



Head's Message

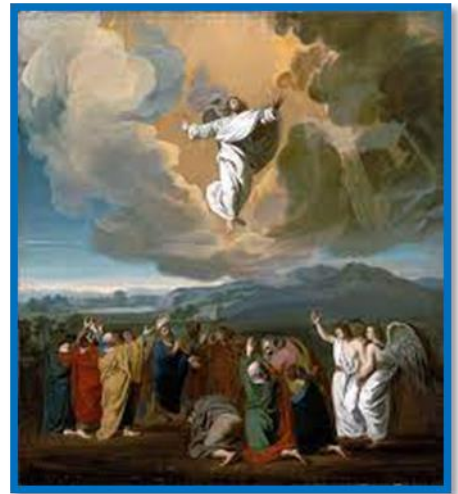
Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the long bank holiday weekend when the sunshine and warmer weather finally made an appearance. It looks like another warm weekend ahead and I hope you all enjoy every minute!

Ascension Day

Yesterday, Miss Thomas led us in Worship for the Ascension Day Service at Edenfield Parish Church. We explored how Jesus spent forty days on earth, after his resurrection, before returning to heaven to be seated with God, the Father. Before Jesus left his special friends, the disciples, he entrusted them with the task of spreading the Gospel across all nations. Although they were devastated to lose Jesus again, with the help of the Holy Spirit, the disciples were able to go on and share the word of God.

The children contributed to the service by processing through church with the cross and candles, reading the gospel, and sharing special prayers before these were presented on the altar.



EPIC

This week Class 1 are EPIC because ...

In Class 1, we have been thinking about different ways that we can be close to God. We know that by being close to God and following his path, will help us to make the right choices in our lives. We can be close to God in many ways; praying, singing and reading the Bible are just three ways that help us to feel God's presence in our lives.

We have also learned about the special tradition of baptism. Baptism is a part of our Christian faith. When someone is baptised they are welcomed into the church and this helps them to feel close to God as they grow in their faith, with the support of their friends and family. We know that many parents make a choice for their baby to be baptised into the Christian faith, but we also know that older children and adults can choose to be a part of God's family by having a Believer's baptism. We learnt that we are all part of God's family and that God loves everyone, whether we have been baptised or not. Knowing this, is another way that helps us to feel close to God.



We read the story from the Bible about how John the Baptist baptised Jesus when he was an adult. We know that when Jesus came up out of the water, heaven was opened and Jesus saw the spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. God said '*This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*' (Matthew 3:13, 16-17). We thought about how much God loves us, as he sent his son to live amongst us. This is truly epic in every way. God loves us so much that he sent Jesus to be one of us and to be baptised in the same way that Christians today are baptised, showing the connection and care God has for us all. How special and lucky we are!

Hair

The school uniform policy is very clear about acceptable hairstyles but recently there has been an increase in children wearing unsuitable hairstyles or haircuts. Children should wear their hair in an age appropriate, neat style and without styling or accessories which cause a distraction or disruption. Please note that the following are **not allowed in school**:

- Extreme cuts, including (but not restricted to): undercuts (very short shaved sides with long hair on top); asymmetric cuts (long on one side and very short on the other side); shaved patterns in the hair; 'mullet' styles; shaved all over styles
- Perms
- Hair dyes, bleach, highlights, streaks, dyed fringes
- Excessively large bows
- Excessively large decorative hairbands
- Coloured holiday braids woven into the hair

Where hairstyles or cuts can be changed, we ask that these are rectified as soon as possible. In cases where the hair needs to grow out, please ensure that the inappropriate style is not repeated and replaced with a more suitable style as soon as possible.

This does not apply to hairstyles worn because of a pupil's ethnic origin which therefore fall under the protected characteristic of race. Nor do we have any rules on the overall length of hair which can be worn (protected characteristic of gender).

Please support our school by remembering we have rules and policies in place for the right reasons so that everyone is treated fairly and all children can access their education without unnecessary distraction.

SATS

Next week, the Y6 pupils will be sitting their end of key stage statutory tests. The children have worked extremely hard across all areas of the curriculum and we are all very proud of the children's positive attitude, conscientious approach and achievements. The children are more than ready for the challenge and we have no doubt they will all do their very best and achieve super results. Please remember the children are invited to attend school early each day, from 8:45am to enjoy a special breakfast of either sausage sandwiches or brioche. Thank you to Mrs Johnson for preparing and serving this extra meal. I know you will join me in wishing them all the very best on 13th May.

All that remains is to wish you a lovely weekend.

Warm wishes,

C. L. Garner

Guided by God, following in his footsteps

Our vision is theologically centred on Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path

A Week In Pictures



Class Reception

Class Reception worked hard to find different natural objects in the wildlife area and draw them using their super scientist observational skills.



