



Newsletter 15th May 2026

"rooted and grounded in love..." Ephesians 3:17

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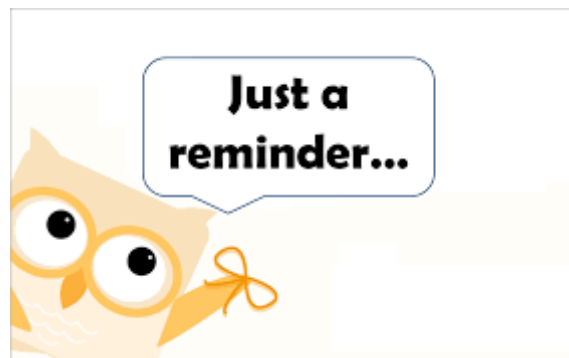
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Dates and reminders



Monday 18th May - Sports Day 1pm

Wednesday 20th - Y3/4 Striking and Fielding festival at Accrington Academy. 12:30 - 2:30pm

Monday 22nd June - Y6 Leavers service at Blackburn Cathedral

Tuesday 14th July - Summer production of **THE WIZARD OF OZ**

Wednesday 15th July - Y6 leavers treat afternoon



I cannot start this week's newsletter any other way than congratulating the Year 6 children on the way they have tackled the SATS tests this week. On Monday morning the nerves were evident but they soon disappeared once we started our Just Dance moves! Each and every Year 6 child should feel proud of themselves for doing their best and showing resilience. We could not have asked for any more from any of them! The colour run was a great celebration at the end of the tests on Thursday and I would like to say a massive THANK YOU to our FOBS team for organising such a fun event. These things don't just magically happen - lots of planning, organising and setting up goes on and we really do appreciate all our FOBS team do to generate extra funds for our school. If you have any outstanding sponsor money, please send to the office as soon as possible so we can calculate the final amount raised.

We are looking forward to **sports day on Monday** and are praying the weather is kind. Children in the infants will need to bring their coloured t-shirt in to school and will get changed in school. Children in the juniors can come to school wearing their PE kit bottoms and their coloured t-shirt. If you have a child in pre-school, you are welcome to collect your child from the classroom at 1:00pm and take them on to the field to participate in the activities. The rest of pre-school and Brambles will have their own special sports day another time. Children will be on the field for 1:10pm in their teams ready to start as soon as we are able.

We are having a special play time on Tuesday afternoon so that children are able to spend some time with Mrs Gow. Salt & Light will be selling cakes on that afternoon so if you are able to donate any, we would appreciate it.

We were reminded in worship today that God is.... Always with us. No matter where we are, he is with us and hears our prayers. As we enter the final week of this half term next week, I pray for all of our school family. Change isn't easy but God is with us every step of the way!

Church and Community Corner



We all enjoyed a fantastic afternoon on Walking Day with our special guests, the Thwaites Shire Horses. It was wonderful to follow them down the lane to school. We then had a short service with Balderstone Brass Band playing followed by tea, coffee and cake in school. It was dry enough for the children to enjoy the traditional races and a tug of war to end the afternoon. Thank you to everyone who came along!

Date for your diary!

The next Forest Church is Sunday 28th June at 4pm.





Colour Run

A huge thank you to all of our parents, families and children for your amazing support with our Colour Run!

Despite a few weather worries, the event was a fantastic success and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces enjoying the afternoon together. The children showed great enthusiasm, encouragement and teamwork throughout, and the field was certainly full of colour by the end!

We would also like to thank everyone who helped organise the event, volunteered their time, donated supplies and supported from the sidelines. Events like this would not be possible without the continued support of our school community. Most importantly, we hope the children made lots of happy memories and had great fun taking part.

We will update you as soon as all sponsorship money has been collected to let you know how much has been raised towards our new playground markings.

Our next event is Bloke Brekkie for the special men in the children's lives. More details will follow soon!

Thank you once again for helping make the Colour Run such a special event!

