



LYTHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

*Together We Grow With God*



**Headteacher's Message:**

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend. The Christmas break seems a distant memory now and all the children are working hard in class and enjoying new topics and themes. The weather has certainly turned this week and it has been wet and blustery again – I was sure that Spring was on the way!

Have a lovely weekend with your children.

*Mrs Wooldridge*

 <b>Our Stars of the Week</b> - week beginning 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 	
Reception	Freyja
Year One	Freddie
Year Two	Amari
Year Three	Marley
Year Four	Violet
Year Five	Arthur
Year Six	Aimee





## Our Stars of the Week - week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> January



Reception	Chloe	
Year One	William	
Year Two	Marissa	
Year Three	Indy	
Year Four	Gracie	
Year Five	Daisy	
Year Six	Isobel	

## Our Christian Values Superstars

(W/B 9 <sup>th</sup> January)	Lorenza	Monty	Ava
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You will recall from previous newsletters that the focus for each half term changes for our Parable of the Talents certificate. Our Pupil Leadership Team spoke to children and staff at the beginning of this term and it was agreed that the focus this half term for the Parable of the Talents will be for those children who show excellent effort in creative subjects.

### *Excellent effort in creative subjects* - week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Reception	Betsy
Year One	Lorenza
Year Two	Isla-Mae
Year Three	Clark
Year Four	Ellie
Year Five	Elena
Year Six	Riley

### *Excellent effort in creative subjects* - week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> January

Reception	Charles
Year One	Arabella
Year Two	Nova
Year Three	Bea
Year Four	Louie
Year Five	Harry
Year Six	Orla

## Snippets from the classrooms

This week in Nursery we have started learning about Polar animals. We have been finding out about penguins and making penguin pictures.

This week in Reception we had our first football session with AFC Fylde which was great. In whole school worship we learnt all about the 'New Year' and making resolutions. When we came back to our class we talked about what we would like to get better at this year. There were lots of fantastic ideas about things we could do and work on in 2023.

In Year 1's Design and Technology lesson, we explored a variety of fruits. We tasted them and discussed appearance, smell, texture, taste, and sweetness. The children generated a range of great adjectives to describe the different fruits such as crunchy, sweet, thin, soft, chewy and many more!

In Year 2, we have enjoyed our first full week of 2023! In Science, we have been thinking about how people change during their lifetime. We considered how we have changed since we were babies, and talked about how we will change as we get older. In PE, we had a great first football session with Jack from AFC Fylde. We learned how to use different parts of our foot to direct the ball. In Art, we carried out our second observational drawing of the plum tree outside our classroom window - it has changed a lot since September, and we are very good at explaining why!

This week Year 3 have been taken back to the Stone Age, looking at our new book 'The First Drawing'. On Monday part of the classroom had been transformed into a cave and cave drawings were dotted around the classroom. The children used their inference skills to share what they thought the cave drawings might mean. The children also had a go at creating cave drawings themselves using various geometric shapes in art.

Year 4 have been very excited to begin their new English unit of "The Baker by the Sea" by Paula White - a true story based on how a small family business brought a bustling fishing community together. The children have learnt about Paula and the generations before her who served their small fishing town on the East Coast of Suffolk. We are getting excited to make the Hot Coconut Buns that Paula's Grandad made each day for the Scotch fisher-girls (which warmed their fingers as they salted the fish ready for sale). In Maths, we have been finding ways in which we can divide larger numbers. Our favourite task this week was to create the art work which can be found on our Class Dojo Page and on our social media pages also.

Year 5 have made a great start to 2023. Our PE lessons have been focussing on dance and we have been very lucky to start our cricket sessions. In science we have been comparing the life cycles of insects and amphibians – we had lots of our own subject knowledge to share! Our new text in English has had us quite perplexed and it turns out our predictions were far from reality when we could only listen to the sounds from the trailer to a short film. We're excited to find out exactly what is going to happen next.

This week in Science, Year Six have been studying the circulatory system. We have learnt all about the purpose of our heart, arteries and veins. We have been keeping our hearts healthy through gymnastics and cricket. Some of our girls also were involved in a football tournament. They were excellent role models and although we didn't win, played together as a fabulous team.

### British Science Week

We will be celebrating British Science Week in school during the w/c 13<sup>th</sup> March. The national theme this year is Connections, and we are very keen to 'connect' with our families and local community. We are seeking real-life scientists - people who work in the realm of Science, in a range of areas, to open our children's eyes to the many ways in which Science is a vital part of our everyday lives... sometimes without even realising it!

If you work in Science in some way and you would be interested in coming to speak to one of our classes about your job, please contact [office@lytham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@lytham.lancs.sch.uk) and somebody will get in touch with you. Please note, this may not be your own child's class and you would need to be available to come into school during w/c 13<sup>th</sup> March.

Our aim is for the connections we establish during British Science Week to mark the beginning of a relationship which we can build upon over time to enhance our bespoke Science Curriculum here at Lytham CE.

### School Admissions September 2023

The closing date for applying for a primary school place in Lancashire is Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please ensure you complete the form if your child is due to start school in September 2023.

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools).

### Absences

Please ensure that you contact the School Office if your child is unwell and not able to attend school rather than messaging your child's class teacher. Thank you.

### PTFA

You will have seen on School Story that the PTFA are holding a disco on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. We are incredibly excited and I can't wait for my very first 'Lytham Disco'! Please ensure that you return the slip with payment promptly if your child would like to attend.

### Winter SCART Club at Lytham Library

Have fun making a Winter celebration card with help from our Culture Hack at Lytham Library  
Saturday 14 January 10.30am until 12.00pm

### Fylde Girls Football Event

The girls played well and improved with every game. They didn't win any games but despite a great effort didn't manage to score a goal.

They did amazingly well considering the weather was awful!

Well done girls for trying so hard!

### Promotional Lunch

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January there will be a special promotional lunch to celebrate the start of Chinese New Year. Please pay on Parentpay if your child would like to have a school lunch on this day.

## Seeds and Bulbs

Years 1 and 2 need to make some observations and/or plant seeds and bulbs over the coming term so any donations of seeds and bulbs would be very welcome. Thank you.

## Parking

We have been contacted by a local resident expressing concerns about parents parking on the corner of Park View Road and Ballam Road. We appreciate that it is very busy with three schools in such close proximity but please do park safely and legally.

### *Spring 1 'at a glance'*

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 1.30-4pm	Y5/Y6 Sports Hall Athletics Competition	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 9am	Phonics Meeting for Y1 parents	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	3.30-4.30 – KS1 Disco 4.45-5.45 – KS2 Disco	Details on School story and the children have also brought a letter home
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 Dance Competition at Tower Ballroom	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February AM	KS1 Inclusion Multi skills Event	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closes at normal time	

***Children return to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February***

