

Headteacher



Dear Parents & Carers,

The summer term is a short one this year, only 10 weeks in total with 3 bank holidays and we have a lot to cram in. Following the Easter break children have settled well and our Year 6's are busy preparing for their statutory attainment tests (SATs) starting next week. They have all worked extremely hard over the year and have made fantastic progress. We wish them the best of luck.

Worship value – 'Joy' and celebrating Pentecost

Children have been learning about the value **joy** and what makes us feel **joyful**. Sunday 8th June is Pentecost which is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church and is a festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter and is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church and the start of the church's mission to the world.

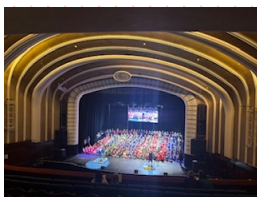
The Holy Spirit is the third part of the Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that is the way Christians understand God. Pentecost is a happy festival and ministers in church often wear robes with red in the design as a symbol of the flames in which the Holy Spirit came to earth.

Father Paul will continue to support our worship on a Thursday morning during this term.



Easter Service

Thank you to Father Ian who supported us with our Easter Service at the end of last term. Our Year 6 pupils re-enacted the events of Maundy Thursday and Holy week. It was lovely to see the church so full. Thank you for your kind donations which have been shared between St. Paul's church and school.



Lets Go Sing!

What a fantastic evening we all had at Blackpool Winter Gardens with over 20 schools taking part. Well done to all the choir who sang their hearts out and a big thank you to Mrs Oaten, Mrs Hayward and Mrs Quinton for leading choir practice throughout the year in

preparation for this event.

Well-being Lancashire Mind – 'Resilient Minds'

Lancashire Mind are our local mental health charity based in Chorley, supporting the families of Lancashire. Currently our Year 3 class are taking part in the weekly well-being sessions, following a successful programme with our Year 5 class. This programme supports children with their mental health and well-being and they each have a booklet to complete activities every week. This link tells you more about the great work they are doing. A number of our Year 4 children are taking part in the 'Bounce Forward' after school club which is also run by the service. Finally, we have been able to support our parents and carers with an attention workshop run by our Primary mental health worker Sharon Beirne.

[Resilient Minds: Building resilience and wellbeing for young people - Lancashire Mind](#)

Sports Update

The swimming Gala was a huge success with our pupils performing magnificently throughout the event. Many children won their individual events and we only just missed out on the top spot. Our team was represented from children

across Key Stage 2 with our younger children competing and winning against much older children. You were all amazing – well done to our super swimmers!

Our Dance troupe enjoyed a fantastic performance at Lostock Hall Academy after a late venue change. Well done to all those taking part and a big thank you to Katie from the Active sports team and Mrs Almond and Mrs Hayward for teaching and supporting the pupils.

Children's Chaplains group update

Our new Children's Chaplains group are now playing an active role in school supporting pupils during the dinner hour on each yard. In pairs, they provide craft activities linked to the Christian faith and support pupils who may need a friend to talk to. They also continue to support at the warm café at the church hall every Tuesday from 10:00-10:30am. Well done to this fantastic group.



Autism Awareness week

We celebrated our uniqueness and how our brains are all different during the week. We talked about how sports people, like the footballer Lucy Bronze (Chelsea FC), sees her autism as a special power.

Year 1 whole-school worship

Parents and carers of our Year 1 pupils were invited to attend their special worship which they delivered to the whole school. They spoke clearly and confidently, telling us all about the Easter story and produced some wonderful artwork. Well done Year 1!

Year 4 Cuerden Valley River study field trip

We joined the experienced volunteers at Cuerden Valley country park to learn all about the life of a river. The children demonstrated their fantastic knowledge of rivers from the source to the mouth and enjoyed panning for the different rocks deposited on the river bed.

Victory in Europe 80th Anniversary celebrations

Yesterday, we remembered the end of World War II in Europe and marked the occasion with a special street party dinner. Children have learnt about why it is important to remember this special anniversary and about the conflict all those years ago.

Coming up

The week beginning 19th May is our mental health and wellbeing week in school. Thursday 22nd May is walking, cycling or scooting to school day to raise awareness about healthy transport. This is also the day we will be having our school sports day. We will finish the half-term with our awards service on Friday 23rd May at 9:05am.

Finally, if you have any queries or concerns do please get in touch with the office, your class teacher or myself.

Let us all continue to 'Thrive in the Gift of Life' at St. Paul's.

Best wishes

Mr J Eccleston

Head Teacher

Prayers of intercession

In our prayers today, we put all thoughts, worries and hopes into the hands of God.

We place into the hands of God the life of this Church, the people around us and those who are not here today.

We place into your hands those who are in danger because they are homeless. Let us care for people that are homeless, make them thrive with your help. Look after adults and children that are suffering because they are homeless. Give them a good life, let them have the things that they need, help them thrive in the gift of life.

Lord, in Your mercy

We place into your hands, the people in our community, for the children who take part in Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows and for the people who are part of our Church. Children's Chaplains, who attend weekly and visit the Warm Café, who wrote these prayers. We pray for those who attend Church and for those who can't make it and for everyone around us because working together is key for us to thrive.

Lord, in Your mercy

We place into your hands the elderly, if they are hurt or sick give them a quick recovery. Please take care of them so they stay healthy and they can be blessed by God. Let them be the happiest version of yourself and be close to you God.

Lord, in Your mercy

We place into your hands, the teachers in our school, if they are struggling with their class, let us pray for our education and getting more knowledge for the teachers and students.

