



Newsletter 12th January 2024



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We Work, Learn and Grow Together in God's Love

"Let us allow God's constant help to make us new people." - Pope Francis

"There is no friend as loyal as a book" - Ernest Hemingway

Attendance Matters - Whole School Target - 96%+.

Each week we will report on the whole school attendance and individual class attendance.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Total Sept to date	96.69%	95.02%	93.61%	97.31%	96.61%	95.42%	92.37%	95.15%
This week	98.98%	91.41%	87.95%	98.86%	99.50%	96.55%	100% !!!!	95.78%

Well done to Year 3 again who are leading overall attendance and Year 6 for 100% weekly attendance!

School Admissions - Admission for Reception class 2024 closes on 15th January 2024. If you have a child due to start school in September 2024 please apply via -

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

Supplementary Faith forms are available on our website or from the school office to support your application if you wish faith criteria to be considered.

Attendance - We are having a drive to improve whole school attendance as we are coming under more pressure from our local authority attendance officer to meet the minimum requirement of 96% whole school attendance. Please can parents try to support this by not booking holidays in term time? If a child has a holiday in term time and is then off with a further genuine illness, they can fall into the persistent absentee category (less than 90%) and require attendance monitoring. "Students who frequently miss school are more likely to experience lower educational attainment, leading to limited opportunities and reduced social mobility."

Yogi Group - All of the children have been treated to a session of Yoga today as part of our PSHE day.

Special Menu Next Week - We are having a 'Jump into January' meal on Thursday next week, with a choice of BBQ meatball slider with crispy paprika wedges or homemade cheese & onion slice with creamy mashed potatoes & beans followed by an iced chocolate traybake. Please pre book online.

Tower Wood - Year 6 will be on their residential at the end of February. We will be having a meeting shortly with parents and carers to discuss the details of the trip. We will confirm the date ASAP. Please can we request that payments are kept up to date as they do need to be paid in full before the trip.

Dates for your Diary - These dates are now showing on our 'School Calendar' on our school website, please keep an eye on there, as any updates will show on there as changes are made.

14th January - Family Mass in Church

29th January - Y4 'With you Always' in school @ 6.30pm

31st January - 9.30 - 10.15am - Parents/Carers Online Safety Session (more details to follow)

5th February - Reception and Yr 6 National Measuring Programme

6th February - Years 5 & 6 performing at Young Voices at the AO Arena, Manchester

9th February - Y4 Assembly @ 2.30pm - Y4 parents and carers are welcome to attend

9th February - School finishes for half-term

19th February - School reopens

26th February- 1st March - Y6 residential to Tower Wood

4th March - Y4 'With you Always' in school @ 6.30pm

8th March - Reception Class Assembly @ 2.30pm. Reception parents and carers are welcome to attend

22nd March - Year 2 Class Assembly @ 2.30pm. Year 2 parents and carers are welcome to attend

28th March - School closes for Easter

31st March - Easter Sunday, Family Mass

15th April - School reopens for Summer Term