



# Mellor St Mary CE Primary School

*Believing, Learning and Sharing Together*

## April News

I cannot believe that we are coming to the end of Spring term already, with only one more full term to go before the end of the school year. This month is always a short one due to the Easter holidays, however, there is always still a lot to tell you about and share with you.

Firstly, Mr Worswick our new site supervisor has decided to move on from school. He has enjoyed his brief time with us and thanks you all for making him feel so very welcome. That said, we now are on the look out for another new site supervisor. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this role, then please encourage them to contact Mrs Scales in the school office. Further details about this role can be found on the school website—vacancies or on the LCC job vacancy web page. [Jobs, employment and volunteering - Lancashire County Council](#)

It seems as one person leaves, another one enters our school family and I would like to introduce you to our new United Benefice vicar, Rev Nathaniel Gilmour. Rev Nathaniel will be taking up his post following his inauguration in May and no doubt you will see him around the village as he starts to settle into life in the vicarage and parish.



### Upcoming Events

**Friday 4th April**  
Easter Worship in school 9am followed by FOSMS raffle draw.

School closes for the Easter Holiday after school on Friday 4th April and reopens on Tuesday 22nd April

### Events Next Month

**Friday 9th May** VE Commemoration / musical evening in Church. Class 3 and Class 4 are invited to sing 3 songs from Let's Go Sing.

**Monday 12th May**  
KS2 SATS week starts

**Wednesday 14th May**  
No After School Club on due to staff training.



Is it a bird, is it a plane, no it's Wonder dome! All key stage 2 children were treated to a very special 'out of this world' experience from the Wonderdome team, who brought learning about space to life through videos, and projected images of planets, stars and galaxies. As far as I know no one spotted any extra terrestrial life whilst in there, but all the children came out knowing a lot more about how our planet fits into the universe. Thank you to those that paid a donation for this.

# Other School News...

## Spring Term - Sports Update from Mr Blackburn

It has been another busy term for sporting events throughout school. Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics – Children took part in sprint events, some individual and some relay, including one where they had to tackle a range of obstacles. They all then competed in field events including javelin, triple jump and long jump. They all had lots of fun and practiced some new skills.

Year 1 and 2 Gymnastics – Children experienced a range of gymnastic skills and equipment, taught by students from a high school in Accrington. They had to balance on beams, jump into foam pits and swing from bars. It was great fun and showed them new ways to get active.

Year 3 and 4 Glow Dodgeball – A number of children went to Oakhill and took part in a dodgeball competition in the dark. It was all designed to build the core values set out by the Hyndburn and Ribble Valley Sports Partnership, including team work, respect and mutual appreciation. Luckily, the children could all see just enough to dodge out of the way of an incoming ball!

Biggest Ever Girls' Football Session – Every girl in school took part in a coaching session to develop their football skills. Some children had never played football before, whilst for others it is a real passion. As part of thousands of schools across the country, the day is aimed at giving confidence to girls and allowing them the opportunity to play alongside their friends. One little girl said "I didn't used to like football, but now I love it!"

School Football Teams – Our mixed team and our girls' team have recently taken part in another set of league fixtures at Edisford. The mixed team have made some big improvements over the year and are competing well with much bigger schools than ours. The girls started their league campaign with a brilliant victory and battled hard in some tough opening fixtures to see themselves in mid-table in the league. There are a few more fixtures to play before summer to find out the final positions in the league.

All of the teachers that have been involved in the sporting events, report how good the conduct of our children is. Despite not always winning, they show respect and great fair play across all year groups and all sports. This is something that is recognised by staff and organisers of the events and something that we should be very proud of.



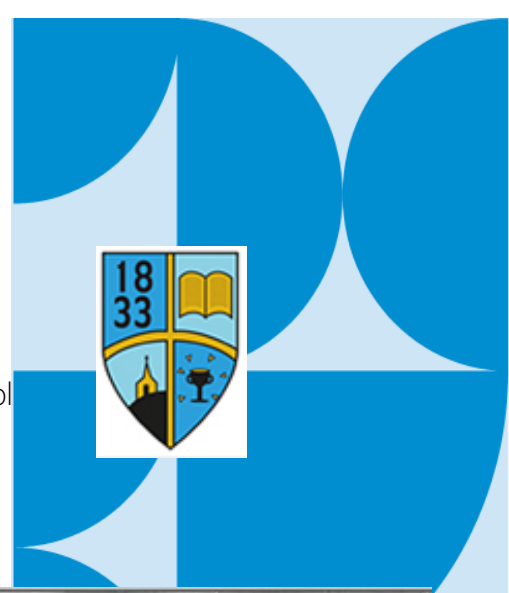
## LENT PROJECT 2025

Thank you , thank you , thank you for all the food bank items that have been brought into school. I think we have hit our 40 item target already.



