



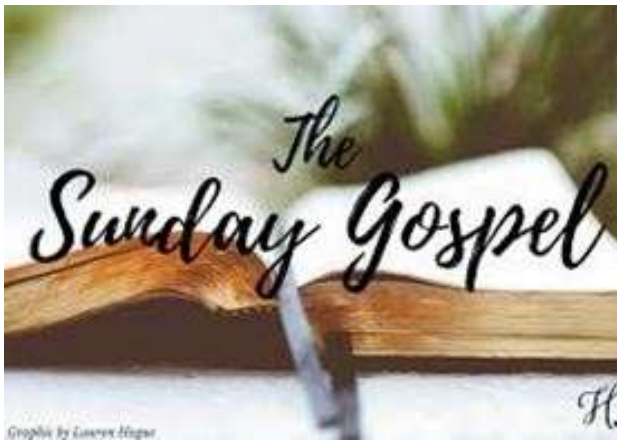
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*Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another  
to be the best we can be.*

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### The Sunday Gospel



In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples received a glimpse of the awesome divinity of Jesus through the change in the way he looked (his transfiguration). This sacred encounter took place on the Holy Mountain - Mt Tabor.

Often in the Bible, mountains are described as sacred places. Ask your child what the word 'sacred' means to them. Our churches are sacred places, dedicated to the worship of God, but other places are sacred too: a home filled with the love of God. Where's your sacred space? Where do you pray or feel most at peace or closest to God (e.g. your house, your bedroom, your church, your garden or somewhere else)?

### Lent Arrangements

Every Wednesday during Lent we are inviting the children to wear a purple accessory alongside their school uniform. For example, purple socks, a Lent badge, a purple hair bobble or ribbon etc. This is not a non-uniform day and full school uniform must be worn.

Every Thursday before school will be Lent club with Mrs Whyman at 8:15-8:45am, suitable for all year groups.

As a school we are participating in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk. The children will be encouraged to walk more during playtime, lunchtime, PE lessons and any spare time as a class. If any children do any extra walking outside of school please email a photograph to the office or Mrs Whyman. Please see below the link to our school Just Giving page to make a donation to CAFOD or scan the QR code.

[SSMJ's Big Lent Walk fundraising page is fundraising for CAFOD](#)



### **Year 4/5 Liverpool Museum Trip (AC)**

On Thursday, Gregory class went to Liverpool World Museum. We began our trip in the planetarium theatre where we watched an amazing film about the space race. Afterwards, the children asked the tour guide some amazing and thoughtful questions which really kept him on his toes! After lunch, we had time to visit the rest of the museum. The children had an amazing time and were really well behaved. Please check out the Gregory class page on our website where I have put all the photographs from the day.



### **Year 5 & 6 Football Competition - Prairie Sports Village (AC)**

On Thursday Year 6 represented the school in a local Flag Football (American Football) competition. The competition was arranged by Burnley FC in the Community. Despite the weather, the children were unbeaten across the day and have now qualified for the regional finals. These will be held in either Manchester or Liverpool. A big thank you to Mrs Turner and Miss Brindle for surviving the cold and bringing the children back as champions!



### **EYFS Police Visit (AR)**

On Thursday the Community Police from Clitheroe visited EYFS to talk about ways that the Police help us and how we can help the police. The children had the opportunity to ask lots of questions and then they brought the Police car round and put on the sirens and flashing lights. Thank you to the Community Police.



### **Toy Donations for EYFS Activities**



We are kindly asking for donations of toys to support our EYFS classroom. We are specifically looking for large dolls house items for example; beds, chairs and people, in good condition and age appropriate for our children to play with. Thank you very much for your continued support.

## Dogs on the School Site - Do we still want this on this week's newsletter?

Just a polite reminder to anyone collecting or dropping off children on the school grounds, that you are required to have personal responsibility for your dog's behaviour and dogs need to be controlled at all times. This includes not having them on long leashes or letting them approach anyone without their consent, in order to support others with any allergies or concerns.

Thank you for your co-operation which is appreciated.

## Online Safety - Episode 3

### The World of Roblox



Welcome to the third instalment of our online safety series. So far, we've looked at **reducing screen time (Episode 1)** and **how to start those tricky conversations (Episode 2)**. Now that the lines of communication are open, it's time to look at what many of our children are actually *doing* when they are logged in.

This week's focus: **Roblox**.

Whether your child is in Reception or Year 6, there is a high chance they've asked to play Roblox. It isn't actually a single game; it's a giant "digital playground" where people create their own games for others to play. While it's great for creativity, it does come with a few things parents need to "patrol."

### What you need to know:

- **It's Not Just for Kids:** Because anyone can create a game on Roblox, not all games are designed for children. Look for the **Age Recommendations** on each game's landing page to see if it's "All Ages" or "9+."
- **The Chat Factor:** This is where most risks live. Users can message each other during games. For our younger children, we strongly recommend **turning chat off** in the settings. For older children, remind them that "friends" on Roblox are often strangers in real life.
- **The "Robux" Trap:** Roblox is free, but "Robux" (in-game money) costs real-world cash. Check your app store settings to ensure a password is required for every single purchase—those "cool outfits" for avatars can add up fast!
- **The "Living Room" Rule:** We recommend that Roblox is played in a communal space, not hidden away in bedrooms. This makes it much easier to spot if a child sees something that upsets them.

