



Date: **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Issue: **#29**

“Let your light shine before people so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:v.16)

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to the children who have been chosen to receive our Christian Value award this week.

Reception (Mrs Coupe) – **Orla N**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall) – **Edward H**

Year 2 (Mrs Livesey) – **Thomas W**

Year 3 (Miss Reeve) – **Jessica N**

Year 4 (Mrs Parsons) – **Eva P**

Year 5 (Mrs Todd) – Out of school

Year 6 (Mrs Knight) – **Tilly M**

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

(Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026)

SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET:

96.4%

**WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.7%**

Reception: 92%

Year 1: 95.7%

Year 2: 96.2%

Year 3: 99.4%

Year 4: 99.7%

Year 5: 94.5%

Year 6: 99.4%

## Diary Dates

### KS2 SATs WEEK

#### MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY

- 3pm Whole School Worship

#### TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

- 3pm Hymn Practice

#### WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>

- 3pm Key Stage Worship
- 1:30pm Reception Local Area Walk
- Life Education
- 3:30pm MAD SCIENCE CLUB

#### THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

- 3pm Key Stage Worship
- Life Education
- 3:30pm Cricket League Fixtures (4pm)

#### FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY

- 2:45pm Whole School Celebration Worship

## KS2 SATs

Next week, our Year 6 pupils will be sitting their SATs. These assessments reflect the knowledge and understanding they have developed throughout Key Stage 2, building on the strong foundations laid in Reception and Key Stage 1.

Our children have worked incredibly hard and have been well prepared. They know how proud we are of the effort, resilience and determination they have shown, particularly in the lead-up to next week.

All we ask of them is to try their best!

We will be reminding the children that SATs are just one small part of their school journey and that they do not define them. What matters most is how they approach the week: feeling calm, confident and supported.

The adults, especially those supporting Year 6, will be on hand each morning to ensure everything runs smoothly and that all pupils feel relaxed, settled and ready to start the day positively.



# WORSHIP this week...



## God's Big Story in Britain

This week in worship, we explored how God's Big Story travelled across the world and reached Britain.

Through stories and reflection, Bishop Jill helped us to understand how brave people shared the story of Jesus long ago. We learned that Christianity spread not by force, but through kindness, friendship, learning and love. People cared for others, helped those in need and lived generously – and that is how God's Big Story reached our country.

### OUR KEY MESSAGE

We are part of God's Big Story too.

As a school community, we are learning how to live out our vision: 'Let your light shine', inspired by

Jesus' words:

'Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.'

(Matthew 5:16, KJV)

Just as Bishop Jill reminded us, God's Big Story did not stop in the past. Today, we carry that light when we choose kindness, courage, fairness and care in the way we treat others.

### REFLECTION QUESTION

How can I let my light shine for others this week?

Who could I help, forgive or encourage?

### PRAYER

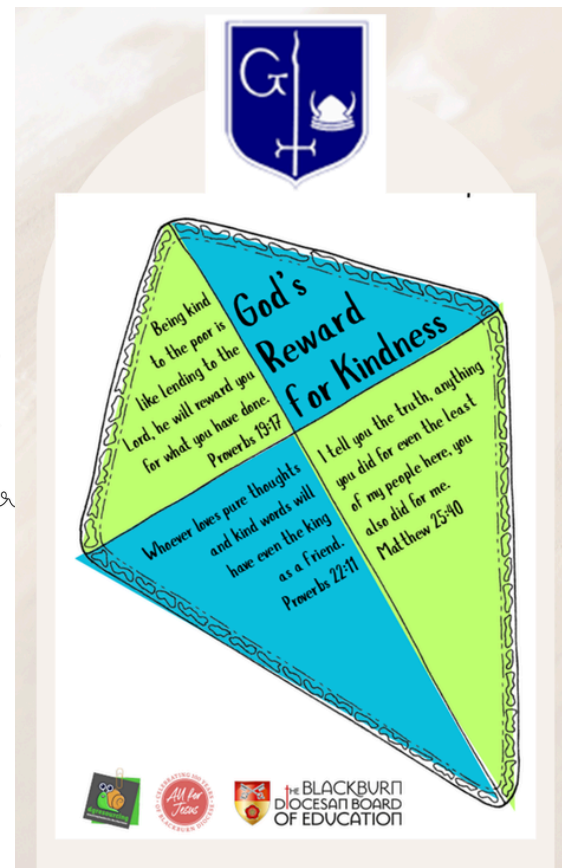
Dear God,

Thank you for the brave people who shared your story so that we know about Jesus today.

Thank you for those, like Bishop Jill, who help us understand your Big Story.

Help us to let our light shine through kindness, courage and love, so that others may see your goodness in us.

Amen.



### ☀️ God's Reward for Kindness ☀️

#### ♥️ Today's Kindness ♥️

Today we are celebrating a kind and generous choice made by one of our children.

Kindness does not go unnoticed.

Even the small things matter.

### 📖 Bible Message 📖

"When you are kind to the poor, it is like being kind to God."

Proverbs 19:17

"Jesus is King of Kings, and he loves kindness."

Proverbs 22:11

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

Did you know?