Class 3

Class 3 worked hard on their Roman play scripts, taking inspiration from classic Roman myths.



Class 5

Class 5 designed a new planet surface after studying the work of Kandinsky.



Class 4

Class 4 enjoyed making insect sculptures in art.



Class 6

Class 6 enjoyed creating their own artist research pages all about Pablo Picasso.



Class 1

Class 1 enjoyed sorting animals into different groups in science.



Class 2

Class 2 loved reading their new story in English - The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. They giggled when the seagulls stole Mr Grinling's lunch from the basket on the wire!

Extra-Curricular Activities

Summer Term 2024

Clubs take place from the end of the school day until 4.15pm unless otherwise indicated.

Day	Activity	Year Group
Mon	Equality Champions	Year 6 (Lunchtime club)
Tues	Ethos Champions	Year 6 (During school day)
Tues	INSPIRE	As per invitation
Tues	Show rehearsals	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (until 4.30pm)
Tues	Skiing	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Tues	Boys Football	Years 5 and 6
Weds	Lego Club	Year 1
Weds	Art Club	Years 1 and 2
Weds	Singing Club	Year 4, 5 and 6
Thurs	Mindfulness/Wellbeing	Year 2
Thurs	Horse Riding	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (until 5pm)
Thurs	Digital Leaders	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Lunchtime club)
Thurs	Table Tennis	Years 3 and 4
Fri	Infant Multi-Sports	Years 1 and 2



STARS OF THE WEEK

Thursday 2nd May

Reception Class: Penny Hall, Jude Doyle

Class 1: Ivana Holt, Elliott Nelson

Class 2: Helaina Crawford, Luke Littlewood

Class 3: Lucia Cuddy, Jorgie Reid

Class 4: Tilly-Rose Taylor, Jack Firth

Class 5: Jake Watson-Hoy, Rosie McAllister

Class 6: Kayden Barrow, Aoife Morris

Friday 10th May

Reception Class: Oliver Elson, Sebastian Rawstron

Class 1: Esme Hayhoe, Albie Rowbottom

Class 2: Stylianos Chelas, Millie Tozer

Class 3: Oscar Major, Brianna Flanagan

Class 4: Charlotte Giblin, Henry Grimshaw

Class 5: Theo James, Lily Sims

Class 6: Lily Dippenaar, Jake Porter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY SO FAR

w/c 13 th May	Year 6 End of KS2 test week
Tues 14 th May	Year 3/4 Cross Country competition
Wed 15 th May	Class 1 visit to Smithills Farm
w/c Mon 20 th May	Science Week
Mon 20 th May	New parents' meeting Sept. 2024 at 6pm
Fri 24 th May	School closes for half term
Mon 3 rd Jun	Inset day
Tues 4 th Jun	School re-opens
Wed 5 th Jun	Class 4 visit to Queen Street Mill
Mon 10 th Jun	Class 5 Taster Day at HHS (pupils only)
Mon 10 th Jun	New Intake 2024 'Sing and Do' 2pm
Thurs 13 th Jun	Class 5 visit to Clitheroe Castle
Thurs 13 th Jun	Class 6 visit to Eureka! Science and Discovery
Mon 17 th Jun	New Intake 2024 'Sing and Do' 2pm
Wed 19 th Jun	Leavers' Service at Manchester Cathedral
Fri 21 st Jun	Last Choir Singing Final
Mon 24 th Jun	New Intake 2024 'Sing and Do' 2pm
Tues 25 th Jun	Class photographs
Wed 26 th Jun	Class 2 visit to Blackpool Tower and Sea Life
Sat 29 th Jun	Summer Fair and Fun Run
Tues 2 nd Jul	Whole school transition afternoon
Thurs 11 th Jul	Class R visit to East Lancashire Railway
Thurs 11 th Jul	KS2 show at HHS drama studio
Fri 12 th Jul	KS2 show at HHS drama studio
Thurs 18 th Jul	Whole school worship via MS Teams, 9.15am
Fri 19 th Jul	Y6 Leavers' Service at Edenfield Parish Church, 1.30pm

(Additional dates may be added throughout the term)

Summer Fair and Fun Run

If you would like to help organise the summer fair or run a stall on the day, please notify the school office. Any help will be gratefully received whether that is setting up the day before, or on the day itself.

We are also always in need of marshals who are stationed along the route of the fun run and assist the runners. Please contact Mrs Hope via email, or the school office, if you would like to be a marshal on the day.

Readathon

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the Readathon, you have raised an amazing £712 so far.

Sponsorship monies can be paid through ParentPay until 24th May.

Thought of the Week

'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