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The Newsletter Summer term no.3 – 8th May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

June Dates for your Diary:

'Little Owls' 6-week programme starts for our 2025 intake! **Wednesday 4th June** 9-15am-10.45am.

PTFA Sponsored Tough Kidder **Thursday 5th June** 2.15-3pm on the school field. Every child included; parents can come along to support! Sponsor sheets will be sent out next week.

Sports Day for Y3 Tuesday 10th June 2.15pm. Parents/Grandparents can come along to spectate.

Y5 Sports Day Wednesday 11th June 2.15pm. Parents/ Grandparents can come along to spectate.

Y4 Sports Day **Monday 16th June** 2.15pm. Parents / Grandparents can come along to spectate.

Y5 Taster Day at All Hallows **Tuesday 17th June** (letter will be issued after half term).

Reception Study Trip to Blackpool Zoo Tuesday 17th June.

Y2 Parent Assembly **Thursday 19th June** 2.40pm in the hall. The theme is 'God's Wonderful World'.

St Oswald's Talent Show 2025: The Talent Show will be **Thursday 19th June** 6.30pm in the School Hall. Plenty of time to rehearse! If your child would like to enter for the Talent Show, just return the slip below by <u>Monday 9th June</u> to secure a place in the show. The children can sing, dance, play instruments, perform magic tricks etc. any talent that your child has can be showcased! The top 6 acts go forward to the Finals at the Summer Fair on Saturday 28th June.

Y6 Sports Day Friday 20th June 2.15pm. Parents / Grandparents can come along to spectate.

Y2 Study Trip to Skipton Castle Tuesday 24th June.

Y6 trip to Lowe House, St Helens **Tuesday 24th June.** A fun day of activities as part of their Faith in Action Award. (More details to follow).

Open Morning 9.15 - 10.30 am **Tuesday 1st July**. Everyone welcome to come along and see the school in action! The School Choir will be singing at 10.20am in the hall. Refreshments available.

Save the dates!

Friday 27th June – We are very pleased to once again be a venue for Longton Live!! Further information to follow.

Saturday 28th June – PTFA Summer Fair 12pm – 2.30pm.

Don't forget:

Y6 End of Key Stage 2 Tests **Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May.**Monday – Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation Test
Tuesday – Reading Test
Wednesday – Paper1 Arithmetic Test and Paper 2 Maths Reasoning
Thursday – Paper 3 Maths Reasoning

Y1 Study Trip to Martin Mere **Tuesday 13th May**. Full school uniform to be worn with a waterproof jacket. Packed lunches will be provided by the school kitchen for all of the pupils. Please ensure that the permission slip has been returned to school and a payment of £18.00 has been made on ParentPay. Thank you.

School Meal Promotion – 'National Dinosaur Day' Lunch **Thursday 15th May.** The menu is: British Beef Burger or Vegetarian Burger & Onion Ring or Loaded Vegetable & Cheese Quesadilla with Fries or Jacket Potato with a choice of filling followed by Homemade Raspberry Buns or Jelly & Ice Cream with Strawberry Sauce. If your child does not normally have school meals, but would like to have a school lunch on 15th May, please complete the attached slip and return to school no later than Wednesday 14th May. Payment of £2.70 should be made in advance through ParentPay. Thank you

Sports Day for Y1 **Thursday 15th May** 2.15pm. Parents are invited to spectate.

Y4 Parent Assembly **Friday 16th May** 2.40pm in the hall. The theme is 'First Holy Communion'.

First Holy Communion Masses **Saturday 17th May** 10.30am & 12.30pm.

Y4 will join the Parish Mass **Monday 19th May** at 9.30am to give thanks for receiving their First Holy Communion.

Sports Day for Y2 **Monday 19**th **May** 2.15pm. Parents are invited to spectate.

School photographer to take Class Photographs **Tuesday 20th May** 9am.

Whole school Cricket Festival **Wednesday 21st May**. Every class will be involved with the festival so PE Kits must be in school for the event. Many thanks.

Sports Day for Reception Wednesday 21st May 2.15pm. Parents are invited to spectate.

PTFA Cake Sale Wednesday 21st May 3.15pm

New Parents Induction Meeting **Thursday 22nd May** 6.30pm in the school hall. This meeting is for parents who have a child starting school in September 2025. Little Owl uniforms will be issued at this meeting.

School closes for half term **Friday 23rd May** 3.15pm.

ParentPay Accounts:

Please note that all ParentPay accounts <u>must</u> be cleared completely by the end of the summer term as debts must not be carried forward to the next academic year. Please ensure, therefore, that your child's account has a zero or positive balance. ParentPay accounts for Year 6 pupils <u>must not</u> have a negative balance and must stay in credit before the end of term when the account will be closed (letters will be issued next week to any Y6 parents with outstanding balances). Thank you.

FSM Vouchers – May Half Term Holiday 2025:

The Department for Works and Pensions Household Support Fund (HSF) grant has been extended with further funding being made available to County Councils and Unitary Authorities in England to support those most in need this summer. For families who are eligible for free school meals and in receipt of benefits, free school meal vouchers to the value of £15.00 per child have been ordered for the week of half term, week commencing 26th May.

If your own circumstances have changed and you think you are entitled, please contact Pupil Access Team at Lancashire County Council on 01772 531809 with your Name, Date of Birth and National Insurance Number.

Qualifying benefits:

If you or your partner receive any of the following benefits you can apply for free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any

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The Y5 and Y5 toilets have been completed; lovely and fresh! The new Forest School Lodge looks fabulous, many thanks to everyone who has supported the PTFA fundraising over the past 12 months as your contribution made this happen!

And finally...

As always, get in touch if you have any queries.