



# NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 15

January 9<sup>th</sup> 2026

Our value this half-term is **INTEGRITY**

## Forest School session



## Mr. Crook's message

We hope everyone had a joyful and restful Christmas holiday. It's been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm and settle back into school life so smoothly. Our Year 5/6 girls' football team kicked off their season last night with two fantastic matches. They showed great teamwork and determination, drawing against St. Andrew's and only narrowly missing out to Broughton by a single goal. A brilliant start to the season - well done, girls! This afternoon, Year 4 enjoyed their first Forest School session of the term. It was lovely to see them exploring nature, working together and embracing outdoor learning. These sessions are such a valuable part of our curriculum, and the children had a wonderful time. Finally, a reminder that this Sunday at 10:00 a.m. we have our Children's Service at Church. It's always a special occasion, and we warmly invite everyone to join us for worship and celebration. We're looking forward to an exciting term ahead!

## Upcoming Dates

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Children's Service at St. Lawrence Church – 10am - all welcome

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Y6 Class Worship at St. Lawrence Church – 9.15am

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Y4 Residential trip meeting for parents – 5.30pm

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Y5 Forest Schools afternoon

**Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Y4 Class worship at St. Lawrence Church – 9.15am

Library Bus

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan** – P.T.F.A movie night – Details on ParentPay

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan** – Y6 Forest Schools afternoon

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Celebration Service in school – 10am (Year 3 to present)

**Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Y2 Class worship at St. Lawrence Church – 9.15am

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Y3 Forest Schools afternoon

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Feb** – Children's Service at St. Lawrence Church – 10am – all welcome

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb** – E.Y.F.S Class worship at St. Lawrence Church – 9.15am

3.45pm Messy Church in Y3 classroom

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Scholastic Book Fair arrives for one week.

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Y2 Forest Schools afternoon  
Young Voices Concert

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Parent's Evening

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Library Bus

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Barton's Got Talent

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Y1 Forest Schools afternoon  
School closes at 3.30pm for half term

**Library Bus** – The library bus will be back on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January**. As usual, please can you send your child in to school with their library card and any books to return. You do not need to wait for the library bus day to return your books you can either visit a local library or drop them in with Mrs Higham in the front office - we have a returns box.

**PTFA Movie Night Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 5.30 - 7.15pm** - Tickets are available to book on ParentPay costing £8 each which includes a hotdog, drink and snack.

**CELEBRATION SERVICE** - We will be holding a celebration service in school on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January**. On this occasion, the congregation of St Lawrence Church is invited to join children, staff and parents for a service of celebration in the school hall. The children help to plan and deliver the service which is always very child friendly, Year 3 will be leading the service but we would love children from all year groups to attend. Children will need to be in school for 9.45am. The service starts at 10.00am and lasts for around an hour. Please do try to attend as this is a good opportunity to share the success of our school and the pride we have for it with the local community. Refreshments will be served following the Service. If you are able to please donate cakes or biscuits either shop bought or homemade, please let us know. All donations very gratefully received!

**PARENTS EVENING** – Parents evening will take place on **Monday 9th and Monday 23rd February**. 10-minute slots are available to book on school spider on these dates between 3.45pm and 6.25pm. If you have something you would like to discuss that would require a more in depth discussion please contact the office or class teacher to make a separate appointment as we must stick to the 10 minute slots to minimise anyone waiting.

**The Harris open exhibition returns for 2026** – After a five-year hiatus, The Harris Open Exhibition will be returning in 2026 and they are looking for creative pieces. All entries will be accepted for display unless the content is deemed offensive or inappropriate so this is a wonderful opportunity. Please see the following article for full details. The Harris Open Exhibition will open to the public at 1pm on Saturday, 21 February 2026. [https://theharris.org.uk/press-news/the-harris-open-exhibition-returns-for-2026/?fbclid=IwDGRzaAOyk9FjbGNrA7KTj2V4dG4DYWVtAjExAHNydgMGYXBwX2lkDDMIMDY4NTUzMTcyOAABHga3ARBOQzeEwgA5eQOxA--9YfkHRPb5ja3lh72JDGvwYvj5ltl6LjlVF5qA\\_aem\\_\\_WoP\\_w9EGFupZIM8g543IQ&sfnsn=scwspmo](https://theharris.org.uk/press-news/the-harris-open-exhibition-returns-for-2026/?fbclid=IwDGRzaAOyk9FjbGNrA7KTj2V4dG4DYWVtAjExAHNydgMGYXBwX2lkDDMIMDY4NTUzMTcyOAABHga3ARBOQzeEwgA5eQOxA--9YfkHRPb5ja3lh72JDGvwYvj5ltl6LjlVF5qA_aem__WoP_w9EGFupZIM8g543IQ&sfnsn=scwspmo)

### **100 Club WINNERS – December 2025**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - £25 – Mrs Philippa Roddam

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - £15 J Jenkinson

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - £10 – Mrs Rafida Khan

4<sup>th</sup> Prize - £5 Mr Richard Sellars

Quarterly Prize - £35 – Mrs E J Rowland

### **January 2026**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - £25 – Mr Richard Billingham

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - £15 – Mrs Bethany Piner

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - £10 – Mrs Edith Botwe

4<sup>th</sup> Prize - £5 – I Holmes

## OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



**Eva in Year 6** – represented Preston Harriers at the Lancashire Cross Country Championships in December, finishing an impressive 4th overall in the Under-11 Girls category. With a sub-8-minute time for the 2km run, she delivered a fantastic performance and contributed to the Harriers team securing 2nd place overall.



**Emma, Matilda and George in Year 6 and Oscar C in Year 5** have been chosen to represent Lancashire in January for the Sports Hall athletics competition. As part of that team, **Sophie in Year 3** has been selected to join the Under-11 Girls team, which, only being 7 years old is unheard of! What a fantastic achievement.



**Liyaana Rouza in Year 4** – took part in a football tournament for her mosque before Christmas. She did amazingly scoring two goals! The team got to the final - coming second. Well done Liyaana Rouza!