



Mellor St Mary CE Primary School

Believing, Learning and Sharing Together

June News

Can you believe that we are in the final half term of this academic year? Where has the time gone? Our Year 6 children have 'officially' received their leavers hoodies and our new to EYFS have 'officially' accepted their places for September, so school is busy getting ready supporting the children for these important life changing transitions. As well as focusing on transitions, June is also another month when statutory assessments take place. All Year 4 children, will be taking their multiplication timetables check whilst all Year 1 children will be completing their phonics screening check. Alongside this all year groups will be completing their internal end of year assessments in English and maths, so as you can see there are a lot of 'official' things taking place.

There are also many fun things taking place too, including a trip Blackpool Tower and Sealife Centre for Class 3 and Class 4, a visit to the Hindu Temple in Preston for Year 1 and Year 2, not to mention the long awaited Towerwood residential for Year 5 and 6. Details of all of these can be found on the diary page at the end of this newsletter. New dates for other events have been added, so please make sure you check it out and update your own diaries accordingly.

Moving on to next academic year, the teaching class structure will be the same as this, with support staff working between the different classes supporting children with additional needs and covering sessions for teachers. Separate letters will be sent out to Year 1 and Year 4 families regarding the split classes which are always organised by age.

Class 1 (EYFS /Y1) Mr Birchall and Miss Porter Brown

Class 2 (Y1/ Y2) Mrs Marshall (Mon-Wed) , Mrs Carins (Thur, Fri)

Class 3 (Y3/Y4) Mrs Pye (Mon– Wed), Mrs Harwood (Thur, Fri)

Class 4 (Y4/Y5) Miss Howard

Class 5 (Y6) Mr Blackburn.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the class structure, please do make an appointment to see Mrs EP who is more than happy to go through this with you.

Upcoming Events

School closed Monday
2nd June INSET day.

Events Next Month

Wednesday 2nd July
Whole School Move Up
day

Tuesday 1st July
Y6 leavers service at
Blackburn Cathedral
10:30am

Monday 7th July
Sports Day 1:30pm

Weather permitting. If it has to be cancelled for any reason our second attempt will be on Tuesday 8th July, again in

Towerwood Residential Weekend Information Session.

Mr Blackburn will be holding a parents meeting on Tuesday 10th June at 3:15pm, where he will go through the itinerary, kit list and the do's and don'ts of packing for Towerwood. Please attend if you can but don't worry if you can't as a PowerPoint will be added to the school website/ Towerwood section for you to review at home.



ECO WARRIORS : Mrs Carins and Mrs Hounslow are in need of empty 1.5/ 2 litre plastic bottles so that they can use them to make a recycled fence around the garden area in school. If you have any empty ones, please can you send them into school as soon as possible, as some plants are getting damaged through children standing in

the garden area. We are also in need lots and lots and lots of coloured plastic bottle tops. Before you recycle your bottles at home, if you could remove the tops and send them in o school we would be very grateful as we would like to use to make some art work. Thank you from Mrs Carins, Mrs Hounslow, the Gardening Club and Eco Warriors.



Relationship and Sex

Education (RSE)

On Wednesday 25th June Year 4 and Year 5 children will be taking part in puberty lessons led by the Coram Education team.

Details and contextual information for this lesson can be found on the Coram Education site using the following link:

[Information for parents RSE V2.3.pdf](#)

Year 6 will be taking part in a Sex Education lesson, also delivered by the experienced Coram Education practitioner. Separate letters/ emails have been sent out to the relevant year groups regarding these sessions and if you require any further information, then please contact Mrs EP in school.

Church News

Mellor Church has now been awarded pet friendly status, which means that your furry, feathered or scaley friends are more than welcome to attend worship with you. To celebrate this they are holding a special Pets Service on Sunday 6th July at 4pm in Church. Please do come along if you can.



Other News



Attendance and penalty notice charges changes.

As we come into holiday season, I thought I would just remind you all of the attendance rules which came in to force last August. Holiday in term time requests will unfortunately be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Sorry. Any penalty notices issued will come from the LA and fines will be paid to the LA and not school.

School Penalty Notice Fines for Attendance are Changing from August

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty notices, the following changes will come into effect for all Fines issued after August 19th 2024

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each absent child.

For Example: 3 siblings absent for leave during term time would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days

Second Offence

(within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave the amount will be £160 per parent, paid within 28 days

5 Consecutive Days of Term Time Leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset Days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time

10 Sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-Week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period

Third Offence (and any further offences within 3 years)

The Third time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates court. Where fines of up to £2500 per parent, per child can be issued.

Note: Cases found guilty in Magistrates Court can show on Parents future DBS certificates as a 'Failure to safeguard a child's education'.

