

‘Learning and growing together to achieve our best in the love of God’
Value for this half term: peace
Matthew 5:9
“Blessed are the peace makers, for they shall be called the children of God.”

Staff News

We say goodbye to Mrs Leeming who is retiring. Mrs Leeming has been a much loved member of staff who will be sorely missed. She has been at the heart of the spiritual life of the school and the Choir. She organised the recent prayer space event in school which children and staff really enjoyed.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Hannan, who is not returning after her maternity leave. Mrs Hannan has helped develop our art curriculum and will be fondly remembered for gardening club!

Many thanks to both members of staff for all they have done. We wish them well for the future.

We welcome Mrs Rhodes to our Early Years team. She will be the Reception class teacher alongside Mrs Shawcross. This means Miss Jaeger will be class teacher in C5 until Mrs Bradshaw’s return from maternity leave.

We also welcome Mr McRae who will replace Mrs Hannan in Key Stage Two.

Action Packed Summer

Jubilee Day

We had a fantastic celebration of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. All classes learned a dance from a song from the past six decades and we enjoyed food and dancing together outdoors.



Trip to Windmill Farm

Early Years (Raindrops and Reception) had a wonderful day at Windmill Farm.



Trip to Beach

Years 1 and 2 had a brilliant day at Lytham St Annes and enjoyed a train ride too!



Trip to Chester

Years 3 and 4 enjoyed the Roman experience in Chester which included marching around the city dressed as Roman soldiers.



Y5 Trip to Liverpool Museum

Year 5 had a fantastic time at the World Museum where they further explored their science topic of Space in the Planetarium and were able to handle real-life artefacts from Anglo-Saxon and Viking Britain.



Year 5 at Rainford High

Year 5 had a very interesting morning on a taster day at Rainford High.



Year 6 Events

PGL

Every Year 6 child had a fantastic time at PGL. They all forged some lasting memories that I am sure they will treasure.



Y6 Leavers Party

Y6 children had a wonderful time at their end of year party. They enjoyed pizza and ice-cream and fun activities provided by Sports 4 Kids. Thank you to FORCES for providing the ice-cream, Sports 4 Kids for providing the activities and to those of our staff who stayed behind to make sure children had a fantastic time.

Leavers Service at the Cathedral

The children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Cathedral for a leavers' service. It was an epic service with drama and music set in the awesome setting of the cathedral.

Y6 Play

The Year 6 play has been really well received by parents and families. Our Year Six have put together a high-quality play with comedy, singing and dancing. We are so impressed with the talent displayed. Well done Year Six!

Thank you to the Year Six staff who have worked tremendously hard to make sure that our Year Six children have had a wonderful last year at Rainford C.E.

Church and Community Prayer Space Event

Children from Y1 to Y6 had the opportunity to look at our Christian values in a new way at the five different prayer stations. Each station was staffed by a member of the Parish church including Janet and Noel. We had lot of lovely responses from children. Here are a couple of them:

'I felt nervous going in but I was much happier coming out knowing I have spent time being closer to God.'

'I felt really joyful and calm when I left the prayer space because there were a lot of calming activities to complete which made me think about my life.'



Sports News

Well done to our Y6 athletics team who competed really well in recent athletics event.



Artist in school

We were visited by Paul Curtis – a well known Liverpool artist who spoke to our Year 5 and 6 children about his art. Mr Curtis offered to come as one of our children won a competition to be the most photographed next to all his art work on display around Liverpool. Well done Freya!



Walking Day

Saturday 18th June 1.30pm

Thank you to everyone who walked with the school or the church on Walking Day. We had wonderful weather and it was fantastic to be able to celebrate this event for the first time in three years.

F.O.R.C.E.S.

Gala Day

Many thanks to FORCES and staff for a fantastic Gala Day. The weather was amazing up until the last half hour when the heavens opened.

It was great to see so many people there. Thank you to parents and families for your support.

Charging Policy

Governors have agreed some increase in prices for Breakfast Club, After School Club and Raindrops Sessions due to increased costs for school. They have also introduced a contribution from parents of £2 per session towards swimming transport costs for Y4-Y6 children during the term that they have swimming sessions. This is because transport costs have more than doubled and the cost is now more than £8 per pupil per day for swimming transport. Details are in the revised Charging Policy which on the website under Information/policies.

SATS Results

We are very pleased with our KS2 SATs results. The children worked really hard and they have made very good progress despite the pandemic.

Attainment in reading: 81% at expected standard and/or greater depth standard; 40% at greater depth standard. *National average 74%.*

Attainment in writing: 81% at expected standard and/or greater depth standard; 19% greater depth standard. *National average 69%*

Attainment in maths: 77% expected standard and/or greater depth standard; 35% greater depth standard. *National average 71%*

Changes for September School Uniform

Children need to bring their PE and games kits in a PE **pump bag** on the first day to remain in school. Do not send in back packs – thank you.

PE Kit: red shorts (not tight fitting lycra), plain white t shirt or PE t-shirt with school logo. Please also provide **black plimsolls**.



Games Kit:

On top of PE kit, children should have **plain** black, long sleeved zip up hoodie (no logo) and **plain** black jogging bottoms (no logo). Children will also need a **pair of trainers** to remain in school.

Please do not invest in branded PE items – children will not be allowed to wear them as PE kits. Please do not invest in back packs also as the school does not have room to store them and they will be sent home. Thank you.

Children can continue to wear their summer uniforms if they wish until autumn half term.

Pencil cases

We requested pencil cases during Covid to reduce sharing equipment between children. This is no longer needed. Children will not need pencil cases – we will provide pencils, rubbers, rulers etc. Please leave pencil cases at home.

Book bags

Children can carry books and homework in book bags please. These fit neatly into school trays. These can be purchased through the uniform suppliers: Whittakers or Jaymax. Please do not send in back packs.

Classes for September

Reception C2 – Mrs Shawcross and Mrs Rhodes
Year 1 C3 – Miss Dolan
Year 2 C4 – Mrs McVey
Year 3 C5 – Miss Jaeger/Mrs Bradshaw
Year 4 C6 – Mr McRae
Year 4 C7 – Mrs Cornthwaite and Mrs Lacy
Year 5 C8 - Mr Cox
Years 5/6 C9 – Mrs Thompson
Year 6 C10 – Mrs Rigby and Mrs Gallagher

Monday 18th July

Year 6 at Alton Towers

Wednesday 20th July Y6 Leavers' Event in School Hall 10am

End of term
School finishes 2.30pm
After school club finishes
4.55pm

We would all like to wish you a good and restful summer break and we will look forward to seeing you all in September!

Good luck to the Year 6's as they start their next academic journey through high school.