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November Newsletter

Welcome to our November newsletter!

We have enjoyed a wonderfully busy and interesting November in school, we rocked out to the Rock Kidz and this year's theme of perseverance and resilience. The children had an amazing day singing and dancing, topped off with a Dance Battle Royale. Thank you for your continued support with this whole school event. The children learn so much in a fun and enjoyable way. It really is a great experience.



We held our annual Remembrance Service led by our new Prayer Leaders. Thank you to all who attended this service and shared our gratitude to those who went before us and for sharing our prayers for peace.



We have also had our Anti-Bullying Awareness week where the children recognise, value and celebrate each other's differences. It has been Road Safety week



where every class completed challenges and tasks related to road safety and we had the Axa Road Safety Van visit school to raise awareness of road safety and encouraged the children to be back seat drivers! Our road safety awareness will be complimented with Right Start Road Safety Training for Apple, Oak and Elm classes in the Spring Term.

Last week, we celebrated the end of the Year of Jubilee and the 'Feast of Christ The King', in school. This was a joyful way to reflect on our year as pilgrims of hope and share our faith and trust in God with prayers for the future. Every class contributed and the singing was wonderful. Thank you to those of you who came to celebrate with us.



Eucalyptus Romans Trip



Earlier this week, Eucalyptus Class visited Lancaster City Museum for a half day Romans visit and we had a fantastic time! We were greeted by a Roman soldier (who spoke to us in Latin at first!) and he taught us lots about his life in the Roman army. We were able to handle equipment, listen to stories and even practise being soldiers ourselves. We also visited the museum's Roman collection and saw many artefacts that were found in Lancaster, providing evidence of Roman activity in our home town.



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Elm Class Trip to Brockholes

Elm Class had a wonderful time on their visit to Brockholes Nature Reserve in Preston, where they spent the day exploring the woodland and using the natural environment to inspire their learning.

The children took part in a range of creative outdoor activities, using natural materials to design their own artwork. They worked together to create giant leaf firework pictures on the woodland floor, using colourful autumn leaves to mimic the sparkle and burst of real fireworks. Some pupils chose to make mini Guy Fawkes stickmen, carefully selecting sticks, moss and leaves to bring their characters to life.

Working collaboratively, groups also constructed miniature Houses of Parliament, gathering sticks, stones and foliage to replicate the famous building—sparking lots of conversation about the Gunpowder Plot.

To finish the day, the class had the exciting opportunity to learn about safe fire lighting. Under close adult supervision, they explored how to create a controlled fire in a safe environment and even had a go at using a fire striker. Once the fire was lit, everyone enjoyed warming up and toasting some tasty treats together.

Willow residential trip to Castlerigg

Willow Class enjoyed an unforgettable experience at their very first residential trip to Castlerigg



Manor. The theme for this year was Advent, and the children embraced it wholeheartedly through a variety of creative and reflective activities. They made their own rosary beads, crafted beautiful candles, and designed Christmas cards for people who might not otherwise receive one—spreading kindness and joy in the true spirit of the season. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn, grow, and share. We are so proud of

their enthusiasm and thoughtfulness throughout the trip! This is what the children had to say about their trip away:



'I loved making candles and banner making' – Izzy. 'I really enjoyed making positive affirmation poster about my friends in class.' – Emily. 'I really liked all of the activities and the youth leaders were great fun!' – Gabby. 'The bunks beds, the food and the games room were brilliant!' – Aiden.

Sports News

Mr Wood shares:

'A group of children from Year 6 took part in the Sports Hall Athletics competition at Our Lady's Catholic College. They performed admirably on the day and achieved a third place finish in a hotly contested round of events, ranging from javelin to speed bounce, to obstacle relays. All 10 children who took part represented our school with enthusiasm and determination, showing off their excellent athletic skills in the process. Well done!**Diary Dates**





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Date	Event/Activity
Autumn Term	
Monday 1 st December	Apple & Oak class trip to Judges Lodgings
Friday 5 th December	FOSB Christmas Bingo
Wednesday 10 th December	Whole School Panto visit to The Grand
Friday 12 th December	Final Assembly @2pm in the school Hall – All Welcome
Monday 15 th December	Nativity @ 2pm & 6:30pm in Church
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas jumper day
	Christmas Dinner Day
	Class Parties
	Termly Reports to Parents – Years 1-6
Thursday 18 th December	FOSB Movie Night
Friday 19 th December	Advent Service 9am Church – All Welcome
	School Closes @ 2pm
Spring Term	
Monday 5 th January	School Opens @ 8:45am
Tuesday 6 th January	Epiphany Mass @ 9:15am
Wednesday 4 th February	School Photos
Friday 13 th February	Own Clothes day for Easter chocolate donations
	School Closes @ 3:30pm
	FOSB EVENT TBC
Monday 23 rd February	School opens @ 8.45am
Friday 27 th February	Wigs and Wellies Day & Foodbank Friday
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	Food Bank Friday
Friday 13 th March	Wacky hair & Socks Day
	Food Bank Friday
Tuesday 17 th March	Parents' Evening 3:40 -6:30pm
Thursday 19 th March	Parents' Evening 3:40 -6:30pm
Friday 20 th March	Pyjama Day
	Food Bank Friday
	FOSB EVENT TBC
Monday 23 rd March	Easter Play Year 3 & Year 4 @ 2:30pm 6:30pm
Friday 27 th March	Break the Rules Day
	Food Bank Friday





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Monday 30 th March	Palm Sunday Assembly 9am Apple & Oak classes – All welcome
Tuesday 31 st March	Last Supper Assembly @9am – Willow Class All welcome
Wednesday 1 st April	The Crucifixion Assembly @ 9am - Sycamore Class – all welcome
Thursday 2 nd April	Termly reports to parents – Years 1 - 6
	Resurrection Assembly @ 9am – Elm Class, followed by the final assembly and the Easter Bonnet Parade – All welcome
	School Closes @ 2pm
Summer Term	
Monday 20 th April	School Opens @ 8:45am
Thursday 23 rd April	St George's Day – children may come to school in the beavers, cubs, brownies and scouts uniforms
Monday May 11 th - Friday 15 th May	SATs week Year 6
Thursday 21 st May	Year 6 Residential Trip to Tower Wood Parents' information evening @ 6pm
Friday 22 nd May	Marian Service 2pm in school – All Welcome
	School closes at 3:30pm
Monday 1 st June	School closed for INSET Day
Tuesday 2 nd June	School Opens @ 8:45am
Monday 15 th June – Wednesday 17 th June	Year 6 Residential to Tower Wood
Thursday 18 th June	Own Clothes Day for filled jars
Friday 19 th June	Sports Day
Friday 26 th June	Summer Fair
Monday 29 th June	SS Peter & Paul Mass 9:15am – All Welcome
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Play @2pm and 6:30pm
Friday 10 th July	FOSB School Disco
Monday 13 th July	End of Year Reports to Parents
	Year 6 Leaver's Service in Church @ 6:15pm
Thursday 16 th July	Final assembly @ 2pm – All Welcome
Friday 17 th July	School closes at 2pm