



LYTHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

*Together We Grow With God*



Our Christian Value this half term is Love



### Headteacher's Message:

What a fantastic term we have had! We have led nine events and the children have worked so hard learning their lines and practising the words for their singing. The nativities for the Foundation Stage and Key Stage One children were incredibly well supported and the children 'shone'. Our Y6 team led the Carol Service at St John's Church and it was wonderful to see so many families in Church. Thank you to all of the staff who made these events happen!

Our newly formed Choir embraced the Advent season and were delighted to lead our first ever Outdoor Carol service. The weather was so cold that the equipment stopped working but the children sang along happily and I had a tear in my eye seeing so many families coming along to support us as we made history with our first ever Outdoor Carol Service.

I could go on and on, but for now I'd like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for sharing your children with us. Each and every member of our school is such a precious gift to us.

Have a lovely break with your families and we look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

*Mrs Wooldridge*





## Our Stars of the Term



Reception	Noah	
Year One	Wallis	
Year Two	Garrad	
Year Three	Charlie C	
Year Four	Joseph L	
Year Five	Marshall	
Year Six	Evie R	

**You will recall from previous newsletters that following feedback from our Y6 children, the focus this half term has been for those children who show excellent effort in sport. I will be consulting with Isobel, Jenson, Lila and Seth to agree a focus for Spring 1. Watch this space!**

### Snippets from the classrooms

In Year 1, our focus in History has been The Great Fire of London. We have completed lots of work on this topic such as creating timelines, understanding why the fire spread and how life in present day London is different to London in 1666.

Mrs Taylor, Mrs Patterson and Mrs Waby are very proud of how hard Year 2 have worked this term! We enjoy doing things together, and as a class we have retold some fantastic stories and produced some wonderful music using a range of instruments as well as our beautiful voices. One of the highlights of each week is finding out who has earned a Numbots certificate, so we are working hard at home to work through the metals! We like to welcome visitors to our classroom, so we loved it when Reverend Nick and Reverend Emma came to talk to us about the Bible. Our recent Christmas Journey with BSYW was a real treat for us all! We also enjoy practical activities, so our art sessions using clay and salt dough and mixing our own colours produced some amazing 3D artwork which we are looking forward to entering into a competition in the new year.

Year 4 have had a great first term. The highlights have got to be participating in the Dance Festival back in November, watching the first England World Cup match altogether in the hall, the standard of writing achieved through our Theme Park topic and generally how hard the children have all worked.

Year 5 have had a very busy first term. We have learnt to play the flute, prepared for our dance competition, worked with BSYW in a very exciting workshop, refined our investigative skills in science, composed our own music in computing and acted our hearts out whilst studying the Tempest. This is to name just a few of the things we have been involved in. We look forward to seeing what the Spring Term will bring!

### Parking

We have recently received concerns from neighbours regarding families parking over driveways and people dropping litter from their cars. Please be considerate when parking and use the bins located nearby.

### School Admissions September 2023

From Thursday 1 September 2022 Lancashire parents can start to apply for primary places starting in September 2023 at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools).

**The closing date for applications is 15th January 2023. You will be notified of places on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.**

*Please contact us if you need any help accessing this form.*

### STEM Club

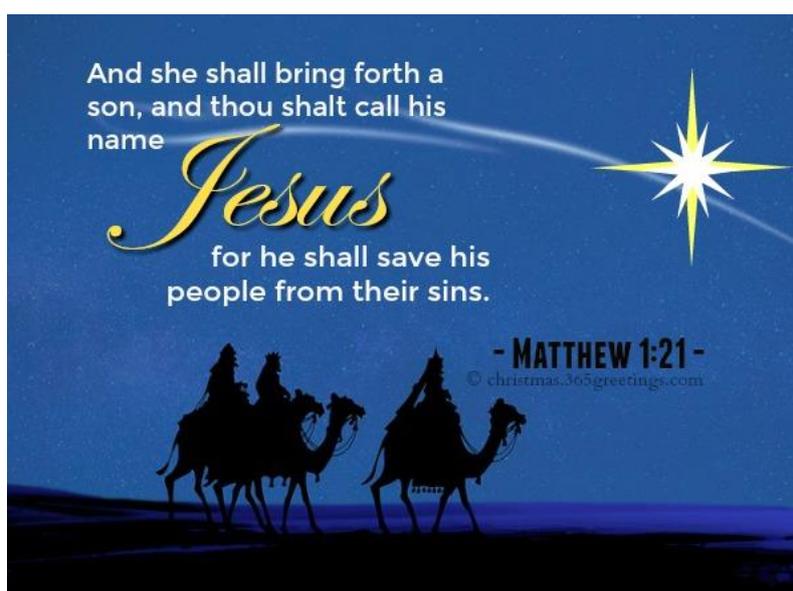
The children of STEM Club have enjoyed a wonderful first term, full of investigation and new discoveries. We were shocked to discover that the Statue of Liberty is made of copper, so we investigated the impact of salt, air and acid on 1ps and 2ps. We considered the bone structure of our fingers in order to create our own robot hands using straws and thread. As part of our work towards the Superstar CREST Award, we have so far explored what makes an effective raft, as well as using a range of powders (cocoa, chalk dust, flour and pencil lead) to find out what sort of fingerprints we have. We can't wait to complete this Award in the new year!

### Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children

We sold £189 worth of snap bands which along with the £164 for non uniform means we raised a fantastic amount for Save the Children. Thank you to everyone who was able to support with this.

### Milk 4 life

Please see the post on Class stories regarding the ordering of school milk for the Spring term.



## Attendance Newsletter December 2022

Thank you to all those families who work hard every day to ensure their child's attendance and punctuality is high. These are important habits to establish, which will make a huge difference to attainment, friendships and their futures.

All schools regularly monitor each pupil's attendance, in accordance with Government and Local Authority expectations. Any concerns will initially be raised by your child's class teacher and you will have the opportunity to discuss ideas for support/improvement.

You will receive a colour-coded copy of your child's registration record each term in the envelope with your child's report. The table below explains why you have a red, amber or green copy.

Colour Code	Attendance %	What this equates to if that % continues for the <b>whole academic year</b>
Green Above 97%	100%  97%	Missing approx. 8 days of learning.
Amber 96.99% down to 90%	94/95/96%  90%	Missing approx. 2 weeks of learning.  Missing approx. 4 weeks of learning/80+ lessons
Red Below 90%	86%  80% and below	Missing over 5 weeks of education/100+ lessons  Missing almost 8 weeks of education/160+ lessons

As a school we expect individual attendance to be 97%.

Our School Attendance policy can be found on the website. If you have any questions regarding attendance or punctuality then do not hesitate to make contact with Mrs Reams.