



Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week was a very special week in school as we were visited by the Bishop of Middleton alongside Susie Mapeldoram, the Assistant Director of Education for the Diocese of Manchester and Leona Brookshaw, Capital Buildings Officer for the Diocese. The purpose of this visit was to award Year 6 the **Planet Savers' Award**, which they achieved as Young Leaders in Year 5. The Planet Savers' Manchester Diocese Eco Award is designed by children and young people to help encourage and celebrate the brilliant, important eco work happening within schools across the Diocese. We live in a time when urgent action is required to radically reduce our carbon footprint for the sake of the future of our planet. The Board of Education supports the commitment of the Manchester Diocese to reach carbon net zero by 2030. Here at Edenfield School we follow the commitment of the Diocese to 'treasure the world we live in, and preserve it for others'. Projects completed by the children last year included:

- Recycling throughout school, and projects to encourage more recycling at home and within the community.
- Encouraging care of wildlife; planting trees, plants, vegetables etc.
- Reducing litter around school and the local area
- The reduction of plastic usage - especially bottles.
- Encourage people to save energy by switching lights off.
- Have zero electric days for each year groups on different days.
- Reducing paper usage.
- Walking to school where possible.
- Celebrating and using green spaces and the school vegetable garden
- Spreading awareness with a World Environment Day

Next steps include:

- Developing eco links/projects between school and church.

It was wonderful to welcome Bishop Mark, Susie and Leona to school. They spoke to the children about the award and pointed out that we are one of only four schools to achieve this across the whole of the Diocese (out of nearly 200 schools) so this is a fantastic achievement and very well deserved. It is our intention to continue this good work and you will know we are already running Climate Change Club for our younger children so that they are prepared to be young leaders in Year 5 and beyond. Bishop Mark also enjoyed visiting all the classes in school where he shared many wonderful stories of his life as a Bishop and his journey towards this special calling from God – he shared that he never expected to be a Bishop! Over the years, he has worked alongside Mother Theresa in Calcutta who inspired him greatly, met the King, and the late Queen Elizabeth II, and the Pope. He even said he would tell the King about his visit to our school when he sees him later this year! The children had so many interesting questions which he was delighted to answer. We are so grateful for the time Bishop Mark spent with us and for the wonderful blessings he bestowed upon both the children and staff.



Character Challenge Winners

After reading week, we enjoyed judging the 'Character Challenge' entries and presented prizes to the worthy winners during Family Worship today. It was a very difficult decision as the children had really used a lot of imaginative and creative ideas to present their personal interpretations of some of their favourite book characters. There were paintings, canvases, sculptures, collages, scaled models and much, much more! It was so difficult to judge that we had to award additional highly commended prizes to many of the entries. Congratulations to all the runners up and our main winners below:

EYFS Winners



Darcie Ashworth



Penny Hancock



Isabelle-Rose Handley

Key Stage 1 Winners



Zaffy Cadogan



Cole Robertson



Julian Sharples

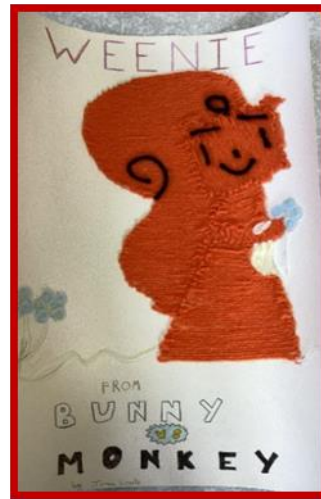
Key Stage 2 Winners



Bella Wall



Ailsa Schofield



Charlotte Giblin

Story Writing Competition

Although we have not yet heard about the Lancashire writing competition, we decided to award our own winners here in school. Again, we were blown away by the standard of the entries. Our winners are as follows:

KS1

- 1st place: Cole Robertson
- 2nd place: Oliver Foster
- 3rd place: Julian Sharples

KS2

- 1st Place: Lily Callaghan
- 2nd Place: Charlotte Giblin

A huge well done to all of the children across school for the wonderful Reading Week presentation we shared with family and friends on Wednesday morning. Each class shared the excellent reading and different projects they completed during this week of celebrating contemporary fiction.

