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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- > **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**  
 SEN Ten Pin Bowling  
 Final Blackburn
- > **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 9am**  
 5W Class Worship  
 'Trust'  
 Parents welcome to attend
- > **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**  
 4C Class Worship  
 'Courage'  
 Parents welcome to attend
- > **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**  
 Year 5/6 Young Voices  
 Concert  
 If you have ordered  
 Young Voices parent  
 tickets, they will be sent  
 to school a week before  
 the concert.
- > **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**  
 4W Class Worship  
 'Courage'  
 Parents welcome to attend
- > **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February**  
 Start of Half Term
- > **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February**  
 End of Half Term
- > **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**  
 World Book Day

**HEADTEACHER UPDATES**

I hope you have fully recovered from the extreme winds and are looking forward to a calmer week ahead. There was a highlight during the storm on Friday: the class worship led by 5I. Their singing, in particular, was excellent—it truly blew us away!

Here are a few quick updates for this week:

- Pupil punctuality has improved significantly compared to this time last year, allowing us to start locking all the perimeter school gates from 9:15 am.
- Some tree branches were brought down by the wind, and high winds are forecast again for Tuesday afternoon. Please avoid the wooded area along the front school path until Wednesday afternoon, by which time we aim to make the area safe again.
- School dinners have been particularly tasty recently (including the wonderful chocolate waffles with vanilla ice cream on Friday!). Do remember that school meals are free for all infants, and by the end of each week, the menus are designed to ensure a healthy balance of sugars, proteins, and other nutrients, meeting the recommended guidelines. Just remember to book meal choices in advance.

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS**

Mon 27 Jan	Tue 28 Jan	Wed 29 Jan	Thu 30 Jan	Fri 31 Jan
Lunchtime				
Year 3-6 Taekwondo*		Netball squad development	Year 5-6 Choir	Year 4 Netball
Year 5-6 Netball				
Year 3-6 Cross Country				
Busy Bees Club Library Club	Busy Bees Club Library Club		Busy Bees Club Library Club	Busy Bees Club
After school				
<b>Football Club</b> 3:30 – 4:30	Rec, Year 1-2 Infant Dance Club		Year 3-4 Athletics	<b>Year 3-6 Dodgeball</b> 3:30-4:30
<b>Taekwondo</b> 5:30 – 6:30			<b>Year 1-6 Girl's Football</b>	

\*Taekwondo is paid for a session at a time. Just send your child in with £5 each week. This is held in the gym.

## NURSERY UPDATES: PROVISION AND ADMISSIONS POLICY

- The nursery staff have worked very hard to reconfigure the nursery rooms so that the children have distinct and substantial specific activity areas. The provision for the two- and three-year-olds is overseen by Rachel McBride (a qualified teacher). The redesign follows advice from our recent Ofsted inspection and an expert in early years who was previously part of Lancashire's Early Years Consultant team. Initial signs are very positive, and the children seem particularly happy, enjoying the additional challenges in each room.
- Spring term nursery bills will start to be processed from the end of this week, now that government funding forms have been completed. Please ensure that any outstanding balances from the autumn term are cleared if you haven't already done so.
- The admissions policy for our nursery has been updated as we now have a growing waiting list for certain age groups and specific days. When a place becomes available, we will contact anyone on the waiting list. If more than one parent wishes to take the place, the following criteria will be applied:
  - 1) exceptional circumstances, as decided by both the Chair of Governors and the Headteacher (this may include a child who is in care);
  - 2) sibling of a child in the nursery or school, and parents have been up to date with payments to the nursery or school;
  - 3) parents demonstrate a strong desire for their child to join our school upon completing their time in nursery;
  - 4) parents have been members of staff for more than two years;
  - 5) distance from school.

Reservations for future places in the nursery need to be secured with a deposit equivalent to a month's payment for the desired days per week. This deposit will be returned to the parent at the end of their child's first month of attendance. If a place is not taken up on the agreed start date, the deposit will be retained by the nursery.

## CRAZY HAIR DAY FOR A CAUSE!

There will be an opportunity for children to let their hair down (or up and spikey!) on the last Friday of the half term. On Friday, 14th February (Valentine's Day), children can style their hair in all sorts of creative ways on the same day that 4W will be leading an assembly about courage. We will also be collecting donations that day for a charity called [The Little Princess Trust](#), which supports children who need wigs due to medical conditions or treatments. One of our Y6 girls was particularly inspired by the charity's work, and she is now helping to lead this fundraising event. See the charity's website for more details.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

See another side of **Reverend Stuart Haynes on *The Chase!***

Tune in to **ITV1 on 4th February at 5 pm** to find out if he beat the Chaser.

Don't miss it—spread the word!



## SWIMMING DAYS

**Reception, Year 1** on Wednesdays.

**Year 2** on Tuesdays afternoon. Children in 2W will need to be picked up from the swimming pool at the end of the day.

**Year 3-4** on Thursday mornings.

All children need a swimming cap (as well as costumes) or they may not be able to swim.

Swim caps can be bought from either office for £5 (cash please).

### LOST PROPERTY

At the moment, there are several items in the Lost Property section at the Pupil Office, including a swimming kit, swimming hats, and goggles, waiting to be reunited with their owners. Please drop by and check if one of them belongs to you.



### QUICK IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please can parents **label ALL items** of children’s uniform as this means we can return lost items to their owners.
- **Smoking and vaping are strictly prohibited** on school grounds!
- Please remember **never to park across someone’s driveway** if parking on local roads. You can use the free car park beyond the station called Station Approach.
- **If your child is absent** for any reason, the school office must be notified via Gateway before 9:15am on the first day of absence. The gateway **message must include a reason** for your child's absence.
- We are a **nut-free school**. Please do not send your children in with nuts or nut products for lunch or break times. We have several children with severe nut allergies in school. Thank you!

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