



Newsletter: Friday 24th April 2026

I have just returned from a wonderful Residential visit with our Year 5 children at PGL Winmarleigh Hall. We were blessed with amazing weather, including stunning red skies as the sun went down. We shared this reflection last night as we gathered to say our 'end of day' prayer, it could be used back at school or at home too.

Today has been a full day.

*You've tried new things, shown courage, helped each other,
and represented our school really well.*

You should feel proud of yourselves.

Not just for the big moments...

but for the small ones too—

the times you encouraged someone,

the times you kept going when something felt tricky,

the times you showed kindness without being asked.

I am incredibly proud of them all and grateful to our staff for enabling this trip to happen by giving of their time so generously.

Thank you to those parents who joined us on line for parents evening this week to see where their children are up to and what they need to be working on during the summer term. We have round two this week with meetings in person in the school hall. Please do arrive on time to help us keep to time. Birch Class will have their on-line meetings this coming Wednesday - 29th Apr 2026 - 15:30 - 17:45 you should have received a link to book this.

Year three enjoyed extending their Geography knowledge about farms and farming, visiting Kenyon Farm on Tuesday. They had a good day, complete with tractor ride and learning more about the farm. Big thankyou as always to all those parents who volunteered to come with the children.

Thank you for your continued support while we have been short staffed in the main office. We are looking forward to Mrs Pyper and Mrs Lewis being back with us soon, in the mean time we will continue to cover in the office so continue to email / app message in the same way.

We are proud to report a strong overall attendance rate of 96.2%! This reflects the fantastic commitment from both our students and parents. We are hoping we can get this to be over 97% by the end of the year. Additionally, we have also seen a very low rate of unauthorised absences at just 0.99%. While we understand that there are times when children may need to miss school due to illness or medical appointments, we encourage you to continue supporting your child's punctuality and regular attendance. This not only helps maintain our high standards but also significantly contributes to their overall learning experience. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child makes the most of their time at school. Together, we can help establish habits that will benefit them for years to come!



As I mentioned last week, we will be holding a coffee morning on the 1st Friday of each month 8:45am - 10am in the dining room. You are invited to come along for a chat with members of our Leadership team, to ask questions, share ideas, offer help, ask for help or just get to know the school better. Don't worry about being signed up for anything - there is no agenda! Feel free to stay as long as you can or to join at any time - you don't have to be there from the start. The first one will be this Friday - 1st May.

As a school we have finished buying in services from YPAS Seedlings to support our children and we are working with a different organisation called Beautiful New Beginnings - I have shared resources with you from them already and will continue to. They are offering a SEND parents coffee evening - please follow the link for details.

<https://www.beautifulnewbeginnings.co.uk/event-details/send-parents-coffee-evening-parental-voice-session>

This weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, we will hear Jesus say in John 10:10: ***"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."*** This is a powerful reminder that each of us is called to a life that is full—full of purpose, love, and service. The Good Shepherd knows each of his sheep and calls them by name. In the same way, God calls each of us, not just to one path, but to a way of living that brings life to others.

On this Sunday of the year, we traditionally pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, giving thanks for those who have responded generously to God's call. But vocation is wider than this. It is about discovering who God is calling us to be in our everyday lives—within our families, our friendships, our work, and our service to others. In school, we see these early signs of vocation every day: in the child who shows kindness without being asked, in those who persevere when learning is challenging, in teamwork on the playground, in leadership opportunities, pupil voice, and acts of service. These are all ways our children are learning to live life "to the full."

There is all kinds happening in the next few weeks, Parish Mass on Monday, First Holy Communion Masses, Year 6 SATs, Class Photographs (8th May), EYFS visiting the Blue Planet, PTA Circis event to name a few. We will send a full list of dates and details home next week.

I have been doing some 'housekeeping' in Class Dojo over the last few days - each class now has 25/6 at the end to show it's a current class - as a few duplicates were showing up if you searched. If you do not already follow your child's class on Class Dojo - please follow the link

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=school&schoolID=543d7d4f9587a0824c2a2178> to join in - your child's teacher will approve your request. If you have any questions please contact me via the office.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I hope you all have a fantastic weekend!

David Delaney
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