Mrs Oddie









SPORTS NEWS



It's been a quiet week this week but we would like to say a huge WELL DONE to Poppy B and Poppy S as we have found out this week they have qualified for the county finals, representing Hynburn Borough Council in June, following on from their achievements in the Cross Country competition in the Autumn Term.

Forest School



Year 5 were set a challenge on Monday, could you get your egg across the brook on the zipline without it breaking? They were allowed to use material, pipe cleaners, string and natural materials. We were very impressed with the results! Some even became fashion accessories! But did the eggs survive? Ask a Year 5 to find out!

We also discovered this week we have a new family who have moved onto the field, In our nest box on the far end of the shed is a family of blue tits. We enjoyed spending time just sitting and watching the parent bird going in and out and listening to the chicks. If you go down to have a look, please keep a distance so that we don't scare the birds away.

We then had time for our favourite water games, the Bumble Bee game and the water relay, moving the water from one cup to another but over the children's heads! There was lots of laughter and a few wet children!

It's Sports Day next Monday afternoon so there's no Forest School. If we are unlucky with the weather and Sports Day is cancelled, Year 5 will need to bring their Forest School kit - remember, we go out whatever the weather!

And finally, Forest School and Outdoor Learning is not just for the children! Our staff meeting this week was outside exploring all the activities we can do to bring the children's learning outside in our beautiful grounds. Thank you to the teachers for braving the sharp showers!










Upcoming F.O.B.S events




Save the Dates – Upcoming FOBS Events

Come in your oldest clothes and get ready to be covered in a rainbow of colour – it's going to be fun, bright and full of laughter!

 **Bloke Brekkie** – Friday 19th June. Join us to celebrate the special men in your life.

A lovely opportunity to spend time together and start the day with a smile.

 **Summer Fun Day (FOBS)** – Saturday 4th July 2026 -More details to follow, but expect a fantastic day of fun for everyone!

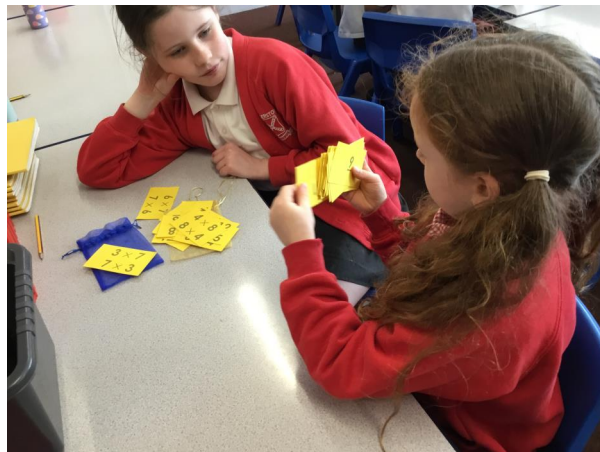
We look forward to seeing you at these events. Further details, including volunteer sign-up opportunities, will be shared closer to each date.

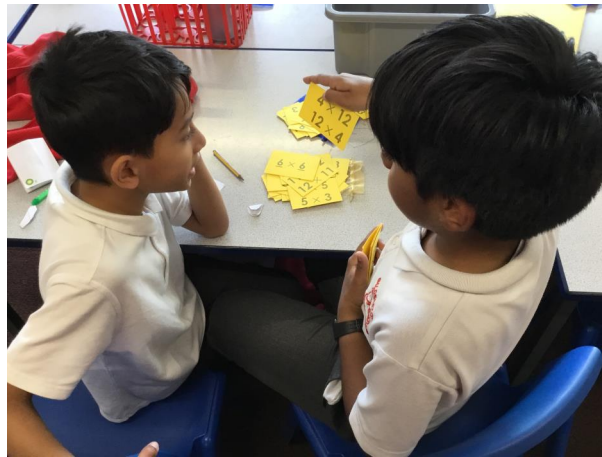
Times Tables Superstars!



Foxes are working so hard on their times tables! Year 4 are getting ready for their Multiplication Tables Check set by the government that will take place after half term. Year 3 are helping test them and we're all making great progress!

Please keep learning your tables at home! The best way to do this is to go on Times Tables Rockstars and remember to have a go on Soundcheck.





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