Other News continued...



Non Uniform Days

In preparation for the Summer Gala on Friday 27th June at 3:15pm we would like to hold **two non uniform days** for all pupils in school.

The first is on **Friday 13th June** We would love it if all infant children could donate something chocolatey and all junior children donate a bottle—of any kind. All we ask is that the bottles are unopened and the chocolate is not nibbled before bringing them into school !

The second non uniform day will be on **Thursday 26th June** (the day before Gala day). This time we are politely asking all children to bring in a jar filled with a variety of objects e.g. sweet, soap, crayons, toys, bobbles, the list is endless. Please be as creative or as you can be. All donations received will go on the tombola stalls at the Gala which will start straight after school.

Safeguarding

the national sleep helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541

Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday 9am - 11am



ChildLine
0800 1111

**Don't keep it inside
Talk to us**

www.childline.org.uk

Author of the Month

This month, our author is Henry in Year 2. Over the course of the year, Year 2 children have been developing their story writing skills and are now proficient in adding more description to their work as well as adding in some suspense for the reader. I am sure as you read the passage below, Henry has certainly done this and I cannot wait to find out what is at the top of the long ladder

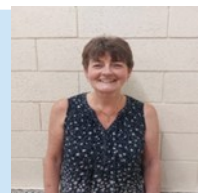
Well done Henry a great story opener.



Henry

The way back home.

The boy looked in the blackout, big cupboard and at the back of it there was a rocket ship. He got the rocket ship and brobt it outside with him. He flew up into space and landed on top of the shiney moon. A ufo landed on the moon so so fast the ufo broke the enjon. The boy had a plan he flew back to home and got out a long ladder



Hello again

I hope you have all been enjoying the long days of sunshine!

Unfortunately, it looks like it's coming to an end for now but hopefully we'll see some more before too long.

I am still reviewing all the stock in the library and removing books that haven't been borrowed for some time.

As I said in my last update, if you have any requests for authors you would like to see in the library, please let me know and I will see if I can find some for us.

Thank you to those who have signed up for the Lancashire Reading Trail. If you haven't joined yet, why not give it a try?

I have maps, stickers and other goodies on offer - sometimes I also have some sweet treats available!!

What's On in June?

The big news is that the **Reading Heroes Challenge** will be starting again during June.

Last year Mellor had the highest percentage of engagement in the whole of Lancashire so

I will be coming into school to tell you all about it and, once again, there will be prizes and goodies on offer!

I hope that you will all join in once again & we can finish up back on top of the League!

Our monthly **Lego Club** is held on the 1st Saturday of each month. Adults and children welcome!

If anyone is interested in jigsaws, I'm hoping to set up a **Jigsaw Club** too! Just let me know if you would be interested in this.

Digital Support: In addition to access to our public computer and free Wi-Fi, Richard, our volunteer Digital Champion attends the library each week to offer help & support with your digital devices. He is usually available on **Saturday mornings** 9.30am-10.30am

There is no requirement to book an appointment. If you wish to check that he is planning to attend on a particular day, please pop in and ask.

In addition to our public computer and the printing/copying facilities in the library, you can now print documents using wi-fi from your own device at home & simply call in to collect the printouts within 24 hours for the same cost.

We have helpful cards available for you to keep at home if this would be of use to you.

June Book of the Month

The next Book of the Month is "The Paris Apartment" by Lucy Foley

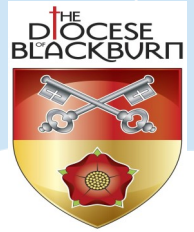
Copies will be available to borrow from Monday 2nd June

Looking forward to see you all again soon.



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JOIN OUR TEAM



Dear Friends

The United Benefice of Balderstone, Mellor and Samlesbury are looking for a new Church Administrator for general admin tasks and providing support to the Vicar.

This is a paid role on a self-employed basis, with up to **7 hours a week available at £12/Hr.** If you feel that you have the right skills and time to spare, please get in contact with Nathaniel via email before the 31st of May 2025: rev.n.gilmour@gmail.com

ROLE

1. Admin for Church Life Events

- Emailing baptism families and wedding couples to arrange their special life events, send out and check through application forms, and arrange meetings for Rev'd Karen
- Keeping records of baptisms, weddings and funerals, inputting details into an online Church Of England life events system and printing associated marriage documents
- Handwriting baptism certificates
- Creating invoices for weddings and funerals and sending these to wedding couples, funeral directors and our parish treasurers
- Inviting baptism families and wedding couples to share their good news in our magazine
- Completing a quarterly return document of our completed and upcoming weddings for Lancashire Registrars
- Inviting the bereaved, by email or post, to our annual All Souls Service
- Writing and sending first wedding anniversary and baptism anniversary cards

4. Other General Admin Tasks

- Reading, replying to and forwarding incoming United Benefice emails
- Keeping an electronic United Benefice diary and updating this on OneDrive
- Keeping rotas for church services and our prayer diary, in consultation with Rev'd Nathaniel, and updating these on OneDrive
- Scanning our Redemptorist sheets, on a quarterly basis, and emailing these, along with a quarterly service rota, to those who assist with the running of our church services
- Sending out and collecting confirmation application forms and compiling the returned information.