Lord in Your mercy

We place into your hands the people who are affected by wars over the world. Help us to become better people and to help our neighbours and love one another. Lord, help us to become like you, to be kind and caring.

Lord, in Your mercy

We place into your hands all the animals. Please help us to keep our world clean and free from rubbish because this is harmful to wildlife. Help them to find shelter that is safe and food to keep them full.

Lord, in Your mercy

We place into your hands the sick, please help people who are suffering in this time and let them get better and to thrive. Please help people who need your help and medication and people who can't afford their medication. We ask for your peace and comfort and strength to help unwell people. Heal them and help them through their struggles at this time.

Lord, in Your mercy.

TALK TOGETHER ABOUT JOY...

Joy and happiness are wonderful feelings to experience, but they are very different. Joy is often understood to be an approach to life. Coming from inside, it is about being at peace in your spirit and thankful for all that is good in the world. For Christians, the knowledge that they are loved unconditionally by God helps them to know joy in their lives. Happiness on the other hand can be more of a passing feeling, based on things outside of you such as relationships with other people, possessions, places, thoughts and events.

Living in an attitude of gratitude can help us to know joy. What are you grateful for in your life?

Can you think of anything that stops you being joy-full?

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

Sometimes your **joy** is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your **joy**.

Thich Nhat Hanh - Vietnamese Buddhist monk

Think about these words.
What do you think they mean?



QUIZ Emojis tell the story

Read the story once again. Notice the ■ signs. Each time you see one, use the words from the list below to describe Mary's emotions as the story unfolds.

Design your own emojis to illustrate the words

Mary was:

Confused	Weary
Courageous	Grieving
Overjoyed	Shocked



READ TOGETHER...

The First Easter Morning

At the end of a long, sleepless Sabbath night Mary set off with her spices for the garden tomb where the body of Jesus had been put. ■ As she reached the place, the first rays of the sun were catching the branches of the trees, birds were singing, everything was as it always was..... but what had happened to the stone that had covered the entrance to the tomb? ■ Mary was rooted to the spot. Who could possibly have rolled away the huge boulder? She peered inside. Jesus was gone! ■ Panic stricken she raced back to tell the disciples the news. Together they returned quickly to the garden and entered the cave.

Peter crouched down. He touched the strips of linen that had been wrapped round Jesus' body and now just lay there, neatly folded. Wild thoughts were now racing around the disciples' heads Jesus had once told them he would rise from the dead. Could it really be true? Could Jesus really be alive?

Mary, meanwhile, was still in the garden, and all she could do was weep. ■ Gathering all her courage she slowly stepped down into the tomb. ■ To her amazement two angels, dazzling white, sat before her! She had no idea what was going on. Then one of them spoke, "Why are you crying?"

Mary replied, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they have put him." In a daze, Mary stumbled back into the garden and sat down on the nearest patch of grass, tears streaming down her face. She did not see the person who came and stood just beside her. He spoke very gently, "Why are you crying?"

Assuming he was the gardener Mary said, "Sir, if you have taken the body that was in this tomb, *please* tell me where you have put it now."

"Mary," came the reply. Mary looked up, **joy** flooding through her whole body. It wasn't the gardener who stood before her, it was Jesus. He was alive! ■





HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Joyful Memories

Ask an adult in your family to show you some photos on their phone of a happy occasion or event that you both remember.

Which are the most **joyful** smiles?

Either print out thumbnails of the smiles or recreate the smile as a painting or collage.

Write a sentence about the memory.



FAMILY FOCUS

"Let your **joy** be in your journey, not in the hope of your destination." Anon

When did doing something, or going somewhere together as a family, bring you **joy**?

Draw a picture or make a collage showing the event.

Family Time



FASCINATING FACTS AND HALL OF FAME

On this HOME SCHOOL VALUE sheet the FASCINATING FACTS section and HALL OF FAME section are linked because they are about the famous piece of music called Ode to Joy and it's composer Ludwig van Beethoven.



FASCINATING FACTS

Ode to Joy

Ode to Joy by Beethoven is one of the most famous pieces of all music of all time!

It is part of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. Beethoven wanted to set the ideas in a poem by Friedrich Schiller to music. The poem is about the joy and bonds of human friendship.

In 1985 Beethoven's piece was adopted by the Council of Europe (later to become the European Union) as its theme music because it was felt that it symbolised the values of peace, freedom and solidarity, which were shared by all the countries.



When the 9th symphony was first performed in Vienna on 7th May 1824, the audience loved it so much that, at the end they all stood to cheer and clap. Realising that Beethoven was completely deaf and couldn't hear them, they threw their hats and scarves into the air again and again to make sure he knew how much they had enjoyed the concert.

Why not enter 'Ode to Joy' into a computer search engine and listen?



HALL OF FAME

About the composer

Ludwig van Beethoven is one of the greatest composers of classical music who has ever lived.

He was born in 1770 and died when he was only 57.

Beethoven had to leave school at 11 years old because his father was an alcoholic and unable to work. Ludwig needed to earn money to support the family.

Beethoven wasn't only a composer, but also an accomplished pianist and viola player. He performed in public for the first time at 7 years old.

At twelve years old, Beethoven was already composing beautiful music.

At the age of 25 Beethoven began to go deaf. He wrote some of his best work after he had lost his sense of hearing completely.

Before settling down to work Beethoven used to dip his head in cold water. No one quite knew why he did this!

Beethoven wrote one of his best loved pieces of music entirely at night. He called it 'The Moonlight Sonata.'