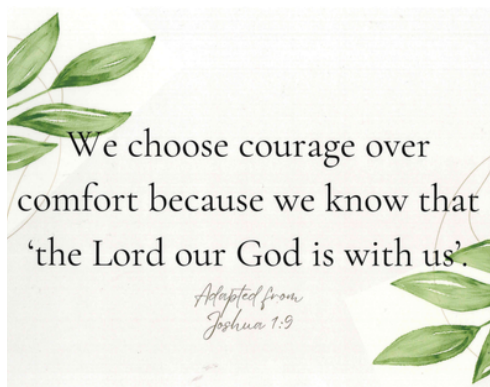


NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

As we move towards the final weeks of the school year, it has been a joy to see our school community come together for our whole-school church retreats. The week provided a valuable opportunity for children and staff to pause, reflect and celebrate the many blessings of the year so far. The thoughtful participation of our pupils was wonderful to see, and we are grateful to everyone who helped make the retreat such a meaningful experience. Looking ahead, we are preparing for our transition day, when children will spend time with their new teachers and classes. This is always an exciting milestone, helping pupils build confidence and enthusiasm for the next stage of their learning journey.

As a school, we are proud of the strong partnership between staff, families and our dedicated Governing Body, whose support plays a vital role in our continued success. We are currently seeking new governors to join our team and would particularly welcome individuals who are keen to contribute their skills, experience and enthusiasm to support the strategic direction of our school. Becoming a governor is a rewarding opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of our children and the future development of our school. If you would like to find out more, please contact the school office—we would be delighted to hear from you.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

With warmest wishes,

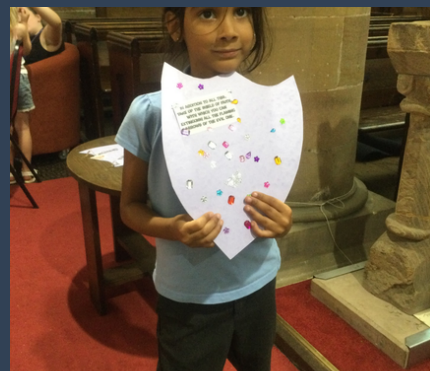
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School Dates for the Diary

14.07.26 - Whole School Transition Day
14-15.07.26 - Quarrydale Transition Y6
17.07.26 - Ethic of Excellence Assembly
17.07.26 - End of Year Reports sent to parents
20.07.26 - Y6 Performance (2:00 and 5:00)
21.07.26 - Whole School Picnic (pm)
22.07.26 - Y6 Leavers Service at Church
23.07.26 - Whole School Transition Day
24.07.26 - **LAST DAY OF TERM**



Forgiveness

Faults, flaws, and mistakes are an unavoidable part of human life. Though Jesus preached the importance of repentance, even in moments of great personal torture, he prayed for forgiveness for his tormentors. Therefore, in our family, we seek to:

- hold ourselves and others accountable for our/their actions;
- have a robust approach to dealing with situations when things go wrong;
- repent when we fall short of our own and others' expectations; and
- forgive others for their indiscretions.

"If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him."

YR - Mrs Dubowski

This week we have begun a new story in English; The Runaway Chapatti. The children have enjoyed joining in with the story and learning about India food and culture. Maths has been a highlight this week. The children have particularly enjoyed making maps to show their route to school and making maps for Red Riding Hood to find a safe way to grandma's house. They have all proven to show a great understanding of cartography and prepositional language! At the retreat we had fun engaging in provision and learning that strengthened our spirituality. The children were able to engage with singing and creative activities, as well as partaking in a relay race. We're also very proud of ourselves as we have been improving our dictated sentences in handwriting as we prepare for Year 1 - Foundation should be proud of their efforts!

Year 1 - Miss Owen

Year One had a wonderful time at our church retreat on Monday. The children enjoyed a range of outdoor activities, took part in meditation, engaged in creative play, and listened thoughtfully to Bible verses. It was a fantastic day filled with reflection, fun, and learning. In Maths, we have made an excellent start to our new topic on Money. The children are becoming increasingly confident at recognising different coins and are developing their understanding of pounds, pence, and pennies. In English, we have continued to make great progress with our persuasive writing. We have been learning about the importance of preventing forest fires and will soon be creating our own persuasive leaflets to encourage others to understand the dangers they pose. As the weather became much warmer towards the end of the week, we have been making sure to stay cool by drinking plenty of water and spending time in shaded areas. The children have done a fantastic job following this guidance. I am very proud of the progress Year One have made the past few weeks. Well done!

Y2 - Mrs Turvey

Year 2 have had another very hot but productive week! We have started our preparations for the move to Year 3 by gradually removing some of our provision areas and practising working at tables for longer periods. We have also been focusing on transitioning smoothly between subjects and adapting to some of the routines that children will experience next year. The children have approached these changes brilliantly and have shown maturity, resilience and enthusiasm. In Maths, we have been learning about pictograms. The children have become very confident at reading and interpreting pictograms where each picture represents one item. They have found it a little more challenging when a picture represents more than one item, but they have worked hard and made excellent progress. In English, we have been using our creativity and imagination to plan and write the opening and build-up to our own stories. The children have enjoyed developing their characters and settings, and next week we will be writing the problem section of our stories. Earlier this week, we enjoyed a wonderful Retreat Day at church. The children took part in a range of activities including singing, praying, playing games and spending time reflecting together. It was a lovely opportunity for everyone to relax, have fun and enjoy being together in a different setting.

