



NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 3

September 19th 2025

Our value this half-term is **Service**



Mr. Crook's message

We have had an amazing week at school this week. I want to take a moment to say how incredibly proud I am of our Year 6 children following their residential trip to Robinwood. Their behaviour throughout was exemplary - they showed resilience, teamwork and kindness and were a real credit to our school. A huge thank you to Mr. Davis, Mrs. Hodson, Miss Burgess and Mr. Mitchell for giving up their time and supporting the children so brilliantly throughout the trip.

This week also saw our very first class worship in Church, which was beautifully led by our Year 1 children. They spoke with confidence and shared their message with such enthusiasm - well done to all involved!

And finally, a special mention to our Reception children who took part in their very first Forest Schools session this afternoon. It was a joy to see them exploring, discovering and enjoying the outdoors with such excitement.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Upcoming Dates

Mon 22nd Sept – P.T.F.A. A.G.M.
followed by meeting 6.30pm in school

Tue 23rd Sep – Whole school flu
vaccinations

Tue 23rd Sep – Year 3 class worship in
Church from 9.15am

Thu 25th Sep – P.T.F.A. movie night

Thu 25th Sep – Garstang Community
Academy Open Evening 6pm – 8.30pm

Fri 26th Sep – Y2 Forest Schools
afternoon

Sun 28th Sep – Harvest Festival Service
at St. Lawrence Church – 10am – Year 2
& Year 4 to present

Tues 30th Sept – Year 2 class worship
in Church from 9.15am

Fri 3rd Oct – Y3 Forest Schools
afternoon

Sun 5th Oct – Children's service at St.
Lawrence's Church 10am

Tues 7th Oct – Year 6 Class worship in
Church from 9.15am

Wed 8th Oct – E.Y.F.S. Vision
Screening – details to follow

Fri 10th Oct – Y5 Forest Schools
afternoon

Stars of the Week

Nursery – Hugo and Florence

E.Y.F.S. – Madeleine and Tommy

Year 1 – Kiara and Jordan

Year 2 – Jasper and Alina

Year 3 – Phoebe K. and Charlie Sm.

Year 4 – Miles and Liyaana Rouza

Year 5 – Aisha and Oscar C.

Year 6 – Sienna and Charlotte

Times Tables Awards;

Well done to James in Year 4, Henry in Year 1 and Harriet in Year 6 who have all achieved a new status on TTRockstars. Well done to you all.

Reading Award; Eliza Year 3

Music Award; Archie Year 2

Headteacher's Award

Mohammed and Teddy in Year 5

Dogs - We kindly ask dog owners who bring their pets onto school grounds to be considerate of others. Please be aware that some children (and adults) may feel anxious or fearful around dogs. To ensure everyone's comfort and safety, dogs must be kept on a short leash and away from children whenever possible.

48-hour rule after sickness or diarrhoea - To help keep our school community healthy, we kindly remind all parents that children should remain off school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. This helps prevent the spread of infections and ensures your child is fully recovered before returning to class. Please click the link to see a poster for the Public Health Agency guidance we follow on medical ailments –

https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf

Harvest Festival Service - We will be holding a Harvest Festival service at St. Lawrence's Church on Sunday 28th September at 10am. The service usually lasts around an hour. This year children in Years 2 and 4 will take part in the service with a short presentation and prayers. The whole school is welcome to attend the service and to bring gifts of tins or packets of food. The Rose Queen, Idunnu and her retinue will be in attendance and will help to receive gifts of food items from the children as they present them at the front of church. The food is then taken to the local food bank.

Class Worship – It is the Year 3 Class Worship on Tuesday at 9.15am at St. Lawrence's Church. All parents are welcome to attend. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits afterwards.

Young Voices Concert – This concert is held annually and Mrs. Sharp is looking for 30 children to join her at the Co-Op live arena in Manchester on Friday 6th February 2026. This is open to children in Year 4, 5 & 6 but limited spaces so book now to avoid disappointment - this can be done on ParentPay. Rehearsals will take place every Friday lunchtime. This is an incredible experience for those involved. Parents and family members/ friends will be able to purchase tickets to attend the concert at the Co-Op live arena costing £24 per person. Please click the link for more details - <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/parents-and-carers>

School photographs - Have you ordered your school **group & Individual** photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Monday 29th September 2025**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

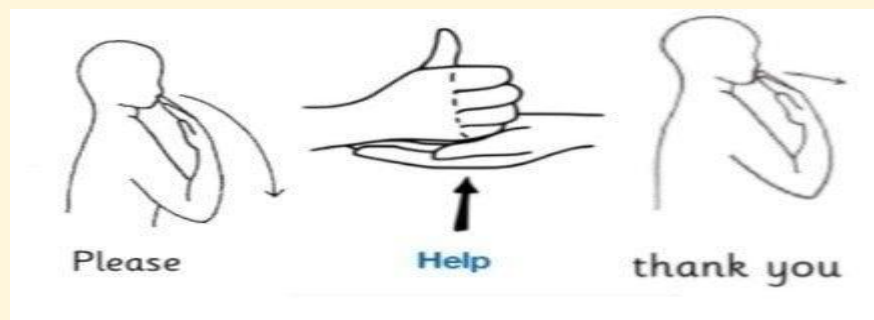
Value of the half-term - This week, we've continued learning about the value of **Service**. We have been thinking about doing kind and helpful things for others without expecting anything in return. We explored the story of **Jesus washing the disciples' feet**, showing us that true service comes from humility and love. We've talked about how we can serve others in our school, at home and in our community just by being kind.

Challenge of the Week: Can you find one way to serve someone this week *just because*? It could be helping a friend, tidying up without being asked, or saying something kind to brighten someone's day. Let's see how many acts of service we can do together!

Sign Language - signs of the week - As a few members of our school community occasionally use sign language to communicate, we thought it would be lovely to learn some signs as a school. This week the signs focus on greetings.

Makaton sign of the week:

Continuing our learning of basic sign language we are learning please, thank you and help this week.



PTFA NEWS

A.G.M. - Our annual PTFA AGM will be held on **Monday 22nd September** from 6.30pm in school followed by a meeting. Roles on the committee will be assigned for the year. We are looking for a treasurer to help look after the finances of the charity. No prior experience is needed and a detailed handover will be in place! If anyone has any queries please don't hesitate to ask the office or Nic Karran.

MOVIE NIGHT - **Thursday 25th September 5.30 - 7.15pm** - Tickets are available to book on ParentPay costing £8 each which includes a hotdog, drink and snack.

THE GREAT BARTON BAKE OFF - **Thursday 13th October**. Bring in your homemade bakes ready for our judging panel! Prizes for different categories will be available to win. This will be followed by a cake stall with the entries after school. The entry fee is £2.