Please continue to send in items if you can, as I know they are much needed by many families in Blackburn. We will continue to collect items up to the 4th April - Easter eggs included.

# Author of the Month

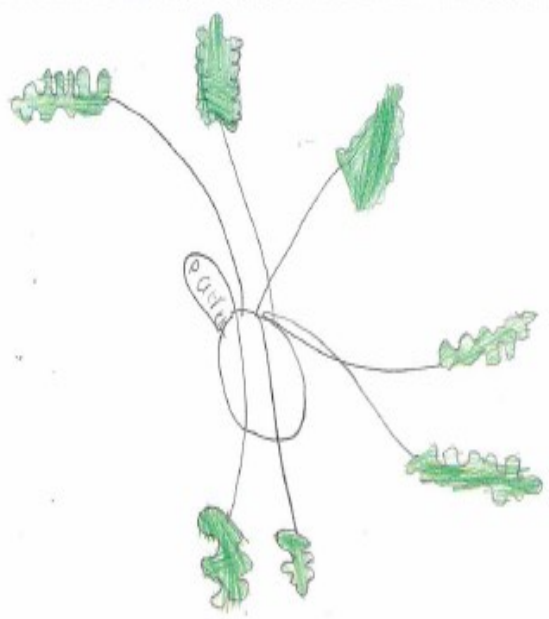


This month Gardening Club and Eco Warriors are our chosen authors. Working with Mrs Carins, they have been classifying plants around school and then making fact sheets for each class so they know how to look after their classroom plants, a few of which have been renamed from their original Latin name to a more a contemporary one !

Each classroom in school has a named plant to look after as a group we researched top tips to look after each plant. Here are some of the Care instructions for each plant.

Patrick Blue Star Fern  
1 Doesn't like direct sunlight  
2 likes humid conditions so somewhere moist is best  
3 Water every few weeks but mist regularly  
PATRICK HATES being soggy with too much water.

Each class now have the care instructions displayed in their classrooms.

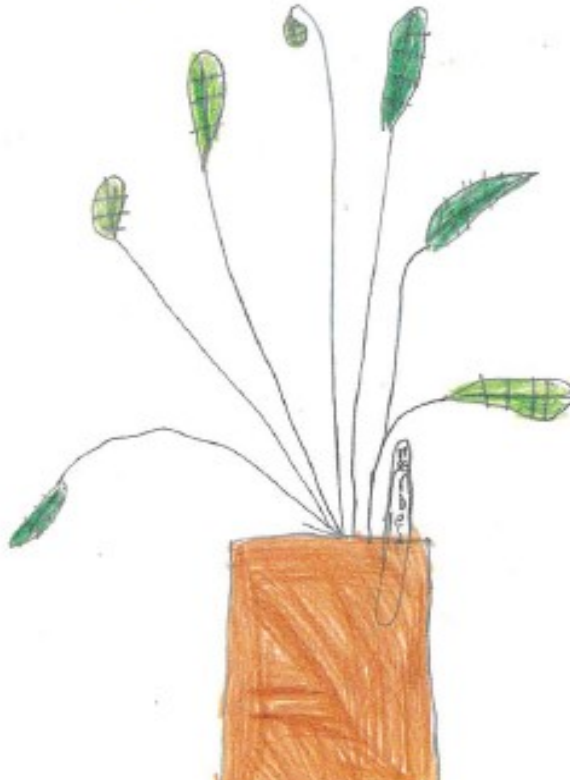


- Class one - Patrick
- Class two - Derek
- Class three - Pogonier
- Class 4 - Bob + Vera
- Class 5 - Anna

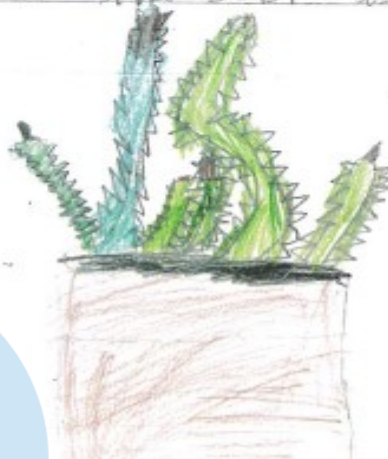
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Herbert Bluestar Fern  
 Doesn't like direct sunlight Likes humid conditions moist is best water every few weeks but mist regularly patrick HATES being soggy with too much water.



vera - doe vera plant.  
 ① She likes to be warm.  
 ② Doesn't like cold draughts.  
 ③ she likes to be in a bright spot but not right in front of sun.  
 ④ She does not like lots of water, but sprouting, only water when the soil is very dry.



vera - doe vera plant.