PGL

Next week, Years 5 and 6 will set off on their annual residential visit to PGL at Boreatton Park, near Shrewsbury in Shropshire. A full summary plus photographs will feature in our next issue but, in the meantime, the children are looking forward to activities such as: abseiling, kayaking, 'survivor' (den building and forest survival including a demonstration of how to start a small fire), archery, giant swing and orienteering. These visits could not go ahead without the support and commitment of staff and volunteers who give up their own time to attend. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Hartley, Mr Holt, Miss Greenhalgh, Miss Booth, Mr Johnson, Mr White and Mr Jones who will be accompanying the children this year. A special mention must go to Mrs Hartley who spends many **months planning and organising the visit each year.**

Last Choir Singing

On Monday 31st March, singing club are taking part in the last Choir Singing Competition at the Muni Theatre. The children have been busy rehearsing for this event where they will sing both a set song and a song of their choice. They have been learning harmonies and special parts and truly sound beautiful when they are singing together. The children cannot wait to perform for their parents and families and I know you will join me in wishing them lots of luck on the night!

EPIC

This week Classes 3 and 4 are EPIC because...

The children in Class 3 are using this sacred season to grow in faith by showing kindness, love, and selflessness in their daily lives, just as Jesus taught. The class discussed how Lent encourages us to follow God's commandments by being patient, forgiving, and helping those in need. As they reflected on Jesus' sacrifice, they continue to learning the importance of prayer, gratitude, and giving to others without expecting anything in return. Through acts of charity and giving things up, we are reminded of the value of self-discipline and the joy of putting others before ourselves. Worship this half-term has focused on compassion, self-reflection, and making space for God in our hearts, helping us to create a more loving and supportive community. By embracing the spirit of Lent, we realised that we are strengthening our friendships, showing empathy, and making our school a place where everyone feels cared for and included. We thought of ideas for ways in which we could do this, such as inviting people to play, donating unused items to charity, giving up something that we love like sweets or chocolate in order to understand sacrifice and considering how to improve ourselves from within. The children are all striving to achieve these acts of kindness during this season of Lent and beyond.

Class 4 are also EPIC because they have been contemplating Lent and how this period can be used for self-improvement. The children have been thinking about our school vision and how we can be guided by God to make the right choices and treat others the correct way. They have been thinking about the Bible verse Luke 6:31 'Do to others as you would have them do to you' as they think about little ways they can be kinder to others to brighten their day. The children have also been reflecting on ways to positively impact the world around them. As spring has started, it has reminded the children of the beauty of nature and the awe and wonder we experience as we spend time outdoors. The children have been thinking about how we can look after our natural environment and take care of God's world.

What a wonderful week we have enjoyed, with so much more to look forward to before the end of term. All that remains is to wish you all 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



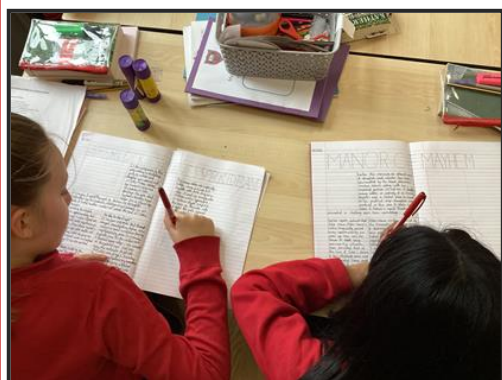
Class 5

Class 5 created 3D shapes from nets in maths.



Class Reception

Class Reception enjoyed visiting the Runway Visitor Centre and learning about jobs at the airport.



Class 6

Class 6 enjoyed writing newspaper articles based on Sherlock Holmes, The Case of the Speckled Band.



Class 4

Class 4 sang in a 'round' during their music lesson singing the well known nursery rhyme 'Frere Jacques' in the style of jazz.



Class 1

Class 1 created a bear with moving parts in design technology.



Class 2

Class 2 sorted the achievements of Mae Jemison's into chronological order, in the history lesson.



