaign - GOV.UK](#)

Public Health Request for Feedback

The Lancashire County Council Health Protection Team wish to take this opportunity to hear from members of the general public who live or work close to the Jameson Road Landfill Site. Please complete one, or both of the questionnaires below, to provide an understanding of symptoms and those impacts experienced.

The Daily Tracker Questionnaire can be completed multiple times, as and when symptoms are experienced.

[Jameson Road Daily Tracker ?Fill in form](#)

The Health Risk Questionnaire should be completed once, this form covers an 18 month time period.

[Jameson Road Health Risk Assessment Questionnaire ?Fill in form](#)

Both questionnaires will be open for submission until Sunday 15th March. An assessment of responses will be made and communicated to the Community Liaison Group, plus made available through the Environment Agency Jameson Road webpage.

Spring 2	Clubs	Open to	Dates	Time	Price	Payable to	Location	How to get a place?	Places
Monday	Messy Church	Reception to Y6	09.03.26	3.15pm-4.30pm	N/A	School	Church	Book via ParentPay	Yes
	Ju-Jitsu	Reception to Y6	23.02.26-23.03.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£36	Activ8	Hall	Email: info@activ8selfdefence.com	Yes
Tuesday	Acrobatic and tumbling club	Y3-Y6	24.02.26-24.03.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£6 per session	Collaboration dance	Hall	Email: info@collaborationdancearts.com	Yes
	KS1 Hockey	R-Y2	25.02.26-25.03.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£25	School	Playground	Book via ParentPay	Yes
Thursday	<u>Golfstarz</u>	Y1-Y6	26.02.26-26.03.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£25	<u>Golfstarz</u>	Playground	Email blackpoolgolfstarz@gmail.com	Yes
	Choir	Y3-Y6	Various	Lunchtime	N/A	N/A	Y3	Email: parent@coppsschool.lancs.sch.uk	Yes
Friday	Cook Stars	Reception to Y6	06.03.26-02.03.26	3.15pm-4.30pm	£34.50	Cook stars	Hall	https://portal.cookstars.franscape.io/class-overview/3679	Yes
	Mad Science	Reception to Y6	27.02.26-20.03.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£42	Mad Science	Y5	https://northengland.madscience.org/	No

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