

St John with St Augustine Newsletter

Safeguarding

If your child is in Year 6 and you are allowing them to walk home from school on their own, please complete a permission form via ParentApps.

Thank you

Diary Dates

Tues 16 Sept - Forest School
Fri 19 Sept - Celebration Assembly
Year 5 Swimming Lessons
Tue 23 Sept - Y3 Accrington Stanley
Tues 30 Sept - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Church Dates

17Sept	Mr Asif	A Special Promise
24 Sept	Miss Livesey	The Tall Tower
1 Oct	Year 1	Harvest
8 Oct	Mr Hollinshead	The Secret Baby
15 Oct	Miss Jesson	The Burning Bush

Celebration Assembly

Well done to the following children who all received an award certificate in our Celebration Assembly last Friday.

Reception	Eloise
Year 1	Alexander
Year 2	Eli-John
Year 3	Ibrahim
Year 4	Maxwell
Year 5	Ava
Year 6	Leo

After School Club Autumn Term 2025

Monday	-	KS2 Mixed Football (Boys & Girls) 3:30-4:30pm
Wednesday	-	KS2 Girls Football 3:30-4:30pm
Thursday	-	KS1 Multi-Sports 3:30-4:30pm

Protect Your Friends and Family Against FLU

Intra Health will be visiting our school to administer the Flu Vaccination on **Thursday 6th November 2025**.

To complete a consent or refusal form online, please follow the link below:

<https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/5f93c2eb>

For any queries... Call: 033335833697 option 2.

Email: team.lancashire@intrahealth.co.uk

School Admissions

Do you have a child starting school in September 2026?

Closing dates for primary and secondary admissions are as follows:

Primary	-	15 January 2026
Secondary	-	31 October 2025

You must apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

To apply for a school place visit lancashire.gov.uk/schools



P.E. Kits and After School Clubs

Please make sure your child/children have a full P.E. Kit in school. If your child is taking part in after school sports they will need to bring sports clothes including trainers on that day. We can't always phone home to remind parents to bring sports kits to school. Thank you for your support.



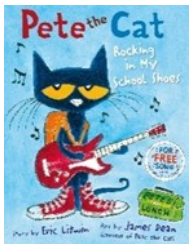


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EYFS —Asia

What a wonderful week we have had on the children's first full week in school. We have been very busy this week and have even managed 2 PE lessons.

We have spent the week establishing rules and routines, introducing a visual timetable for the school day and structure to our learning and play.



We have continued reading 'Pete the Cat – Rocking in My School Shoes', this week, learning about the different places around our school.

We have also been learning different nursery rhymes in Literacy and using props to perform them.

In maths, we have been matching using different criteria such as number, texture, colour, shape and function. Take a look at the ladybirds we found all with the same number of spots:



Notices:

Please remember to return reading books and homework logs each Thursday to be checked and changed.
Please write in the yellow reading record daily.

Please ensure your child comes to school each day with a water bottle. This is very important for the children to stay hydrated throughout the school day.

For the children attending Forest School this half term, I am pleased to let you know that it can commence this week. Please refer to the letter sent home regarding clothing and footwear. If your child has not received a letter about Forest School, then they will be attending at a different point in the year.

Thank you, Mrs Jesson and the EYFS Team.

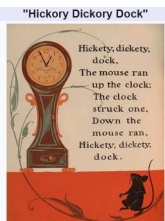
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Year 1 - Antarctica

It's been another busy week in Year 1 with all the children working hard and trying to follow our class expectations. Well done Year 1!

It was nice to see so many parents at the Meet the Teacher Meeting on Wednesday. If you could not make it please come and see me and I will talk to you about Year 1 expectations.

English - This week we focussed on rhyming words. We looked at different rhymes and found the words which rhymed. The children then decided which was their favourite rhyme. We have been practising writing a sentence independently remembering our finger spaces.



Maths - This week we completed work on zero and comparing numbers using the words fewer, less than and more than.

Ravi and his Friends

How many pens are left in the pot?
How can we show this?



