



# St Lawrence Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter 6 – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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## OUR VALUE FOR THE TERM IS THANKFULNESS

### Diary Dates

Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Library bus PTFA meeting 7pm Barton Manor
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	PTFA film night for KS2 - 5.30 - 7.30pm Messy Church - From 3.45pm
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School breaks up for Half term - 3.30pm
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School reopens
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Bag2school collection - 9AM
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Day service - St Lawrence's Church - Year 6 leading
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Day service - Bilsborrow Village Hall Y6 to attend
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	PTFA race night - details to follow
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Non-uniform day - details to follow
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christmas Fayre - Barton Village Hall
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Year 1 trip - details to follow
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Nativity - 2pm
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Nativity - 2pm & 6pm
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper day
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole school trip to the panto - details to follow
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Winter Wonderland - details to follow Christmas dinner day
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School closes for Christmas - 1.30pm
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Young Voices Concert - Co-Op Live Manchester
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Let's Go Sing concert - Year 3 - Winter Gardens, Blackpool



**Star of the week** - Ted Bainbridge and Benyamin Banji in Nursery, Alistair Wenmouth and Heidi Haythornthwaite in EYFS, Ima Krishna and Kai Lord in Year 1, Lily Dagnall and Essie Dagnall in Year 2, Pippa Higham and Ella Martland in Year 3, Erin Murphy, Safin Quasem and Eli Whiteside in Year 4, Sean Loughnane, Sebby Porter and George Richardson in Year 5, Jonas Crick and Huzaifah Patel in Year 6



Well done to Ruby McCarthy who has achieved a new status on TTRockstars. Well done Ruby



**READING AWARD** - Nicole Comsa

**BONFIRE NIGHT** - For numerous reasons this year we have decided to cancel our Bonfire Night Event. This was not an easy decision to make as we know how much the school and village community enjoy getting together.

- Watch this space for some exciting NEW events over the next few months in our PTFA calendar.



**PTFA MOVIE NIGHTS** - This time we have decided to split the PTFA movie night again to make it more manageable. All children will watch a chosen movie and the younger classes will also include a short activity to give them a break from the screen! Tickets are £8 and include a hotdog, drink, biscuit & fruit. As usual, children can come in their own clothes or PJs and bring a pillow, blanket or teddy etc to snuggle with and watch the film. Tickets available on ParentPay now!

**JUNIORS (Year 3 - 6) Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 17:30 - 19:30**

**TOWER WOOD** - Our Year 6 residential trip to Tower Wood was an incredible experience, filled with adventure, teamwork, and personal growth. We embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, showcasing our resilience and representing the school with pride throughout the trip.

Over the course of our stay, we had the opportunity to participate in a variety of outdoor activities that tested both our physical abilities and their teamwork skills. Kayaking across the beautiful waters of Lake Windermere allowed us to work together and develop confidence in a new environment. Ghyll scrambling pushed us to navigate rocky streams, where our determination and support for one another truly shone. The high ropes course tested our bravery, but everyone gave their best effort and encouraged their peers along the way.

Tower Wood not only provided an unforgettable adventure but also offered the chance for us all to grow in confidence, learn new skills, and strengthen bonds with our classmates. We are incredibly proud of how well everyone represented the school and how every challenge was faced with smiles and determination.



**WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY** - Yesterday afternoon the whole school took part in the 'Hello Yellow' day for Young Minds. An assembly from Rev Lis Ward, our Team Vicar about how we can help each other, started the day beautifully. In the afternoon the children found out about different ways we can actively try to cope with our feelings. This included design comfort creatures, making badges about what makes us special, making badges for our friends highlighting what we love about them, using doodling to express our feelings, mindfulness exercises and breathing as well as looking at how we can apply the

5 steps to mental well-being which can be found on the NHS website. All of the money raised will help the charity support young people. Thank you so much. If you would still like to donate please do so on <https://socialsync.app/fundraiser/cr-6n9l6yorln5zx>





**ONLINE SAFETY FOR PARENTS** - As you may know we subscribe to an online safety advisor who keeps us up to date with information to pass on to parents. They recently held an online session for parents and have provided us with the recording of that session and powerpoint. Please click on the link and watch, I am sure you will find it very informative!

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1uVtGOEnFD45ZN6gGrmxCCMDHsuqgA2hd?usp=sharing>

Please also see the attachment with this month's online safety newsletter.



