

## OUR FRIDAY ROUND UP OF THE WEEK!

Spring 1 Week 2, 3, 4 2026

Gospel Value of the Half Term: Hope

British Value of the Half Term: Rule of Law

PSHE Whole School Theme: Living in the Wider World and Media Literacy and Digital Resilience.

**Some of the highlights of our very busy past few weeks are:**

**Rainbow Fish Class:** Rainbow Fish have been Worship leaders for the first time in church – showing great courage. Last week they took part in the Big School Birdwatch with their year 6 buddies. The children have also been looking at addition in Maths. They were very excited to see an adding machine was in their outdoor area!

**Can your child add together some objects at home?**

**Seahorse Class:** Had a lovely visit from Molly-Ann at dentistry by cure clinics. The children loved taking part in the higher and lower game, good or bad foods and of course brushing their teeth. In PE they have learnt three different gymnastic rolls. A teddy bear roll, pencil roll and egg roll.

**Can your child demonstrate them at home?**

**Turtle Class:** In Art - Turtle Class have been continuing their exploration of primary, secondary and tertiary colours. They have also been learning about states of matter in science, conducting experiments about both the melting and evaporation process.

**Can your child tell you about solids, liquids and gases?**

**Dolphin Class:** This half term Dolphin Class have been thinking about their aspirations for future careers in our Curious, Resilient and Confident Afternoons in school. So far Miss Kondal's Dad has been to visit to discuss the different jobs he has had and skills he has acquired. Last week Betsy - Mrs Thompson's sister came to talk to the class about being a designer for bike bags. Today they had a visit from Tom McKay from AFC Fylde to talk and answer questions on his aspirations journey. Once again the children learnt that hard work and perseverance pay off when you are aspiring to be in the career you really want to achieve. **Can you discuss with your child what aspirations they have and share some ideas for future goals?**

**Shark Class:** What an absolute pleasure it was a 2 weeks ago to take our Year 6 to London as part of their PSHE, History, Geography and RE curriculum. Travelling by train and underground, navigating our capital city, visiting Parliament, taking part in a debate workshop, seeing the home of the Church of England - Westminster Abbey, walking past Downing Street and through Horse Guards Parade and finally viewing the magnificent Buckingham Palace has inspired our year 6 children and brought the lessons they have done in school to life.

## **SPOTLIGHT ON WRITING IN OUR SCHOOL**

### **We are Writers!**

Learning to write is one of the most important and most difficult things that your child will do at primary school. When your child writes, they put together all the other skills they have learned in English: creating ideas, forming letters, remembering their spellings, choosing the right words and checking their grammar.

At our school English is taught using a text-based approach, thus ensuring that children are encouraged to be curious by immersing in high quality literature. Texts have been carefully selected to act as mirrors, windows and sliding doors. Books are mirrors when readers see their own lives reflected in the pages. Books are also windows when they allow readers a view of lives and stories that are different from their own to develop their confidence in the world. Books become sliding glass doors when readers feel transported into the world of the story and when they feel empathy for the characters. It is through this approach that we intend to make our children proficient in oral language, reading and writing and equip them to be resilient citizens of the future.

### **How to help at home:**

In order to persevere with writing, children need to care about what they are writing about. Fortunately, learning to write is also a lot of fun, and there are all sorts of enjoyable ways you can help your child learn to love writing.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/english/primary-writing/>

### **Handwriting Phrases to Help at Home:**

[https://www.ruthmiskin.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/handwriting\\_phrases\\_v2.pdf](https://www.ruthmiskin.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/handwriting_phrases_v2.pdf)

### **Read Write Inc Practise Handwriting Sheets:**

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

<https://youtu.be/F8k93ylkBPA> **Watch this video to give you some tips on how to develop your child's storytelling skills!**

## **LINKS FOR LOCAL FAMILY HUBS:**

<https://lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/family-hubs/>

## **ATTENDANCE SUPPORT:**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zjnby9q>

## **GOSPEL HEROES:**

Our focus has been: 'I can appreciate', 'I can follow the Wesham Way' 'I can listen'. Congratulations to our Gospel Heroes. We enjoyed celebrating your character strengths in Church with our school family.

## **SECRETLY FAMOUS:**

Congratulations to our 'Secretly Famous' children this week. There were some inspiring nominations, and we hope you have seen their special video being played in our school hall. We look forward to seeing who will be FAMOUS next and give a huge thank you to Mrs Davey and Year 5 for getting this up and running in our school!

[https://www.facebook.com/secretlyfamousuk?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/secretlyfamousuk?locale=en_GB)

## **LATEST PTFA UPDATES:**

Volunteers ALWAYS wanted please EMAIL "friendsofweshamptfa@yahoo.com" OR VIA CLASS DOJO IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER YOUR HELP FOR ANY EVENTS. THANK YOU!  
The link below is also a great way for you to help our PTFA fundraising when you shop online!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/medlarwithweshamceps>

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and X (Twitter) to get further updates of fabulous learning taking place in our school.

We would LOVE as many of our school family and wider community to FOLLOW us as possible!

<https://www.facebook.com/MedlarWeshamCE>

The past three weeks have been extremely busy, with the children fully immersed in their learning and making fantastic progress across the curriculum. We are really looking forward to sharing all of this with you at Parents' Evening on **Wednesday 11th February**, where we can celebrate the achievements, the children have made together. (Parents Evening Appointment arrangements will come out next week). Also next week is **Maths Week**, with a special focus on developing telling the time skills, and we would love families to get involved. Please do join us for the Family Maths events listed on the Dojo Calendar as we continue to work together as co-educators in supporting the children's learning.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs Panther and all the staff.

## **Our Christian Vision Mission Statement:**

**We are a loving, caring, distinctively Christian family, providing an excellent education in a safe, happy environment, where every individual is valued as a child of God.**