A message for help from the Eco Warriors Team

Do you have any old plant pots which are not being used?

If so then please could we have them as we would like to make a number of bug hotels and place them around school.

Do you have any spare time?

If so please can you help us to build our bug hotels. If you can then please let Mrs Carins or the office know so that we can arrange a time to get together to make them.

Thanks from Eco Warriors



Talent Show Finalists for 2025 : Parents of finalists are welcome to attend the show on Friday 4th April starting approx 1:30pm.

<b>Easter Talent show finalists 04.04.2025 : final rehearsal 03.04.2025</b>			
Order	Name	Year	Act
<b>EYFS/KS1</b>			
1	Ethan	2	Singing
2	Fatimah and Bilal	1	Drama
3	Phoebe	1	Singing
4	Ivy	2	Video
5	Arian	2	Piano
6	Annabelle	1	Dancing
7	Ambi & Evie	EYFS	Singing and dancing
8	Ava & Elodie	1	Singing
9	Penelope & Mila	2	Singing and dancing
<b>KS2</b>			
10	Elsie	4	Video singing
11	Harriet	5	Gymnastics
12	Alice	5	Puppet Jokes
13	Charles	6	Video organ playing
14	Penelope, Lyla, Molly Faiza	4	Singing and dancing
15	Heidi	5	Ventriloquism
16	Esme, Freya, Bobbie, Olivia, Macauley, Reuben	5/6	Acting
17	Edie	6	Guitar
18	Lucas	6	Singing
19	Arabella	5	Singing
20	Charlie	3	Poetry
21	Nicha	5	Modern Dancing
22	Zakki, Lucas, Tommy	6	Acting
23	Arthur & William	4	<i>Football</i>
	Leo & Hasan	5	<i>Judo</i>
	Rafaay	3	<i>Hockey</i>
	Stan	3	<i>Golf video</i>

# Church & Community



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**MELLOR**  
*Village Hall*

Don't forget The Mellor Village Big Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday 20th April 12pm—3pm . Tickets are available from school or online:

@mellorvillagehall.org.uk £3.50 per child which includes a large Easter egg at the end of the hunt. You can also have your photo taken with the Easter Bunny and enjoy some Easter cakes and food in the café.

**FOSMS**  
friends of st mary school  
Charity No. 1080520

**EASTER RAFFLE**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize: £250**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: £100**  
**Other prizes include:**  
**Millstone Afternoon Tea**  
**Scholars Restaurant Lunch for Two**  
**Littlers Butchers Voucher**  
**Live Yoga Sessions**  
**Ironing Fairy Voucher**  
**Gift from Booths and Bowker**  
**Chocolate Hamper**

**During assembly Friday 4th of April 2025**  
**Tickets £1 Each**

All counterfoils, monies and unsold tickets must be returned.

Just a reminder that all families have received 10 raffle tickets to sell for our annual FOSMS Easter Raffle. We have some amazing prizes up for grabs including a cash prize of £250! Extra tickets are available from the school office if you wish to sell more - they come in books of 5 tickets. All sold tickets stubs, monies and any unsold tickets need to be returned to the school office by Tuesday 1st April. Please place them in an envelope with Surname, Class and FAO FOSMS. There will be prizes for the families that sell the most tickets. *Charity number - 1080520 Lottery License Number - SL0272*

We are looking for new FOSMS members to join our committee and support at events, if you think you could spare the time, then please just get in touch. Thank you Miriam Chair of FOSMS

# Church & Community continued

## Get ready..... for Easter!

Join us for praise,  
fellowship, fun and refreshments

on Sunday 6th April at 4pm

St Mary's School, Mellor

Everyone welcome



Please come along to our Mothering Sunday service on Sunday 30th March, where all mums, grandmothers, aunts and lovely ladies will be presented with a bunch of daffodils.

If you are free on Sunday 6th April at 4pm then why not call into school to take part in some good old family Easter fun. There will be crafts, singing, story telling and lots more to do as well as some delicious food to enjoy and share. All ages are welcome and we would love to see you there if you can make it.

This year, the church's music concert is based on the story of Mary Jones and her Bible. Who was Mary Jones I hear you say? Well she was a young 15 years old Welsh girl who walked 26 miles barefoot across the countryside to buy a copy of the Bible.