**MESSY CHURCH** - **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** from 3.45pm in the Year 5 classroom. The sessions include art, craft, games, outdoor activities etc and are always so much fun. It is free of charge and everyone is welcome! Just pop along and join in.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY- YEAR 6 CHURCH PRESENTATION** - Sunday 10th November marks Remembrance Sunday and we would like to invite everyone to come and join us in St Lawrence Church for the service at 10.30am. As usual, the Kings Royal Hussars will be in attendance and a bugler will sound the last post following a two-minute silence at 11:00. This is always a very moving service and it is a privilege to open our church to the military who are always so grateful of the children's support. Year 6 are to have an important role in the very special church service at St Lawrence's. To honour this, and as part of our learning in our WW2 topic, Year 6 will be presenting to the congregation, which will include members of the military and our local community. We would love to see as many of our Year 6 children there as possible. Year 6 should be in church by 10:15 please. The military will be in uniform and we request that children attending the service are also in full school uniform please.



**KIRKHAM GRAMMAR** - are holding a Twilight Taster Evening on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November designed for Year 6 pupils to experience a range of subjects offered in Senior school. These sessions will give students a 'taste' of subjects such as PE, Art, Design Technology, Geography, classics and English. To book your place please follow the link - <https://kirkhamgrammar.simplybook.it/v2/#book>

**ASDA CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS** - Before 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 every time you shop with Asda using your Asda rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our school Asda give an additional £1 to the school cashpot so please tell everyone you know to sign up to Barton St Lawrence and let's get raising some money!



**BAG2 SCHOOL**

**BAG2SCHOOL CLOTHING COLLECTION** - If you have any unwanted items of clothing please bring them to school for **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 9am** to be collected by Bag2School. For details of what they will accept please visit <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect> or the attached leaflet.

Please use any bin bags from home.

**RIBBLE RIVERS TRUST** is looking for volunteers for tree planting sessions at Pope Lane and Fishwick Bottoms in Preston. They currently have sessions in October ready on the 19<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> and are looking to run sessions from November to February 2025. Details can be found below or by scanning the QR code.



**PRESTON MUSIC CENTRE** - Did you know that there is a fantastic Music Centre in Preston, where you child can come and explore and wide variety of groups and ensembles? At Preston Music centre we pride ourselves on developing our pupil's musicality through inclusive, fun, and educational sessions. Each Thursday we have:



- "Percussive Beats" - Our BRAND-NEW percussion ensemble. Led by Trevor Bartlett this is no ordinary percussion group. Trevor is a professional Orchestral Percussionist and Drummer, and in these sessions, pupils will have the opportunity to explore a wealth of tuned and untuned percussion instruments. No experience necessary. 4.30pm - 5pm
- "Band for All" - Our centre Band is led by Sam French, who is our County Jazz lead. The band is suitable for EVERYONE who is learning an instrument, from beginners who have had 2 lessons up to grade 8. Playing in a group is a vital skill to learn as a musician and this is a group where listening skills, reading skills, and playing by ear are all enhanced. From beginner to advanced. 5.45pm - 6.15pm
- Ukulele group - Our fabulous ukulele club is led by Richard Moss, who is a professional Folk musician. Ukulele is a great instrument and accessible for pupils of all ages. Playing a wide variety of tunes, pupils can quickly learn in this fantastic ensemble. Suitable for complete beginners upwards - instruments available to hire. 5.15pm - 6.45pm
- "Preston Young Voices" Choir, Launching 17th OCT. We are extremely excited to finally be able to launch our Choir. Led by Julie Rayton, the choir will be a fully inclusive space for pupils from KS2 up to KS5 to come together to have fun and learn to sing as a group singing a wide variety of songs from different genres. No experience necessary. 4-5pm

Phone: 07745 643886 Email: [Rachel.hughes@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:Rachel.hughes@lancashire.gov.uk) Music centre takes place at Fulwood Academy, Black Bull Lane, PR2 9YR - on Thursdays in term time. Ensembles/ groups come under our "Silver Membership" at a cost of £29 per term. This one fee gives access to ALL groups! One price for everything! For more information and how to sign up: Preston Music Centre - Lancashire Music Hub Or follow us on Facebook: (2) Facebook. To arrange to bring your child along for a trial session to any or all of the above groups, please contact me on the details below

#### PTFA Easy Fundraising!

Did you know that you can raise money for our school just by doing your usual everyday online shopping? We are registered with easyfundraising, which means over 7,500 brands will donate to us for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help so much, so please sign up to support us - it's completely free. It is all in the name EASY FUNDRAISING so please help us make the most of this opportunity!



We are on the run up to Christmas where people start to increase their shopping so it is a perfect time to get registered. Please give it a go and encourage others to do so too:

1. Go to our page <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bartnstlawptfa> or use the QR code
2. 'Support this cause' to create an account
3. Use easyfundraising to shop and raise donations



## Food Collection

Please try to support our collection of tins and packets of food for the food bank - sharing is caring!