



I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me

So Proud of Year 6

Congratulations to all the Year 6 boys and girls at the Juniors. This week the boys and girls participated in the first SATs since 2019. It was an intense week for them all as they focused and worked hard on their spelling, punctuation and grammar papers, their reading paper and their 3 mathematics papers. And, it doesn't stop there! The children's next task will be to produce a lot of writing examples which will be moderated and a judgement made on the quality of their writing. On Tuesday 5th July, they will find out how well they have done.

What makes these particular children's achievements more remarkable is that they are the first cohort to do SATs post lockdown. The test papers have made no allowances for the time the children have missed large chunks of their schooling. Since March 24th 2020 until last week, all the Year 6 children have missed in excess of 25% of their 'normal' schooling and even more when we take into consideration individual and family self-isolation periods. So, for the children to demonstrate such conscientiousness this week has been quite inspiring and that is why we are all so proud of them. We would also like to say a huge thanks to all our parents/carers who supported the children so well during this week and in the run up to these SATs.

Behind every cohort of good children is an army of passionate and expert teachers and support staff. Without these colleagues the children's life chances would be lessened. Therefore, gargantuan thanks to Miss Duffy, Mrs Whitfield and all current staff and past staff who have contributed to enabling our Year 6 children to successfully navigate their way through this week.

In other news...

Reception have been invaded by...6 furry chicks this week. The children think they are awesome as they flutter around in their cage. The children have seen the chicks arrive as eggs firstly and then hatch into beautiful, fluffy baby chicks so they have seen NEW LIFE emerging before their very eyes. Wonderful experiences for them all. Today they will depart and go back to their farm. Chicks away!!

Year 2 next week will be 'showing off' their reading and mathematics skills as they begin their key stage 1 end of key stage assessments. We wish them all to do their very best.

Safeguarding awareness week is next week. As we have said, the welfare of every single child is of paramount importance. Their safety and well-being is key to their learning and future life chances. Safeguarding is always at the top of our priorities. Mrs Curley will be sharing some resources next week with parents and children and we will be forming a children's safeguarding council to enable children to have their say about issues in and around school.

Finally, best wishes to our Year 6 boys and girls as they head off on a residential experience next week...just what is needed after a testing SATs week!! Have a great weekend and God Bless.



On Tuesday, 10 children from Year 4 took part in a community club rugby league festival at Newton Sports Club, home of Newton Storm. Over 125 children from local schools took part in the event organised by Saint Community Development Foundation.

We had the opportunity to refine our rugby skills and then took part in a mini tag rugby tournament with local schools.

It was a great afternoon to be part of!



Reception and Nursery have been observing the life cycle of a chicken over the past few days. They patiently waited as the eggs matured in the incubator, and marvelled as they began to hatch. It has been very 'egg-citing' to watch the baby chicks grow and develop - they are even beginning to get some feathers!



SAVE THE DATE!

St Mary's Summer Social

SUNDAY 3RD JULY

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

St Mary's PTFA
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www.sthelens.foodbank.org.uk

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NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS
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the trussell trust

Orla from Year 1 in the Infant School and Ava from Year 6 in Juniors have been raising money for the Ukraine for the last couple of months. They have managed to raise a staggering £630 from her ribbon badges! Thank you to everyone who donated and well done girls!

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LANCASHIRE CRICKET FOUNDATION TICKET OFFER

Your children wondering what to do at half-term why not have a BLAST this summer with a FREE kids Lancashire Cricket ticket

Lancashire Cricket Foundation is pleased to be able to offer our school community the opportunity to purchase tickets for the T20 Cricket match on WEDNESDAY 1st JUNE at a discounted rate.

This fantastic offer will give kids a FREE ticket to the Lancashire Lightning v Derbyshire Falcons and the Lancashire Thunder v Southern Vipers Vitality Blast T20 fixtures at Emirates Old Trafford on Wednesday 1 June when you purchase an adult ticket reduced to just £5. Additional child tickets are just £1. This will be a day out packed with plenty of activities and games for the whole family PLUS action-packed cricket, live music and much more... the first game starts at 3pm.

The offer is available for seats in the Family Stand at Emirates Old Trafford, Stand B. There is an alcohol-free area within the Family Stand (area B3).

To claim tickets and book, please use the website below and use the code SCHOOL22
<https://tickets.lancashirecricket.co.uk/selection/event/seat>

Dates for your Diary 2022

16-19 May—Y6 residential

17 May 4F Reconciliation

18 May 4M Reconciliation

21 May First Holy Communion

4F 9.30

4M 11.00

24 May First Holy Communion photographs in school

25 May Young Voices

27 May—Close for half term (3.15 Infants; 3.30 Juniors)

6 June—Inset Day

7 June (Tuesday) Children return

20 June pm Y3/4 Sports Day* weather permitting

23 June pm Y5/6 Sports Day* weather permitting

29 June—New Y3 (current Y2) transition meeting at the Junior School 5.30

STARS OF THE WEEK AND BEE AWARDS

	Star of the Week	Kindness Award
Nursery	Elliot	Reilly
RM	Stanley	Xander
RB	Lilyann	Lily
Y1B	Noah	Isaac
Y1G	Clark	Harry
Y2M	Teddy	Lyra
Y2T	Ralph	Betsy

	Star of the week	Bee Award
Y3R	Lucy	Jacob H
Y3L	Tomas	Robert R
Y4F	Harrison	Oliver
Y4M	Niamh	Harrison L
Y5R	Freya	Matthew M
Y5HM	Brody	Harriet E
Y6W	Everyone	Everyone
Y6D	Everyone	Everyone

Respect & Manners Award

Infants: Charlie H

Juniors: Jude P

