



## NEWSLETTER

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5<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Welcome Back! We hope you have all had a lovely half term break and enjoyed the lovely sunshine!

### **Year 5 Shakespeare Workshop - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May, our Year 5 pupils took part in an exciting Shakespeare workshop based on *Macbeth*. Through a range of engaging drama and role-play activities, the children brought the story to life while developing their confidence and creativity. They were fantastic throughout and had a wonderful day.



### **Year 6 Crime Scene Day - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, our Year 6 children took part in an exciting crime and forensic scene workshop. This engaging experience supported their learning in Science, helping them to develop their skills in investigation, observation and drawing conclusions from evidence. Through a range of practical forensic activities, the children deepened their scientific thinking, strengthened their problem-solving skills and developed an understanding of different careers linked to this field. They approached the day with great enthusiasm and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



## Year 5/ 6 Cricket Competition - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May



## Year 5/6 Cricket Tournament 🏏

Our Year 5 and 6 cricket team represented XII Apostles at the Lancashire Cricket School Games competition—and they were fantastic throughout the day!

This was a highly competitive regional tournament, with the opportunity to qualify for the Greater Manchester finals, and the team showed brilliant determination, teamwork, and resilience from start to finish. They sadly didn't qualify for the next stage, coming 4th out of 5th in our group.

It was great to see the team grow in confidence as the day progressed, with some excellent catches, strong batting partnerships, and committed fielding efforts on display.

Most importantly, the pupils represented the school superbly both on and off the field, showing respect, encouragement, and positivity throughout the competition.

A huge well done to all involved, you should be very proud of yourselves! 🌟

## Year 6 Retreat Day - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June

On Thursday 4th June, our Year 6 children took part in a special retreat day, giving them the opportunity to focus on wellbeing, relaxation and mindfulness as they approach the end of their primary school journey. This meaningful experience supported their spiritual development and gave them time to pray, reflect, build inner confidence and strengthen their friendships as they prepared for their transition to high school. The children embraced the day beautifully and gained a great deal from the experience.



## **Mary's Meals Fund Raising Event - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Today, the children came to school in their pyjamas or wearing something blue and kindly donated £1 to raise money for the wonderful charity Mary's Meals, which provides porridge for hungry children around the world. It was lovely to see everyone taking part in support of such an important cause.

## **Up and Coming Events**

### **Culture Week Beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Monday 8th June, the children will be taking part in our Week of Culture. Throughout the week, they will enjoy a range of activities designed to extend their understanding of different cultures and help them reflect on their place in the wider world. The week will culminate in a special celebration day and picnic, where the children will have the opportunity to share and enjoy food together. For the picnic, children are invited to bring a plate of food from any culture of their choice so that we can celebrate the wonderful diversity within our school community.

We would also like to invite parents and family members to support this week by coming into school to talk to classes about aspects of their culture. This could include sharing traditions, language, clothing, stories, celebrations, music or any experiences that would help the children learn more about the richness of cultures within our community.

If you would be willing to come in and speak to a class, please let your class teacher know. Your support would help make this week a meaningful and memorable experience for all of the children.

Finally, there will be an opportunity at the end of the week for parents to come into school and look at the children's work from 3:15-4:00pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Year 3 / 4 Football Competition Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Good Luck to our Year 3 & Year 4 pupils representing our school in their first football tournament against different schools across Wigan and Leigh.

### **Water Safety Assembly Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

We are pleased to share that the fire brigade will be visiting school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June to deliver a special assembly on water safety. This is an important topic for all children, helping them to understand the dangers associated with open water and how to keep themselves safe. We are grateful for this valuable opportunity to reinforce such an important safety message.

### **Pre-school Sessions and Class Swap Sessions**

We will be welcoming our Reception 2026 cohort to our pre-school workshops over the next few weeks. This is a great opportunity for the children to meet our EYFS staff and get to know our school community.

- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June: Pre-school Workshop 1
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June: Pre-school Workshop 2
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June: Pre-school Workshop 3
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July: Pre-school Workshop 4

### **Transition Sessions for Next Year**

On the afternoons of Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, the children will have the opportunity to swap classes, meet their next class teacher, and enjoy a taster session.

### **Choir Performance Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

We are excited to share that on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm Choir will be performing "Pirates of the Curry Bean". Tickets cost £5 all money raised will go to school fund to support buying new resources for school.

## **Year 2 Blackpool Trip Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

On Thursday 11th June, the children will be visiting Blackpool as part of their *Holidays in the Past* topic. During the visit, they will explore a holiday museum and travel to the top of Blackpool Tower, where they will have the opportunity to take in the landscape and identify key seaside features. This will be a wonderful experience, bringing their History and Geography learning to life in a memorable and engaging way.

