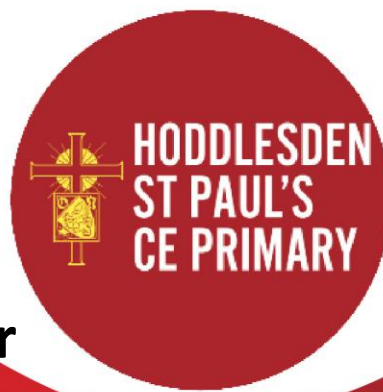




Spring 1 Newsletter

As God's family, together we achieve

This half term, our British Value that will be celebrated throughout school is **Mutual Respect**.

This half term, our Christian Value that will be celebrated throughout school is **courage**.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2026! I hope you all enjoyed a restful break, spending precious time with family and soaking up the magic of Christmas.

Our whole-school topic this half term is **Amazing Asia**. In **Geography**, we will be focusing on The World, exploring the enquiry question, "Where in the world are we?" The children will learn about lines of latitude and longitude while developing their atlas skills. In **Design and Technology**, we will be creating and exploring pneumatic toys, while in **Science** our topic will be Forces and Magnets. In **Writing**, we will be working with a beautiful, award-winning picture book, *The Rhythm of the Rain* by Grahame Baker-Smith, which I hope will inspire some wonderful and creative pieces of writing. The children will continue their **French** language journey with Madame Wardle. In **PE**, they will be exploring Bollywood dancing with Mrs Harrison and Net Games with Miss McDermott. In **Maths**, our focus will be on multiplication and division, particularly exploring the links between different multiplication tables. In **RE**, we will be learning about Jesus and how He changes people's lives. In **Computing**, the children will explore programming, and in **Music**, we are very fortunate to have Mr Richards, our music specialist, teaching the children how to play the ukulele.

This half term, the children's **personal development** will continue to be enriched through our curriculum. We will also be holding a Spirituality Afternoon, alongside lessons linked to Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day. We have joined forces with KS1 to organise an exciting Chinese New Year celebration, and we will also be visiting Nightingale's Farm. Additionally, we have a VR Geography enhancement planned — an exciting start to 2026 indeed!

I will continue to update the **school website** weekly to keep you informed about our learning journey and to celebrate the children's achievements. I will also share highlights via Seesaw, and I would love to see examples of the children's learning from home too.

You can find our class page here:

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Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I am really looking forward to another wonderful term of learning together.

Warm regards,
Mrs Harrison



Texts to support your child's learning this term

My First Chinese New Year by Karen Katz

Forces Make things Move by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

The Rain Before it Falls by Jonathan Bean



Reminders

- Please can **ALL children** bring their **book bag, reading pack, reading book and reading record** into school each day.
- Please **read at home** with your child as much as possible (**at least 3 times a week**) and **record this in their reading record**.
- Children will have weekly **spelling, maths, bedrock and theme learning tasks**. Don't forget **TT Rockstars!**
- Reading books will be changed on a **Monday and a Thursday**.
- Children can bring a **bottle of water** into school each day.
- Please ensure your **child's clothing is clearly labelled** with their name to avoid lost uniform.

Sports Days

This half term, the **Year 3 P.E. lessons** are on **Tuesday and Wednesday**. Please ensure children come to school in their **sports uniform on these days**.

Key Dates

Thursday 20th January – Author Visit- Janek Puzon

Wednesday 28th January – Visit to Nightingale's Farm (come ready in OAL kits please and change of clothes)

Sunday 1st February- Blackburn Hawks Free Match (see email and form sent)

Thursday 5th February- Spirituality Afternoon

Wb 9th February

- Children's Mental Health Week.
- Professor Slime Behaviour Treat!

Monday 9th February- OAL (PM- bring kits in a bag)

Tuesday 10th February- Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 11th February

- VR Experience- 'Around the World'
- Chinese New Year experience afternoon

Thursday 12th February- Disco 6.45pm

Friday 13th February – DOJO winners non-uniform