



**Second Sunday of Easter - John 20: 19 - 31**

After Jesus’ death, the disciples were afraid of the Jewish leaders and had locked themselves away. Jesus appeared to them and gave them strength through the Holy Spirit. We also learn about Thomas who doubted that Jesus was alive. Jesus said, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed!”



# Gold Awards

<b>Reception</b>	There will be two awards next week
<b>Year 1</b>	Ollie Dewhurst for excellent reading
<b>Year 2</b>	Ryley Barritt for working really hard with his team to make a wormery
<b>Year 3</b>	Oliver Kenyon for his perseverance and progress Henry Monks for always trying his best and doing lots of work during the holidays
<b>Year 4</b>	Caitlin Lenton for enthusiastic learning and willingness to answer in class, always giving her best and having a go
<b>Year 5</b>	Liadan Holland for a fabulous work ethic—always trying her best
<b>Year 6</b>	Lacey Moore for being a model student in her attitude to her work and for always being kind, caring and helpful to everyone!

**Tues 25 April:** Tennis starts with Stuart Grice  
**Mon May 1:** School closed  
**Thurs 4 May:** PTFA meeting 7pm  
**Mon 8 May—Thurs 11 May:** Y6 SATs  
**Fri 12 May:** Y6 Welcome morning at St Cecilia’s  
**Thurs 18 May:** Book Fair starts  
**Sun 21 May:** May Procession 2.45 for 3 pm  
**Mon 22 May:** Rec & Y6 height, weight & vision (Rec) checks  
**Tues 23 May:** Reception stay & play 2.30pm  
**Weds 24 May:** Last day for the book fair  
**Fri 26 May:** School closes for half term 3.30pm  
**Mon 5 Jun:** School re-opens 8.45 am  
 Govs’ Curriculum & Pupils 6 pm  
**Weds 7 –9 Jun:** Y6 visit to Borwick Hall  
**Mon 12 Jun :** Govs’ Finance & Staffing 6 pm  
**Tues 13 Jun:** Music Festival , Guild Hall  
**Weds 14 Jun:** New Parents’ meeting 6pm  
**Thurs 15 Jun:** Barnacre Rd football & netball  
**Fri 16 Jun:** Y5 bike check for Bikeability  
**Sun 18 Jun:** First Communion 12pm  
**Mon 19 Jun:** new Reception class 1.30-3  
**Thurs 22 Jun:** Confirmation 7pm  
**Sat 24 Jun:** Grimsargh Field Day

**Mon 26 Jun:** new Reception visit 1.30-3  
**Mon 26—Thurs 29 Jun:** Bikeability Y5  
**Fri 30 Jun:** Science Fest UCLAN Y4 & Y5  
**Sat 1 July:** PTFA Summer Fair  
**Mon 3 July:** new Reception visit 1.30-3  
 St Cecilia’s and LHS induction day  
**Tues 4 July:** Sports Day  
 Furness Building Society visit  
**Weds 5 July:** alternative sports day  
 Govs’ meeting 6.30pm  
**Mon 10 July:** ASC & nursery meeting 5.45 pm  
**Tues 11 July:** Reception stay & play 2.30pm  
**Weds 12 July:** Y6 dress rehearsal 2pm  
**Thurs 13 July:** Y6 performance 2pm & 6pm  
**Mon 17 July:** Leavers Mass 7pm  
 Move up week starts  
**Weds 19 July:** Whole school Mass 9.30 am  
**Thurs 20 July:** Talent Show 2.30pm  
 PTFA discos 5.30 KS1 & 6.30 KS2  
**Fri 21 July:** Leavers’ assembly 9.15 am  
 School closes for summer 3.30 pm



## Celebrating Attendance

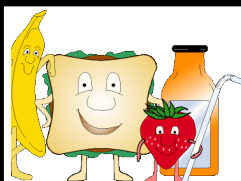


Congratulations to the 47 children who continue to have 100% attendance this year. This is 23% of the school.

Reception and Year 2 have the highest number of children with no absence since September - Well done!

Overall attendance for the Autumn term was 97%. This is above the national average. The number of families requesting absence during term time has reduced this year.

Thank you to parents for agreeing that 'every school day counts'.



**The new dinner menus have started this week. Current and future weekly dinner menus can be found on the school website homepage.**

**Dinner Money**

April = £19.80

May = £41.80

June = £44.00



### Junior Class Mass Dates

Year 6	27th April - 9am
Year 5	4th May - 9am
Year 4	11th May - 9am
Year 3	18th May - 9am



### **Tennis Lessons**

We are delighted to offer tennis lessons again each Tuesday morning with Stuart Grice.

Stuart will stay in school each Tuesday to deliver further lessons to the children throughout the morning.

This is paid for by the school and will recommence on Tuesday 25th April with Year 3 and Year 1.

Please ensure named PE kit is in school.

### **Staffing changes for September 2017**

Miss Lonsdale has been on maternity leave since October half term and will return in September 2017. However, she will not be returning as Year 1 Class teacher. Instead, she will join Mrs McAllister in Reception Class in a job sharing situation. Miss Lonsdale will lead the class from Monday to Wednesday and Mrs McAllister will lead the class on Thursday and Friday.

As such, we are currently advertising for a new Year 1 Class teacher for September 2017.

Miss Helm, who is the current Year 1 teacher covering the maternity leave, will lead the class until the end of the year.

We are also delighted to welcome two new members of staff to Alston Lane this week. Mrs Cookson and Mrs Eastham have been appointed as lunchtime welfare assistants, supporting children during lunch break.

## PTFA

## Bunny Bingo

Thank you to all who supported and helped run the PTFA Bunny Bingo on Wednesday.

Not a huge profit was made but a good night was had by all!

The winners of the Easter bonnet parade were Maisie Graham, Jack Rowland, Heidi Nicholas and Jake Nicholas.



## Book Week

The Book Fair will start on **Thursday 18th May** at 3.30pm in the school hall, with an offer of 3 books for the price of 2. **The school will receive 60%** of the proceeds taken in books for the school, so please support if you can.



# Wonder Week



Thank you to the staff and the Eco Team for planning and delivering such a good week back after the Easter holidays.

Each class took part in a workshop focused on reducing, reusing and recycling and the children were eager to share their learning during Friday's assembly.

Our Eco garden is also looking much better after the children have been helping to garden and plant in the raised beds.

In September, we will be renewing our Green Flag Eco School status so the need to maintain our work remains high.

## Gift Aid—School Buildings Contribution

Each year we ask parents to make a £20 contribution to the school gift aid account which supports the Lancaster Catholic Diocese and helps to maintain and improve the school buildings. Most parents will have set up a direct debit when your child started school and signed a gift aid declaration. Please see the note below from the Diocese.



***A Gift Aid tax reclaim will be submitted shortly to HMRC. Please notify school if you are no longer a tax payer or you paid insufficient tax during 2016/17 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on all your donations given under Gift Aid to all charities during the tax year, at the present standard rate of tax of 20%, 25p is reclaimed for every £1 donated.***