RE - We learnt about how food is harvested around the world either by hand or using a machine. The children enjoyed tasting a variety of apples eg Granny Smiths, Jazz apples.



Geography - We talked about the different places the children saw on their walk around school. Next week the children will draw a map of school including the features they saw eg Mr Proctor's office.

Science - The children continued thinking about different body parts and greatly enjoyed playing Simple Simon says. They then labelled the outline of a body with the body part names using their phonic knowledge to read the words.

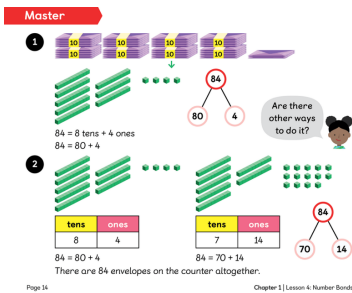
Notices: - PE is on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child removes their earrings on these days. Thank you.

Please remember to bring your homework books back on a Monday. These will be given out again on a Tuesday.

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Africa Class Year 2

In maths we have been learning about number bonds. We have been using the part whole model to explore tens and ones.



In English we have been looking at the main events of the story 'The Way Home for Wolf'. The children enjoyed writing diaries from Wilf.

In PE we have continued our activities based on the story Jack and The Beanstalk, we looked at lots of new jumps and different ways to travel.

In Art we made sculptures of people by learning how to reshape wire including bending, looping and twisting.

In Science we planted our very own bulbs and seeds in the school garden.



Reminders:

If your child is bringing grapes for their snack, please remember to cut these in half.

Earrings are not to be worn for PE on Mondays and Thursdays.

It was lovely to meet some of our parents on Wednesday. If you were unable to attend meet the teacher and have any questions about Year 2, please come and ask.

Thank you

Mrs McLeod & Miss Fletcher



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Year 3 — Europe

What a wonderful week it has been in Year 3!

The children have been busy exploring, questioning, and building on their knowledge across different subjects. We've seen some excellent teamwork, growing confidence, and lots of excitement as new ideas have sparked their imaginations.

Here's a look at what we've been learning about this week:

Science

We have made a great start to our new science topic on *Forces*. The children became scientists for the afternoon, carrying out an investigation to find out which objects in the classroom could be pushed, which could be pulled, and which could be moved in both ways. They loved experimenting and comparing their results.

History

Our new history topic is the *Stone Age to the Iron Age*. The children were introduced to the three ages and discovered why they have their names. Using artefacts, they began to think like historians and came up with interesting questions we will explore together.

Maths

Maths this week has been all about spotting patterns in numbers. The children enjoyed using number lines to practice adding and subtracting 10 and 100 and then challenged themselves to count forwards and backwards in 4s and 8s. They showed real determination in explaining how they knew what came next in each sequence.

English

In English, we have been strengthening our vocabulary skills. The children identified words they were unsure of in the text and used dictionaries to build their understanding. They also compared the book with film clips, exploring both the similarities and the differences in how the story was told.

RE

In RE, Year 3 explored the biblical account of the Prophet Moses. The children brought the narrative to life through drama, creating freeze frames of key moments and then taking part in hot seating, asking Moses questions and imagining how he might have responded.

Reminders

Please read with your child at least 3 times per week and sign your child's reading record. Both this and the reading book should be returned to school each day.

One piece of homework from the homework grid should be completed and handed in on Monday every week. This will be returned on Tuesday.

Please ensure your child's name is written clearly in all items of clothing to help us return lost items quickly.

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Miss Jesson

Year 3 Class Teacher

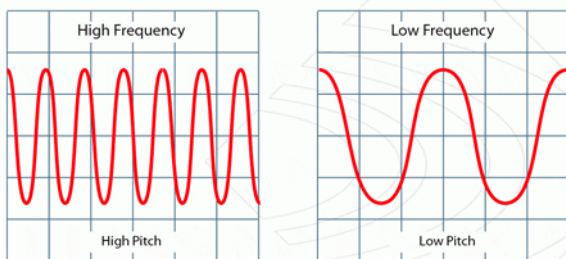
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Year 4—Australasia

Another brilliant week, in our new school year! The children have been working very hard this week, showing enthusiasm, maturity, and a real eagerness to learn.