Class 3

Class 3 enjoyed learning about how to use email safely, the different types of language used within emails and then sending a list of safety rules to their friends, via email.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Spring Term 2025

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	Compassion Club	Years 5 and 6 (Spring Term 2)
Tues	Skiing	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Tues	Netball	Years 5 and 6
Tues	Reading and Wellbeing Club	Year 1
Weds	Lego Club	Years 1 and 2
Weds	Art Club	Year 2
Weds	Singing Club	Year 4, 5 and 6
Thurs	Horse Riding	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (until 5pm)
Thurs	Climate Change Club	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Thurs	Digital Leaders	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Lunchtime club)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 24 th Mar	Class 5 and 6 PGL residential visit
Tues 25 th Mar	Class 5 and 6 PGL residential visit
Wed 26 th Mar	Class 5 and 6 PGL residential visit
Thurs 27 th Mar	PTA meeting via MS Teams, 6pm
Fri 28 th Mar	Class 6 visit to Stratford-upon-Avon
Mon 31 st Mar	The Last Choir Singing Competition
Wed 2 nd Apr	Whole School Awards via MS Teams, 9.15am
Thurs 3 rd Apr	Class R Come and See, 2pm
Thurs 3 rd Apr	PTA discos at Rossendale Rugby Club, KS1 – 5.30pm-6.45pm, KS2 7pm-8.15pm
Fri 4 th Apr	Easter service at Edenfield Parish Church, 1.30pm
Fri 4 th Apr	PTA Bake sale (after Easter service)
Fri 4 th Apr	School closes for Easter
Tues 22 nd Apr	School re-opens
Thurs 24 th Apr	Class 5 visit to World Museum Liverpool
Fri 2 nd May	INSET day
Mon 5 th May	May bank holiday
Wed 7 th May	Class R Learn to Ride
Thurs 8 th May	Class R Learn to Ride
Fri 9 th May	Class R Learn to Ride
w/c 12 th May	Class 6 Testing Week
Wed 14 th May	Class 1 visit to Smithills Farm
Fri 23 rd May	School closes for half term
Mon 2 nd Jun	INSET day
Tues 3 rd Jun	School re-opens
Thurs 5 th Jun	Class 6 visit to Field Studies Council
Tues 10 th Jun	Class 3 visit to Brockholes Nature Reserve
Wed 18 th Jun	Leavers' Service at Manchester Cathedral
Thurs 19 th Jun	Class 5 visit to Tatton Park, Cheshire
Tues 24 th Jun	Class photographs
Thurs 26 th Jun	Class 2 visit to Blackpool Tower and Lytham Beach

(Additional dates may be added throughout the term)



STARS OF THE WEEK



Friday 14th February

Reception Class: Ruby-May Jackson, Penny Hancock

Class 1: Alba Kelly, Aurora Skinner

Class 2: Ben Sales, All of Class 2

Class 3: Rosie-Kate Monaghan, Esmie Dickinson

Class 4: Isla Young, Harry Wilson

Class 5: Hamish Campbell, Jack Lovick

Class 6: Alexander Ball, Matilda Jackson

Friday 21st March

Reception Class: Arabella Cornell, All of Class Reception

Class 1: Ernie Dewhurst, Oliver Elson

Class 2: Julian Sharples, Winnie Worthington

Class 3: Sophie Denton, Millie Tozer

Class 4: Adelia World, Ellis Bennett-Pope

Class 5: Connie Formby, Henry Grimshaw

Class 6: Isabella Martin, Theo James

Readathon

Readathon sponsorship money can be paid via ParentPay. If you would prefer to bring donated monies, we can accommodate this due to it being a fundraiser.

Red Nose Day 2025

Thank you to everyone who bought a Red Nose, you raised an amazing £320 for Comic Relief.



PTA Easter Disco



Thursday 3rd April
KS1 – 5.30pm-6.45pm, KS2 – 7pm-20.15pm
Venue: Rossendale Rugby Club, Marl Pits
£5 per ticket, payable via ParentPay

PTA Cake Sale

The PTA will be holding a cake sale on Friday 4th April at the end of the school day, following the Easter Service in Church.

Payment with coins only please, no notes.

All offers of cakes and biscuits gratefully received! Please bring donations to school on the morning of the 4th. Thank you.

Thought of the Week

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life

John 3:16