Thank you for taking time to consider this role.

For with God nothing shall be impossible



FRIDAY 27th July at 3:15pm

Please come along and join us for our annual summer gala directly after school on Friday 27th July. There's fun for all the family and everyone's welcome. So if you enjoy ...

- Raffles and Tombolas
- Prize Games and Class stalls
- Face painting and tattoos
- Sweet treats and popcorn
- Cakes and bakes
- Plus loads of fun activities,

Then please do stay around after school on Friday 27th July.

FOSMS are looking for helpers and volunteers to help set up stalls from 1pm on the Friday as well as help run stalls during the Gala. So if you think you can spare an hour or two and would like to give something back to the FOSM team, as a thank you for all the other events they have run this year, then please do let the school office or a member of FOSMS know.

Mrs Scales

A quick message from Mrs Scales.....



Please can you make sure that all Parent Pay accounts are settled by the end of this half term, this includes any outstanding lunch or after school club fees. If you have not paid your Towerwood residential fees yet, please can you also settle the account before the 9th June.

Also all after school clubs will continue the same next half term, as they are this term. There is no need to re register your child if they wish to continue with any teacher led clubs. Outside provider clubs will need to be registered for if your child would like to take part in them. These include, Lego, Judo, Gymnastics and Just Imagine. Thank you from Mrs Scales.

And finally...

As an open door policy school if you have any concerns, worries or need to talk to anyone in, then please just get in touch.

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Mrs Embley-Peers Headteacher

Date	What	When	Who
Sunday 1st June	Confirmation Service at St Leonard the Less at Samlesbury	11am	All welcome
Monday 2nd June	School Closed INSET Day		
Wednesday 4th June	Induction Evening for new EYFS Sept 25	6pm	All welcome
Tuesday 3rd June	Statutory Year 4 multiplication check	All week	Year 4 only
Monday 9th June	Class 3 and Class 4 trip to Blackpool Tower and Sealife Centre	All day	Class 3 and Class 4 only
Monday 9th June	Statutory Year 1 Phonics screening check	Afternoons	Year 1 only
Tuesday 10th June	Towerwood Parent Meeting	3:15pm	Year 5 and 6 only
Friday 13th June	FOSMS non uniform day—KS1 children to bring chocolates and KS2 children to bring a bottle for Summer Gala tombola.	All day	All year groups
Tuesday 17th June	Year 6 transition day with Y6 children from cluster schools	All day	Year 6 only
Wednesday 18th June	Year 6 Moving On Up session	Afternoon	Year 6 only
Friday 20th June	Towerwood residential weekend	Weekend	Year 5 and Year 6
Wednesday 25th June	Year 1 and Year 2 visit a Hindu Temple in Preston	All day	Year 1 and Year 2 only
Wednesday 25th June	CORAM Puberty Sessions CORAM Sex Education Sessions	All week	Year 4 and Y5 Year 6
Thursday 26th June	FOSMS non uniform day for Summer Gala. All children to bring a jar filled with items	All day	All year groups
Friday 27th June	FOSMS Summer Gala straight after school	Starts at 3:15pm	All welcome
Tuesday 1st July	Year 6 leavers service at Blackburn Cathedral	10:30am	Year 6 only
Wednesday 2nd July	Whole School Move Up Day NEW EYFS taster session	All day 1:30-2:30pm	All year groups New EYFS only
Monday 7th July	First attempt at Sports Day and Y6 v Teachers game after school	Afternoon	All welcome
Tuesday 8th July	Second attempt at Sports Day	Afternoon	All welcome
Wednesday 9th July	New EYFS taster session	1:30-2:30pm	New EYFS only
Friday 11th July	EYFS and Y6 Buddy Trip to Blackpool Zoo School Reports sent out	All day	EYFS and Y6 only
Monday 14th July	Rock Steady Music Performance	2:30pm	All welcome
Tuesday 15th July	Class 4 Ukulele Performance	2:30pm	All welcome
Tuesday 15th July	Year 6 Production	6pm	All welcome
Friday 18th July	Awards Service (am) Leavers Service (pm)	am and pm	All welcome