Jesus notices every act of kindness

God rewards kind hearts

Being kind shows Jesus' love to others

### 🎵 Watch & Reflect 🎵

🎵 If God Made the Sun – DumbRocks 🎵

(A song about God seeing the good we do)

### 🙏 Prayer 🙏

Thank you, loving God, that you don't miss anything.

Thank you that you see every time we are kind, even when no one else notices.

Thank you that even though you are King of Kings, you are also our friend.

Amen.

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## MATHLETICS

Scores for: 27.4.26—3.5.26

Children scoring 1000+ points:

1 <sup>st</sup> place: year 5	13 children
2 <sup>nd</sup> place: year 3	10 children
2 <sup>nd</sup> place: year 1	10 children
4 <sup>th</sup> place: year 6	9 children
5 <sup>th</sup> place: year 2	8 children
6 <sup>th</sup> place: year 4	6 children
7 <sup>th</sup> place: reception	1 child

## SAFEGUARDING



I have been informed that the crossing patrol outside our school grounds should be fully operational from next week. In light of this, Sarah Hall, our crossing patrol officer, has kindly asked that children do not press the crossing button while she is on duty, as this can interrupt the flow of traffic she is managing.

The safety barriers that were previously positioned outside the playground entrance and exit will also be reinstated in the coming weeks. These barriers help to prevent children from running directly from the school grounds onto the road, creating a safer flow of pedestrians by acting as a gentle chicane.

## CRICKET LEAGUE

On Thursday evening, on the astro turf at Fulwood Academy, our team played two more cricket fixtures and were in buoyant mood after their two opening wins last week.

In our opening match against St Joseph's, we were put into bat first but just couldn't get going. We struggled to score runs, finishing on 11 runs for 2 wickets. This is a difficult score to defend, and it proved to be that way, as St Joseph's scored 23 runs for 1 wicket, which we actually took with the first ball of their innings!

We dusted ourselves down and discussed the importance of reacting positively to this defeat, especially as the league title was still on the line. We were put into bat again, by an undefeated Longsands side. We did manage to get bat onto ball and scored an impressive 25 runs for 3 wickets. We were able to defend this total and did so rather convincingly—Longsands scoring 15 runs for 4 wickets.

We have 1 more match remaining next week and with a victory, it is possible we could seal the league title! Well done to Thomas G, Miles C, Henry B, Shaan S, Harry M and Brook W. Thank you to the parents/ carers who were able to support our team.

## NETBALL— 'BEE Stingers'

Our Year 6 netball team took part in their very first 'Bee Stingers' tournament on Monday 27th April and did the school proud! The team won two out of three matches, earning a place in the quarter-finals and showing fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the event.

A huge well done to Matilda, Adam, Emilia, Evie, Lily, Olivia, Mia, Shaan and Quinn



## PTFA NEON DISCOS

It was wonderful to see so many of our KS1 and KS2 children attending and enjoying the Neon Discos last week. The children looked fantastic in their bright, luminous outfits and face and body paint, and there was a great atmosphere throughout the event!

A huge thank you to our incredible PTFA for once again giving up their time to organise the discos and for being there on the evening to ensure everyone had a brilliant time. Thank you also to the staff who stayed behind to support the event. Without such generosity and teamwork, opportunities like this would not be possible for our children.

We are delighted to share that the PTFA raised a fantastic £779 in total.

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## GARDENING CLUB UPDATE

The children have planted potatoes, leeks, strawberries, onions, brussel sprouts and some flowers. They've taken lots home to look after including peas, sunflowers, pumpkins and lots of flowers. We have some seed trays in the school greenhouse that we are keeping an eye on too. We've also been looking at all the different insects we might find in the garden and the role they play. Well done everyone. Maz



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£20,000

£10,000

£

## TRANSFORM OUR PLAYGROUND



GREEN  
SCHOOLS  
PROJECT

## Sustainability News

Our Sustainability Club and Eco Council have been doing some fantastic work on their latest project, focusing on reducing food waste in school and we are incredibly proud of their initiative and leadership. New food-waste tubs have now been introduced in all Key Stage 1 classrooms, ensuring that snack waste is disposed of correctly. These are already being used very effectively. We're also delighted to share that all KS1 milk bottles are now being recycled.

Next Tuesday, the children will be meeting with Sarah to explore which menu choices create the most and least food waste. To help encourage everyone to think carefully about portions, they have also ordered 'Clean Plate Award' stickers, celebrating mindful eating and reduced leftovers.

Our Eco Council has also shown great civic responsibility by writing to Preston City Council to ask what happens to our food waste once it leaves school and how effective the system is for schools and homes. In addition, they have written to Lancashire County Council to ask how menus are planned and to suggest more vegetable-based and lower-meat options. To spread the message further, the children have designed eye-catching posters for the school hall, encouraging all of us to think about how we can reduce food waste every day.

### How families can help 🌍

We would love families to join us in supporting this brilliant work by:

- Talking at home about ways to reduce food waste
- Involving children in using food-waste caddies
- Encouraging children to take sensible portions and finish what they can

By working together at school and at home, we can make a real difference. Well done to our Sustainability Club and Eco Council for leading the way!

