

St Michael and All Angels CE VA School Newsletter

Friday 22nd December

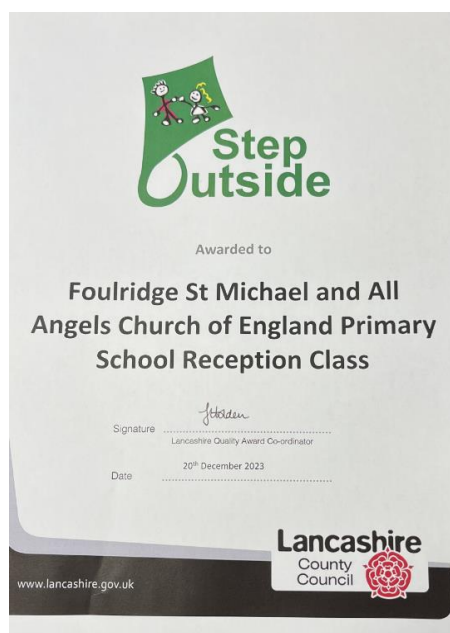


We are very proud to have achieved Lancashire's Step Outside Quality Mark for Early Years!

Comments from a Lancashire Consultant who carried out the assessment included the school has a "rich outdoor environment full of irresistible resources to encourage play and exploration, and "practitioners engage in sustained shared thinking in order to extend and challenge children's learning."

"Real experiences from the natural world are utilised to develop children's interests and stimulate natural curiosity throughout the year."

"The outdoor area was completely overhauled and the area is now an effective and exciting outdoor learning environment. The wonderful wider grounds are also being utilised more effectively and the children have access to rich stimulating outdoor spaces. This has impacted on children's learning and development."



Advent Calendar

Open the window.

What do you see?

Silver stockings

Tinsel on the tree

Snowmen outside

Santa giving presents

An Angel

Angels flying

Baubles on the tree

Presents

Christmas trees

A snowflake

Snowflakes and Christmas trees

A snowy day

Christmas dinner

Dad at home

Christmas jumpers

Advent calendars

Celebrations

A snowy bench

Hot chocolate

A silly t-shirt

Snow

Parties

By Reception Class

Diary Dates

Friday 22nd December – **School closes at 13:30**

Wednesday 10th January – **Panto 'Jack and the Beanstalk' @ Pendle Hippodrome**

Tuesday 16th January – **Year 6 height and weight measurement**

Friday 9th February – **School closes 15:20**

Monday 19th February – **School re opens 08:40**

Christmas Parent Workshop Tuesday 19th December



Christmas Church Service Thursday 21st December

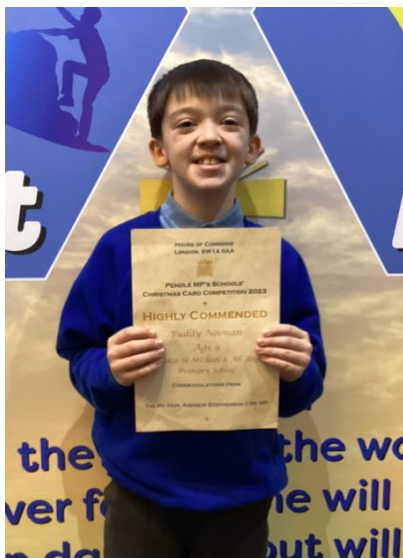


Year 1 Making Fruit Kebabs





We are very proud of Buddy receiving his highly commended award!



Well done Tilly!

Tilly went Airedale hospital to donate 25 selection boxes to the children's ward. We are super proud of Tilly for thinking of others at this time of year!



Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch Thursday 14th December

It was lovely to see all the children wearing their Christmas jumpers. Here they are having their Christmas lunch together in the hall.



St Michael and All Angels Choir

We are super proud of our school choir who represented us at a Christmas worship/concert hosted at St Thomas Church, Barrowford. They sang beautifully and had a great time.



Curriculum News Year 1

Year 1 have been timing each other completing tasks. We have used stopwatches and recorded how many seconds our partner took to write their name, take their shoes on and off, and jump up and down 10 times.



Congratulations to Poppy for her "First Class" performance at the world famous Blackpool Tower Ballroom!

We are so proud of you!!

Thursday 14th December

On Thursday 14th December Key Stage 2 entertained the residents of Favourdale Care Home in Colne singing carols via Zoom. Amongst the favourites were Christmas Conga, Starry Night and Child in a Manger born.



Pendle Gymnastics Competition – Sunday 17th December

Congratulations to all the children who took part in Pendle Gymnastics two-piece competition. We are really proud of you!



We now use Facebook as the main method for sharing news. Please click [here](#) to follow like and share our facebook page with friends and family. Please join our facebook page if you can as we update it regularly through the week with information from school!

Age 5 - 11

£1 per child

Friday Club

At The Exchange Project
(St John's Methodist Church, Colne)

Dates

**22nd September
20th October
24th November
15th December**

Time

6.30 pm - 8.00 pm

**Games
Group Activities
Stories and much more!**

Please use the side Entrance

the exchange project



St John's
Methodist Church

Festive Family warm & welcome

Drop in to our warm, fun,
friendly, Family Room

Help yourself to a free
brew* and a slice of toast.

Play, read, and chat with
other families

**Thursday 28th and
Friday 29th December
10.00am - 2.00pm**



Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Attendance research shows that pupils who attend school regularly are more likely to do well in the future. Regular attendance helps children to develop their confidence and to make and keep lasting friendships. Punctuality is also very important. School opens at 8:40am and children must be ready to learn by 8:50am each morning.

Did you know, that being just 15 minutes late each morning means that your child would miss 10 days from school each year?

If your child is absent, please ring school at your earliest opportunity and leave a message on the answerphone. If the attendance of a pupil is low or they are persistently late, parents will be contacted and asked to meet with school staff to see how this can be improved. Support will be offered to both parents and pupils as required. Thank you.



Safeguarding Concerns

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any person have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform one of the school's designated safeguarding team.

DSL Lead Sara Richardson
Deputy DSL Michelle Coffey
DSL Rebbecca Lamb (SENCO)

NSPCC Support

Click on the link for information to support your child regarding mental health.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/parent-leaflets>

SEND News



British Dyslexia Association

Ten percent of the population are believed to be dyslexic, but it is still often poorly understood. With the right support, the strengths and talents of dyslexic people can really shine.

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/dyslexia>



Breakfast/Afterschool Club

Please could any requests for late cancellations/late bookings be directed to **Mrs. Stuttard via the school office number 01282 861338 then select Option 3.**

If there is no answer, please leave a short message with your child's name, class and date you want them to attend.

Autumn Term 2023 Second Half



The Christian virtue focus
this half term is trust.



The Growth Mindset
focus is challenge.



"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