This concert coincides with the national VE / VJ 80 years commemoration week and so music celebrating the end of the war will be provided by Balderstone Brass Bands.

Class 3 and Class 4 children have been asked to perform 3 of their Let's Go Sing Songs on the evening too, which we are hoping most children will be able to attend. Further details will be shared closer to the time.

## ST MARY'S CHURCH, MELLOR A Musical Evening BRASS & GOLD

Friday 9th May - 7pm

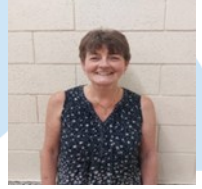


MUSIC & SONGS PERFORMED BY

Mellor Church Choir  
Mellor Day School Children  
Balderstone Brass Band

Tickets £5 Everyone Welcome

Raffle and Refreshments



Hello again

It's lovely to see some sunshine, isn't it?

As Spring has officially "sprung", our thoughts turn to spending a little more time outside. Whether you like to wander in our beautiful countryside or stay closer to home creating paradise in your gardens, we have plenty of gardening and walking trail books on offer to help you.

Speaking of walking trails .....



Thank you to those who have signed up for the Lancashire Reading Trail. We have awarded our first Bronze certificate to a young reader, so, if you haven't joined yet, why not give it a try?

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

### What's On in April?

Our monthly **Lego Club** is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

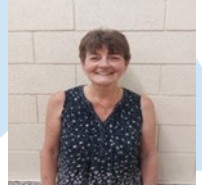
### Lancashire in 50 Objects

Mellor Library has been selected to display one of Lancashire Museum's objects throughout April & May.

We have a signed print of last Tornado delivery to the RAF. It's a fabulous picture so why not come in and take a look. We do have some aviation books which you may also wish to check out.

I'm sure many of you have an association with BAe, so why not arrange to meet up with friends and current or ex-coworkers to chat about your time there.

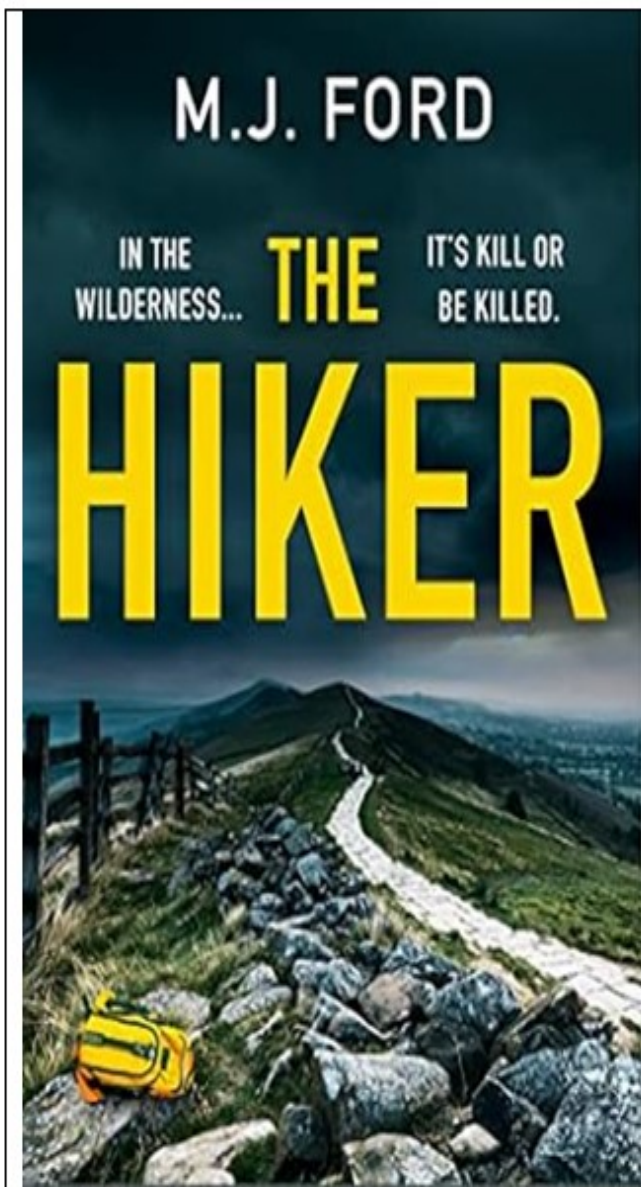
For those too young to have yet entered the world of work, try your hand at making some paper aeroplanes - Tornados or otherwise! We will be offering prizes to the best creations.



