

Friday 9 October 2026

Dear parents and carer



Over the next few weeks the children will be exploring the following themes:

Love and Respect - Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes'?" Matthew 21:42. In the parable of the tenant workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches us about rejection and acceptance. Children will understand how we are called to respect Jesus, by listening to His message of love and sharing it with others

Come to the Party! 'The Kingdom of Heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited...' Matthew 22:2-3. Through the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus tells us what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. In this Celebration of the Word Assembly children will reflect on God's invitation and how they can say 'Yes!' through their choices, words and actions.

Please take the opportunity to discuss with your child at home.

Safeguarding - Please can you support school by ensuring that if your child is ill and absent from school that you phone the school office by 9.15am. To ensure that we are compliant with Safeguarding Policies if we are not notified and we are unable to contact you with the contact numbers you have provided to school then staff may need to undertake a home visit. Please support us by informing us of absence. Following up absences and carrying out unnecessary home visits are taking staff away from other tasks unnecessarily.

On Tuesday this week we were delighted to have a very special visit from Bishop John Arnold. He came to bless the Forest School area and to tour the school. Bishop John was warmly welcomed to school by our GIFT Pupil Chaplains, Reception pupils and Governors. Bishop John visited each class so he could meet all the children – he was very impressed with the warm welcome he received from our children. Thank you to all our children who were great ambassadors for our school during Bishop John's visit.

Well done to Year 6 for leading their lovely Share and Shine prayer assembly with their parents this week. You all created such a beautiful Celebration of the Word. Well done! Thank you to the parents who attended.

Thank you to the parents who attended the Relationship and Sex Education programme information evening last week in school. A copy of the power point used in the meeting has been put on each class page on the school website for those parents who were unable to attend to look at. This is the same scheme that we used last year. Thank you to Mrs Hunt and Miss Barrow for leading this meeting.

Congratulations to all our children who took part in our National Poetry Day Assembly last week. Their recitals were fantastic! If you were unable to attend the assembly you can watch each performance on each class page on the school website. Thank you to all the parents who attended the assembly it was lovely to see you all come into school and support this event.

Thank you for all those who kindly donated to CAFOD last Friday. We raised £36.

Last week Year 6 visited Milnrow Cricket Club to take part in a Crucial Crew session. As part of our preparation for high school, the children focused on how to look after our bodies and mental health. We talked about how to stay safe on public transport and how to help look after our environment.

Last night the Football Team played their first game of the season against Boarshaw. They won 5-0. Sportsman of the Match was Reggie. Well done children for playing well as a team and displaying good sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr Buckley for supporting the team.

Well done to our wonderful Year 6 children who completed the cross-country race at Alkington Primary School last Tuesday. Our children represented our school beautifully and as well as cheering for one another they also encouraged and supported children from different primary schools. Well done Year 6 - We are very proud of you!

PTA/School Fund - Thank you for supporting our recent Sponsored Event – we raised a total of £785 for School Fund. The money raised will support the buying of additional playground resources.

Sending our congratulations to Miss Bamforth who is getting married this weekend. When she returns to school next week she will be Mrs Lewis.

Best wishes

Mrs N Hadfield
(Headteacher)

Our Mission Statement
Love Jesus, love learning,
Inspiring each other to be the best that we can be.

Dates for Diary

12/10/26 - Y6 – PANTS Workshop (Caritas) (AM)
12/10/26 - Y2 – PANTS Workshop (Caritas) (PM)
16/10/26 - Foodbank Friday – Donations for Foodbank
19/10/26-23/10/26 - Book Fair
19/10/26 - Photos – Individual and family (AM)
20/10/26 - Reception – Stay and Play Session (with parents) 9-10am - Reception Parents welcome
20/10/26 - EHCP – Parent Meeting (2.45pm)
21/10/26 - Parents Evening 3:30-6:30pm
23/10/26 - St Ambrose Barlow – Feast Day: 25 October Own Clothes & Treat
23/10/26 – Finish for half term (3:15pm)
2/11/26 – School re-opens for Autumn term 2.