## Expert Advice: BBC Bitesize

The BBC has put together a fantastic, parent-friendly guide specifically for Roblox.

Check it out here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4q29ty#zq7mkhv>

## Themed School Lunches

Take a look at our themed school lunch menu for World Book Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, if your child would like a school meal on this day please book online at Parent Pay by **MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH**



The poster features a blue sky background with white clouds. At the top left, the text 'WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 5TH MARCH' is written in large, bold, blue and white letters. A colorful parrot wearing a black pirate hat is perched on a white cloud in the top right. In the center, a boy in a black top hat and a girl are sitting on a tall stack of colorful books. The boy is reading a book titled 'Treasure Island' and the girl is reading 'Matilda'. At the bottom, a boy with glasses and a girl wearing a pirate hat are also reading books. The girl's book is titled 'TREASURE ISLAND'. The background at the bottom is green with small white flowers.

**Treasure Island  
Tortilla Wraps**  
*Mild Chilli Chicken or Quorn  
with Cheese  
&  
Cannon Ball Potato Puffs  
Golden Corn & Ruby Pepper  
Medley  
or*

**Hogwarts House Pasta**  
*Pasta Spirals & Tomato Sauce  
with  
Gryffindor Garlic Bread  
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**Charlie's Chocolate  
Factory Cake**  
*Chocolate Sprinkle Cupcake  
or*

**Matilda's Magical Jelly**  
*Strawberry Jelly  
with Cream & Sprinkles*

(Choice of filled Jacket Potatoes also available)

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## Attendance Matters

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS 	
MINUTES LATE	IMPACT ON ATTENDANCE IN A YEAR
5 MINUTES A DAY	3.4 DAYS 98.4% ATTENDANCE
10 MINUTES A DAY	6.9 DAYS 97.6% ATTENDANCE
15 MINUTES A DAY	10.3 DAYS 94.6% ATTENDANCE
20 MINUTES A DAY	13.8 DAYS 92.9% ATTENDANCE
30 MINUTES A DAY	20.7 DAYS 89.2% ATTENDANCE

We are having a close focus on attendance at SSMJ. Ensuring children attend school is very important for promoting wellbeing and enabling children to reach academic milestones as well as for preparing children for adulthood.

Please ensure you minimise absences and make appointments outside of school time as far as possible. We may ask for evidence for absences.

We are tracking the attendance data very carefully to support children to have the very best learning opportunities. Please work with us to improve our attendance.



### PE Days

Year Group	PE Days
EYFS	Tuesday & Friday
Year 1 & 2	Monday & Tuesday
Year 3 & 4	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 4 & 5	Tuesday & Friday
Year 6	Monday & Tuesday

## Clubs and Afterschool Activities



The following clubs and activities will be taking place after the half term holiday

Please note all clubs and activities will commence the first week back after half term, with the exception of Burnley Football Club and Tennis Club which will commence the second week back.

Activity	Year Group/s	Teacher	Date/Times
Multi Sports	3 & 4	Progressive Sports	Monday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Multiplication Club	4	Miss Parkinson	Monday 3.30 - 4.15 pm
Burnley Football Club	5 & 6	Burnley Football Club	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Tennis Club	All Years	Tennis Coach	Wednesday 8.00 - 8.45 am
Create Club	All Years	Mrs Troughton	Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Prayer Club	All Years	Mrs Whyman	Thursday 8.15 - 8.45 am
Year 6 Extended Lessons	6	Mr Duckworth	Thursday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Multi Sports (Dodgeball Theme)	1 & 2	Progressive Sports	Thursday 3.30 - 4.30 pm

Multi Sports are booked through progressive sports: [Enrolmy | Progressive Sports South Lancashire](#)

Create Club is booked directly with Mrs Troughton:  
<portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/10363>

BFC and Tennis Club are booked through Parent Pay.

Other clubs run by school staff do not require booking.



There are no birthdays this week.

## Celebration Assembly



EYFS	Ralph and Adley
Yr 1 & 2	Rueben, Rosie, Alfred and Freya
Yr 3 & 4	Daniel, Ethan, Archie and Magdalena
Yr 4 & 5	Alessandro, Hubert and Mason
Yr 6	Nahri, Phoebe, Penny and Oliver

## Top Table Winners



EYFS	Connie
Yr 1	Zane
Yr 2	Thomas
Yr 3	Darcey
Yr 4	Rocco
Yr 5	Joshua
Yr 6	Isabella

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 1/2 Thornton Hall Farm Trip
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
	3.30 - 4.30 pm ~ Reconciliation Preparation Session
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	During this week - Mother's Day Messages will be published in the Lancashire Evening Telegraph (Date to be confirmed).
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS Trip to Little Lancs Village & Holden Clough

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3/4 Liverpool Museum Trip
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	1.15 pm ~ Lets Go Sing Performance - Blackburn Ice Arena
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15 am ~ Rock Steady Concert - Parents' Welcome
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	School reports out to parents'
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Parents' Evening
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.00 am ~ KS2 Resurrection Rocks ~ Parents' invited to watch Afterschool today, school will close for Easter
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	9.00 am ~ KS2 Spring Chicken ~ Parents' invited to watch
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Dental Survey - Selected pupils from EYFS & Year 1
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	SAT's Week
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30 pm ~ First Holy Communion
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential Borwick Trip
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Borwick Trip returns

**Take Care & God Bless.**

**Mrs Zoe Mabbott - Headteacher**