### 50 Lancashire Authors

In addition, we also have a display of books written by authors with links to Lancashire so why not come in and have a look.

## April Book of the Month



**In the wilderness, it's kill or be killed .....**

### **MISSING**

When Gemma Kline is reported missing after setting off on a solo hike in the remote Pennines, her sister, Sarah, is dumbfounded. How can someone disappear without a trace?

### **PRESUMED**

Travelling to the isolated town where Gemma was last seen, Sarah discovers it's not the first time a young woman has vanished from the hills in mysterious circumstances. As she digs deeper, it quickly becomes apparent that neither disappearance is what it first seems – especially when unwelcoming locals share chilling tales about what's really lurking on the moors ....

### **MURDERED**

Whatever has happened to her sister, one thing is clear; this town has secrets someone would kill to keep. But even on the fells, nothing stays buried forever ....

Looking forward to see you all again soon.

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# Other School News...

As we move in to the Summer term, many of the children will want to swap into the summer uniform. Before you go out and buy something new, please do checkout FOSMS' uniform stand in the main entrance area as there are some very good quality items in there - especially summer dresses.



The summer uniform consists of a blue and white checked dress/ culottes or a white polo shirt, grey shorts and the school jumper or cardigan. If your child is not wearing the summer uniform, please can you ensure they continue to wear our main uniform which does include a white shirt and tie. Summer uniform can be worn until we return back to school in September.



As head of PE in school, Mr Blackburn will be sending out further information regarding PE kits and outdoor PE wear. Our standard PE kit which ALL children must wear is a plain white t-shirt and plain black shorts/cycle shorts. Please can you ensure your child's kit is with them every week and does not contain football team shirts, England kits or expensive football / designer tracksuits. The reason we have kept this as a simple black and white kit is because it is cheap and easy to purchase and provides uniformity for all children regardless of their football allegiance or designer preference. Thank you for your help and support in this matter.

## A nice plea from Mrs Scales....

- Please can all school meal charges and after school club payments be completed on ParentPay before we finish for the Easter holidays.
- Also if you child has medication in school, please can you make sure that this is collected before we finish on the 4th April so that you have it at home for the holidays. It is also a good time to check the dates on inhalers, epi pens and other medical devices to ensure they are still valid when your child returns on the 22nd April.
- If your child is unwell due to sickness, vomiting or diarrhoea ,please do not send them into school until 48 hours after the sickness has passed. If you are in any doubt what to do please check out the NHS guidance which can be found using this link [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

## And Finally...

On behalf of the all the staff and governors please have a very happy and safe Easter time as we celebrate the fact that Christ was born, Christ has risen and Christ will come again. ***Believing, Learning and Sharing Together and God Bless***

Mrs Embley-Peers (Headteacher)



Our Year 1 to Year 6 messages for mums are being published in the Lancashire Evening Telegraph. Please don't forget to get your copy.

# Lancashire Telegraph



We are producing a  
**SPECIAL SOUVENIR SUPPLEMENT**  
to celebrate

**Mother's Day**  
in the Lancashire Telegraph  
on Wednesday 26th March

Send your children's messages to  
[sarah.smith@newsquest.co.uk](mailto:sarah.smith@newsquest.co.uk) by Sunday 9th March





## For with God nothing shall be impossible

Date	What	When	Who
Tuesday 22nd April	School reopens for the Summer Term		Whole school
Monday 5th—Friday 9th May	VE / VJ 80 year commemoration week	All wee	Whole school
Friday 9th May	Brass and Gold Concert in Church—class 3 and class 4 children to perform some Let's Go Sing songs.	Evening	All welcome
Monday 12th May	Class 3 start swimming for two weeks	Afternoon	Class 3 only
Monday 12th May	Year 6 SATS Week	All week	Year 6 only
Wednesday 21st May	Summer term Parents Evening	3:15pm onwards	All year groups
Friday 23rd May	Stay and Play EYFS	1:15pm	EYFS families only
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 4th 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 20th June	Towerwood residential weekend	Weekend	Year 5 and Year 6
Wednesday 25th June	CORAM Puberty Sessions CORAM Sex Education Sessions	All week	Year 4 and Y5 Year 6
Wednesday 2nd June	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
Wednesday 9th July	New EYFS taster session	1:30-2:30pm	New EYFS only
Friday 11th July	School Reports sent out Final stay and play session for EYFS	1:15pm - 3:15pm	EYFS families only
Tuesday 15th July	Year 6 Production	6pm	All welcome
Friday 18th July	Awards Service (am) Leavers Service (pm)	am and pm	All welcome