## **St Peter and St Paul Mass and Year 4 Holy Communion Celebration**

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 10:30am, Father Keiran will join us to celebrate Mass for the feast of St Peter and St Paul. This special Mass will also celebrate the children in Year 4 who have made their First Holy Communion, and parents and carers are warmly invited to join us. Following the Mass, the children in Year 4 will enjoy a special celebration tea party. Children in Year 4 are invited to come to school dressed in their special clothes, while their classmates who have not made their First Holy Communion are welcome to wear party clothes. The children are also invited to bring a small party plate containing a cake, biscuit, crisps and a carton drink. Please ensure that items do not require refrigeration.

## **Sports Festival - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

We are looking forward to our annual Sports Festival, which will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Following the success of last year, the event will once again be held in the morning, with Key Stage 1 taking part from 9:15 am – 10:30 am and Key Stage 2 from 10:30 am – 12:00 noon.

Children will compete in their house teams, with opportunities to win medals not only for their skills but also for demonstrating excellent sporting values and teamwork. It promises to be a fantastic occasion for everyone to showcase their abilities, determination, and team spirit.

This event is a wonderful opportunity for the children to shine both in their sporting performance and in the positive attitudes they show towards one another. The only thing we cannot guarantee is the weather, so we will be keeping a close eye on the forecast and keeping our fingers crossed for a dry and sunny day!

## **Dream Big Day - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

Following the success of last year's dream big day we'll be holding another **Dream Big Day** on **Friday 26th June**. On this day, children are invited to come to school dressed as someone in their dream job—whether that's a footballer, astronaut, author, vet, builder, or anything else they aspire to be. No dream is too big! During the day, the children will hear from a variety of speakers and take part in activities to help them think about their own hopes and ambitions.

Looking ahead to next year, we're excited to continue this focus on careers and aspirations. We are currently putting together a new programme of speakers and would love to involve more of our parent community. If you would be happy to come in and talk to a class, a key stage, or even the whole school about your job or career journey, please contact Mrs Marsden via Dojo. The parent speakers we've had so far have been brilliant, and the children have gained so much from hearing real-life stories.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

## **Friends of Twelve Apostles Fundraising**

### **Summer Fair and Colour Run - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm**

#### **Summer Fair Donations & Volunteers Needed**

As our Summer Fair approaches, we are kindly asking for your support in a few important ways.

#### **Prize Donations**

We would be extremely grateful for any good quality prizes for our tombola stall and teddy bears that are in good condition for our teddy bear stall. If you are able to donate, please send items into school.

### **Colour Run – Volunteers Needed**

At this stage, we are still planning to go ahead with the Colour Run. However, for the event to run safely and effectively, we will need at least 12 adult volunteers.

If we are unable to get enough volunteers, we would unfortunately need to consider cancelling the Colour Run.

We have listened carefully to feedback from last year. This year, although the Colour Run will still be ticketed, there will be no time slots, making it simpler and more flexible for families.

Tickets are on sale from the school office for £5 a ticket and £4 for additional tickets bought at the same time for the same family.

If you are able to donate items or volunteer some time, please speak to Miss Grundy.

We understand how busy you are but any help, big or small, would be hugely appreciated.

The money that The Friends of Twelve Apostles raises really does enable us to ensure our children have access to a wide range of trips and experiences and also good quality resources in school.



### **Star of the Week**



We are  
not SUCCESSFUL  
because We are SMART.  
We are  
SUCCESSFUL  
when we  
work hard.

Congratulations and well-done to all our stars!

### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026**

**Reception – Divine F & Nathan K**

**Year 1 – Leo B**

**Year 2 – Oliver H**

**Year 3 – Arlo A**

**Year 4 – John W**

**Year 5 – Ricky L**

**Year 6 – Macie H**

### **Friday**

**Reception – Albie L & Alfie L**

**Year 1 – Jaxson C-P**

**Year 2 – Ben W**

**Year 3 – Molly R**

**Year 4 – Teddy P**

**Year 5 – Jessica R**

**Year 6 – Frankie P**

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



In school



On time



### Week Commencing: 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Reception 100%	Year 1 92.33%
Year 2 90.71%	Year 3 96.77%
Year 4 97.67%	Year 5 92.96%
Year 6 91.33%	

Congratulations  
Reception & Y4

### Week Commencing: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026

Reception 96.77%	Year 1 95.42%
Year 2 96.43%	Year 3 95.16%
Year 4 98.33%	Year 5 94.44%
Year 6 94.58%	

Have a lovely Weekend 😊

Mrs Whitton

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