Y3 - Miss Bower

We've had another fantastic week in Year 3! In English, we have been putting the finishing touches to our film reviews of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. The children have worked incredibly hard to share their opinions, justify their ideas and use persuasive language to engage their readers. It has been wonderful to see how much their writing has developed. In Maths, we have been revisiting basic time-telling skills. As this is an area many of the children have found a little tricky, we have been spending extra time building their confidence with reading o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to and five-minute intervals. Any extra practice at home would be greatly appreciated and will really help to reinforce their learning. In RE we have been exploring the importance of sacred places and why they hold special meaning for people of faith. We also had a wonderful time during our Church Retreat, where the children enjoyed a variety of activities, including making bracelets and shields, as well as taking part in an exciting drumming workshop. It was lovely to see everyone joining in with such enthusiasm, creativity and teamwork, making it a truly memorable day.



Foundation enjoying their retreat day to Church



Foundation enjoying their retreat day at Church



Year 1 enjoying their retreat day at Church

Y4 - Miss Buckley

What another busy week we have had in Year 4! In Maths, we have been learning about different types of shapes and exploring lines of symmetry. The children enjoyed identifying symmetrical shapes and investigating how many lines of symmetry different shapes can have. In English, we began researching Carl Linnaeus in preparation for writing a biography. The children developed their research skills by gathering key facts and learning about his important contributions to science. In Science, we created a double-page spread to recap our learning about blood and its functions. The children revisited the main components of blood and explored how it transports oxygen, nutrients and waste products around the body. In Computing, we continued our work on databases by building our own. The children considered how information can be organised effectively and practised entering and retrieving data. In Art, we completed self-portraits, carefully observing our own facial features and applying our understanding of proportion and detail. The children showed great perseverance and pride in their finished artwork. In P4C, we explored the idea of abilities and discussed whether it is our choice to use them positively. Using examples from Harry Potter, the children had thoughtful discussions about responsibility, choices and using our talents for good. In PE, we put our cricket skills into practice by taking part in mini games. The children demonstrated excellent teamwork while continuing to develop their batting, bowling and fielding skills. This week, we also enjoyed our Church Retreat. The children spent time at church taking part in prayer and worship, reflecting quietly and enjoying opportunities to have fun together. It was a wonderful day that encouraged both spiritual reflection and teamwork.



Year 4 enjoying their retreat day to Church

Y5 - Mrs Marshall

Year 5 have continued their excellent writing in English this week. They have been exploring narratives by creating their alternative ending to War Horse. They have written their opening, build up, problem, resolution and ending too! They have used some beautiful descriptions through the use of expanded noun phrases and relative clauses too. In maths, the class have started to explore decimals through a practical learning session. In art, we have been exploring the art of Mackesey and have watched the film The Boy, The Fox, The Mole and the Horse whilst exploring artists deliberate choices. In RE, we have continued to explore the life of William Booth and could talk about his life and challenges linked to his faith in great detail. In science, we have also explored key changes when people age and have busted some myths linked to this too! Next week, we will continue to explore decimals, enjoy our transition day and practise the Y6 play more.



Year 4 enjoying their retreat day to Church

Y6 - Mrs Woodward

What a fantastic and memorable week it has been for Year 6! The children enjoyed a reflective retreat at Church, taking time to think about their journey through primary school and the exciting opportunities ahead. As part of their DT project on fast fashion and upcycling, they also visited a local charity shop to explore how pre-loved clothing can be reused, repurposed and given a new lease of life. Many pupils completed their Bikeability training this week, developing valuable cycling and road safety skills with great enthusiasm. As the end of their primary school years draws closer, excitement is building for the future. Some children have attended transition days at their secondary schools and have returned feeling excited and ready for the next adventure. Alongside this, play rehearsals are in full swing, with the children working incredibly hard to prepare for their performances. To top it all off, the countdown to the Year 6 Prom has well and truly begun, and everyone is looking forward to celebrating together after such a wonderful year.



Year 5 making Ragtime music

OPAL



Highlights

It has been another very hot week for OPAL, and we have had to make some adjustments to ensure everyone stays safe and comfortable while continuing to enjoy their play opportunities. Towards the end of the week, the field was closed due to the heat, and children were able to access cooler indoor spaces instead. These classrooms provided a welcome break from the sun, with film opportunities and quieter activities available for those who wanted them.

You may have spotted Mr Ward working hard around the school grounds this week. He has been busy fixing tyres into place, which will help improve drainage during periods of bad weather and form part of the exciting development of our new sensory garden areas. We are incredibly grateful for all the time and effort being invested in making our outdoor spaces even more engaging and enjoyable for the children. A huge thank you to everyone who has donated wildflowers and other resources recently. Your generosity makes a real difference to the quality and variety of play experiences we can offer. As we continue to develop our OPAL provision, we would be very grateful for any further donations. We are particularly looking for items to support our garden projects, as well as resources such as balance bikes, ride-on toys, scooters, dolls and prams (both toy-sized and full-sized), desk chairs, dinosaurs, Lego, dolls' houses and other loose parts that encourage imaginative and creative play. Many of our most popular play opportunities have been created through donated items, helping us transform unused resources into exciting experiences for the children. If you have any suitable items that are no longer needed, please consider donating them to school. Together, we can continue to enhance our wonderful OPAL provision and create even more opportunities for children to play, explore and learn. Thank you for your continued support.



Resources needed:

- Plants
- Seeds
- Balance bikes
- Scooters
- Dolls houses
- Dolls
- Water play toys

Reminders – as the weather turns warmer, please ensure children have a sun hat and sun cream applied before the start of the school day.