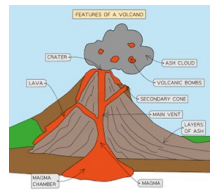
In maths, we have been focusing on greater than, less than and equal to. Towards the end of the we moved onto rounding to the nearest thousand.

In English, we continue to read *The Loch Ness Monster*. We have been focusing on conjunctions, main clause and subordinate clause in a complex sentence.



In Science, our topic is sound. This week we looked at a high pitch and low pitch. Looking at the features of both and then we look at objects that would make the different sounds.

In Geography, our topic Natural disasters. This week we learnt about the features of a volcano. How magma is formed deep beneath the earth and when it comes out of a volcano it is called lava. We also learnt about all the different gases that are released when a volcano erupts.



In RE, the children have been learning about David. We read the story where David spared Saul's life. David spared King Saul's life on two separate occasions, first in the Cave of En Gedi (1 Samuel 24) and later in Saul's camp near Ziph (1 Samuel 26). David chose not to harm Saul because he considered him "the Lord's anointed" and believed it was God's place, not his, to judge or remove the king.

Key Information:

Please remember that times tables are a key focus in Year 4. Please focus once again on the 2.

New spellings are handed out every Friday to practise throughout the week. Your child will be tested on these on the following Friday.

One piece of homework from the homework grid should be completed and handed in no later than Thursday every week. This will be returned by Friday. (Extra Maths work might be given)

Please read with your child at least 3 - 4 times per week. Please sign your child's yellow reading record and return both this and the reading book to school every day where this will be monitored.

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Mr Asif

Year 4 Class Teacher



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Year 5—South America

Maths

This week, we have been developing our understanding of place value by ordering and comparing numbers up to 1 million. The children have shown great focus and are becoming increasingly confident in working with large numbers.

English

In English, we continued reading *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. We've now met a new character – Mr Tumnus the faun. At first, we were a little suspicious of his motives, but as we read on, we've discovered more about him and his situation. The children are thoroughly enjoying the story and are eager to find out what happens next.

PE

Our PE sessions have focused on counter balances, which required a lot of trust and teamwork. We also recapped different ways to travel using our bodies, helping to build coordination and control.

Geography

In Geography, we explored the different climate zones around the world. The children enjoyed discovering how climates vary depending on location and how this affects life in those areas.

RE

This week in RE, we looked at a variety of Bible titles and cover designs. We discussed what these suggest about Christian beliefs and reflected on the meanings behind the words and imagery.

Swimming

Friday was a particularly exciting day, as the children had their first swimming lesson of the year! They all did amazingly well and showed great enthusiasm and resilience in the pool. A fantastic start to their swimming journey in Year 5!



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Year 6—North America

We've had a fantastic start to the year, and it's been wonderful to see the children working so hard in class.

In **English**, our unit on *The Nowhere Emporium* is off to a great start and has really captured the children's imagination.

In **Maths**, we are focusing on basic skills – any extra practice at home would be beneficial. In **RE**, our current topic is *Life as a Journey*, where we are exploring Jesus' life and accomplishments.

Homework will be sent out every **Thursday** and must be returned by the following **Thursday**, fully completed.

A few reminders to help keep everything running smoothly:

Uniform: Please ensure children are in full school uniform.

Hair: Long hair must be tied back with a **small bobble** (no large bows, please).

PE Kits: PE kits should be in school all week. They can be taken home on Fridays and brought back on Mondays.

Makeup & Jewellery: These are not permitted. If makeup is worn, parents will be asked to come into school to

Sleep & Devices: Please help your child establish a good sleep routine, and remove electronic devices at bedtime.

Snacks: Healthy playtime snacks are encouraged – fruit is the best choice.

Diet: A balanced diet supports concentration and energy levels.

Thank you for your continued support over the past two weeks. The children are settling in well and beginning to establish a positive routine.