



Week ending: 17th January 2025

Upcoming dates

Wednesday 22nd January:

Y2 trip to Turton Tower

Y4 – Cherry Tree Library 2.00pm – 2.45pm;

Y5 – Cherry Tree Library 2.45pm – 3.25pm.

Thursday 23rd January:

Sportshall Athletics tournament at Witton Park for some of our Y5 and Y6 children, 4.00pm – 5.30pm.

Week beginning Monday 27th January:

National Story-telling week

Tuesday 28th January:

Y4 – trip to Liverpool Museum

Friday 31st January:

Whole-school Panto! Oh yes it is!

Week beginning Monday 3rd February:

Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 4th February:

Y6 visit to St. Francis Church

Thursday 6th February:

Messy Church after school

It's been another busy week at our school!

In worship we have been starting to learn about the importance of '**Perseverance**' whether at school, carrying out a task, or taking part in a hobby. We thought about how learning can be tricky at times but if we keep trying we will get there and this is the same for every aspect of our life's journey.

The Bible tells us to 'run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus' (Hebrews 12:1-2) and we thought about what this meant for us. We decided it meant that if we have faith in God, then we can keep going, even in difficult times, knowing everything will be ok.

The Fire Service visited our Y2 and Y6 classes to teach them how to stay safe if there were to be a fire emergency.

Our Parents' Meetings took place this week, and it was so lovely to see so many of our parents/carers discussing the fantastic progress already made this academic year. If you did not manage to speak to your child's teacher, please do email them to arrange a meeting.

We have changed our Celebration Worship a little, so that children are recognised and celebrated for the values they show around school as well as academically. We can now acknowledge children for using their manners, being helpful, keeping their cloakrooms tidy or any other positive contribution in addition to demonstrating excellent attitudes to their learning.
Mrs. Foster

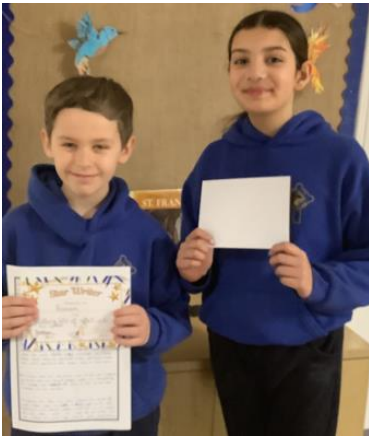
OPAL update

Many of you will have noticed that our school field is not looking its absolute best at the moment! This is because just before Christmas we had a huge delivery of soil (thanks to Fox Brothers and Barratt Homes) to help us to build more bumps and paths for our children. We are hopeful that once Spring arrives, and with a bit of TLC, we will improve the look of our field!

We are also needing some volunteers to help build more play activities – so if you are handy with a screwdriver and saw, Please do let us know!



Y6 Award winners



Y5 Award winners



Y4 Award winners and special mentions



Y2 Award winners



Y3 Award winner



Y1 Award winners and special mentions



Reception Class Award winners



Well done to our award winners and special mentions this week!

If your child isn't on one of these photographs, reassure your children that that doesn't mean they haven't been noticed!

Our staff celebrate achievements – great and small – every day in class, whether its through praise, a postcard home, a sticker or a thumbs up.

To link with our value for this half term, the key is to persevere!

Update – child hit by car

Thank you to those parents/carers who heeded the request for sensible parking and driving, following the incident earlier this week, in which one of our children got hit by a car. To confirm, the child wasn't badly hurt, but the incident serves as a reminder to think carefully when dropping off and picking up your child(ren).

Since the incident I have had a number of parents/carers and children speaking to me about the action they want to take. A number of parents are preparing a petition to give to the council regarding the need for a zebra crossing or crossing patrol. Our Y6 children have written letters requesting the same, which are to be sent to the council as well.

We hope that these steps encourage further action from others to make sure our children stay safe.

Just some of our Y6 letters to the council

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If this is not possible please add a lollipop person (man or woman any will do). It's possible also put a 20MPH sign up. Recently, my friend got hit by a car because (he's or just bruised.) So please give us some thing.

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Yours Sincerely

Dear Mr [redacted]

I am writing to you because our children are not safe here and it's really affecting us. Feniscowles, St Pauls and some other schools all have something to cross the road to keep them safe but we don't and it's getting really unfair.

A couple days ago one of our students got hit by a car. We all want something to cross the road like zebra crossing, a lollipop person or maybe to reduce the speed limit because it's getting dangerous. On school days in the morning and after school people park here. They are not supposed to and we have had enough so what we want is traffic wardens, police who if somebody parks here they shouldn't they should get fined.

We hope this happens as it could really affect our children

Yours sincerely Alpie

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Dear Mr [redacted]

I am writing because our school would love a zebra crossing. Lollipop person. Like people to stop parking in restricted areas to park, so we want a traffic wardens so people don't get hurt. One of our students didn't get lucky and got hit by a car. We need it now so other people are lucky and not get hit. Some other schools like Feniscowles and St Pauls have zebra crossings so we would be tall that we had one too.

And people need to not park on the yellow lines so the people that go to the library don't get hurt. Since we have Cherry Lodge Nursery we really don't want them to get hurt if ever pass away because then their parents or other people will be very sad.

We really need all of this so none of this ever happens so please get all of our things sorted so everybody is happy and safe. So the school is one of the best schools in the world.

So please try help us and make our school be super super safe so nobody gets hurt ever again. So our school doesn't look bad so our pupils are all safe and we hope we get what we all want so we're safe thank you very much.

Dear Mr [redacted]

I am writing for the safety of St. Francis and Cherry Lodge nursery and a few days ago one of our classmates got hit by a car and is bruised by the hip. It is not fair because Feniscowles and St Pauls have a lollipop person and we do not. So please get us a zebra crossing or a lollipop person.

Because children are crossing the road the cars can be going fast so please reduce the speed limit to 20MPH. A lot of children live near this school and probably walk to school on their own. They are not responsible enough so we need to make it safe. There are no traffic wardens to give tickets out to people who are parked in restricted places.

WE NEED IT FOR THE SAFETY OF PEOPLE

-Your Sincerely, Alpie