



# Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 8th November 2024

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### FIREWORKS DISPLAY—THANK YOU!!!!

To all the people who bought tickets; for all the cake and tombola donations; to all the amazing volunteers who supported and helped over the firework weekend—we couldn't do it without you!

It was a wonderful community event and as soon as we know how much was raised the PTFA will share it with you.

Penketh community is amazing!!!!

### Children in Need

#### Friday 15th November

Fancy dress day in school, so come dressed as you like, pyjamas, football kits or spotty! It's up to you! Anything goes!

BE SPOTACULAR!!!!



# STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to:

Reception: Toby

Year 1: Rex

Year 2: Emily

Year 3: Isla

Year 4: Tudor

Year 5: Connie-May

Year 6: Hattie



# ATTENDANCE



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
85.2%	97.5%	99.0%	94.8%	97.5%	96.3%	96.4%

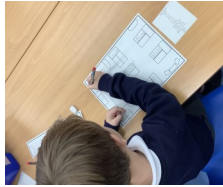


# OUR LEARNING

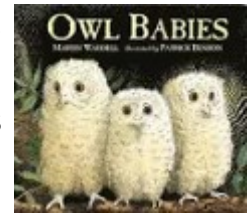
**In Reception...** The children have returned to school ready to learn, making Miss Horton and Mrs Williams beam with pride! We have been busy practising our handwriting skills in our new books. We have also been learning about the different seasons and how the trees change. We have explored lots of the items we have found on our Autumn treasure hunt too!



**In Year 1...** Year 1 have made a fantastic start to the new half-term. Our Geography unit is all about our local area. We began by look at an aerial view of our Year 1 classroom and labelling it. In Maths, we have been busy using counters to find number bonds to 6, 7, 8 and 9! In English, we began our new story 'The Lion Inside', and have been retelling the story in our own words. What a brilliant week it has been!



**In Year 2..** In Maths, we have moved onto partitioning numbers in a range of ways and have loved using lots of different resources to help us. In English, we have started our new story 'Owl Babies' and have produced fantastic character descriptions. In Science, we have recapped what humans need to stay healthy.



**In Year 3...**The children have settled back in brilliantly. In English we have been identifying key features of a letter, as well as planning and writing our own. In Maths we have been looking at fact families using our number bonds and we worked in pairs to make fact family triangle questions for each other. In Geography, we have been looking at renewable and non-renewable energy sources and we had a go at making our own wind turbines from recycled materials.

**In Year 4...**Year 4 have been busy making a great start to the half term. They have begun reading their new class book 'Leon and the Place Between' and have been using expanded noun phrases to create some excellent sentences to describe the circus tent. In Maths, they have learnt about negative numbers and how to use Roman numerals and they had a fantastic time at their first Forest School session! Well done Year 4!

**In Year 5...** Year 5 have been introduced to their new book, The Whale, which is the base of their English lessons; so far this week we've justified our reasons for some creatures being mythical or real, made inferences about the story, acted as the characters of the two children within the story and reported their speech. In Maths we've been learning about negative numbers and building upon our knowledge of rounding numbers using the rhyme '5 or more, let it soar, 4 or less, let it rest'. In PSHE we've been making decisions about spending and saving money.

**In Year 6...** Year 6 have had a great first week back, their behaviour and attitudes have been excellent. We have produced final pieces of writing from our book Star of Fear, Star of Hope. The children wrote stories with a flashback from another character's point of view and they were stunning! In Maths, we have revisited fractions, using the Lowest Common Multiple to add and subtract fractions with different denominators. Well done Year 6!



# OTHER AWARDS



## Congratulations to:

- **Football Superstars; Isaac** (Trainer of the Week from Eagle JFC), **Seb** (Trainer of the Week from Eagle JFC), **Jack** (Player of the Week from Eagle JFC), **Bobbie** (Coaches Player of the Match from Matthiola Stars and Crosfields JFC), **Georgia** (Coaches Player and Parents Player of the Match from Cromwell JFC), **Kayleigh** (Coaches Player of the Match from Crosfields JFC and Parents Player of the Match from Matthiola JFC), **Annie** (Wolves Player of the Match from Whittle Hall JFC), **Jude** (England International 2025 Qualifier Cup with his team Matthiola JFC) and **George**, who received a trophy for 'brilliant tackling' from Eagle JFC.
- **Super Swimmers; Yohan** (Level 2), **James** (Level 4), **Esme** (Level 5), **Effie** (Level 1) and **Georgia** (Level 4).
- **Amazing Dancers; Lily, Esmea, Georgiana** and **Isla** (Stars of the Week from Abigail Barlow Dance Academy).
- **Connie-May**, who was awarded Coaches Player of the Match from Grappenhall Poppies netball team.
- **Lucas**, who achieved Level 5 Red Stripe belt from Little Tiger Cubs Martial Arts.
- **Luke**, who was presented with a certificate for catching his first fish from The Canal and River Trust.
- **Daisy**, who was awarded a special postcard for excellent effort from Urban Gymnastics.
- **Vinnie**, who was presented with Beaver of the Week from his Scout group.



# REMARKABLE READERS



Reception: Jack

Year 1: Hugo

Year 2: Esme

Year 3: Bobbie

Year 4: Reggie

Year 5: Rian

Year 6: Jack F



## LUNCH MENU W/C 11/11/24

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margarita Pizza Rounds, Baked Jacket Wedges & Sweetcorn (V)	Roast Turkey, Creamed & Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Broccoli (V sub. available)	Spaghetti Bolognese & garden peas (V sub. available)  Chicken Pitta, Veg Rice & Broccoli	Oven Baked Fish or Chicken Goujons with Chips, Peas or Baked Beans	Brunch Lunch (Sausage, Beans, Hash Brown, Omelette) (V. sub available)
Jacket Potato with various fillings	Jacket Potato with various fillings	Jacket Potato with various fillings	Jacket Potato with various fillings	Jacket Potato with various fillings
Doughnut	Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt	Arctic Roll or Ice Cream	Homemade Biscuit	Raspberry Jelly & Fruit

## DIARY DATES

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November:** Flu Immunisations (Reception to Year 6) Nasal vaccination

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November:** Penketh Powers and World Kindness Day – we'd like our whole Penketh community to get involved in acts of kindness. Links with our Anti Bullying focus.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November:** Reception Intake 2025–2026 Open morning 9:30-10.30am

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November:** Academy Photography to take individual photographs & siblings

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November:** Reception Intake 2025–2026 Open Evening 5.00-6.00pm. The school carpark will be open. Please enter through the main reception

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November:** Christmas production costume letters to go home



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nuclear  
part of Babcock International Group



**Congratulations!**

Year 5  
Penketh Primary School

**Grand Prize Winner**



Your entry into our National Authors Day prize giveaway has won the below prizes for your school.

**Grand Prize:**



60 copies



One complete series of  
books for each year group



**INCLUDING**  
A meet & greet,  
with author Nick  
Parker



A personalised video from *Nick Parker*, one of the authors of  
*The Adventures of Scout* book series, answering your questions.

Congratulations to Year 5 who won books for our school after entering this national competition in conjunction with Cavendish Nuclear and The 3Engineers. Author Nick Parker will be coming in to do a 'Meet and Greet' with the children very soon!