

## Dear Families,

As we reach the end of another busy half term, I want to take a moment to celebrate everything we have achieved together. Our school continues to be full of energy and great learning opportunities, and I am incredibly proud of all our children.



forecast – we have continued to make the most of our outdoor environment. We are so proud that we were able to carry on and have another wonderful day outside!

Our outdoor learning trolleys have helped us take learning beyond the classroom regularly, ensuring children can explore, investigate and learn in a hands-on, engaging way- whatever the weather.



## A Huge Well Done to Year 6

A very special well done to our Year 6 children, who have recently completed their SATs. We are incredibly proud of their resilience, determination and positive attitude throughout. They have been fantastic role models.



## Spreading Kindness in Our Community



This half term, our children have truly lived out our values. Many children have been out in the local area posting kindness cards through doors to brighten people's days -a simple but powerful act of generosity. Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have also been sharing their pride in our school by delivering leaflets to local residents, telling them all about the exciting developments to our outdoor spaces. These include our sandpits, digging areas, barrels and OPAL play equipment, all of which are making a huge difference to playtimes and learning.

## Outdoor Learning – In All Weathers!

Despite some very rainy conditions – and even a storm

## Clubs and Enrichment

Our learning beyond the classroom continues to grow:

- Our after-school club run by Progressive has been revamped with exciting new games and activities.
- Children have enjoyed Orienteering Club, Library Club, All You Can Meetings and Dance Club this half term.
- We are excited to soon launch Girls' Cricket Club and Animation Club.

## PE and Wellbeing

The whole school took part in the Joe Wicks National PE Lesson this week, joining thousands of children from around the world in an energetic and fun session! It certainly was a good workout for the children as well as the staff.

## Trips and Experiences

This half term has been full of exciting learning beyond the classroom.

We all took part in a Kindness Workshop led by 52 Lives' School of Kindness. We learned that kindness means being friendly, generous and considerate, and explored how it positively impacts our health. We practised empathy, shared kind words, and created something for someone who may need a little kindness. We also reflected on the quote, “Be the change you want to see in the world,” and how we can help shape a kinder future.

Families can also join the free Kids' Club for challenges, activities and more at <https://www.schoolofkindness.org/kids-club>



- Year 1 enjoyed a walk around Rishton, exploring their local area.
- Pre-School had their first ever trip to the library
- Upcoming trips include:
  - Year 1 & 2 – Airport visit
  - Year 3 & 4 – TBC!
  - Reception – Trip to the farm

These experiences are so valuable in bringing learning to life.



## Worship and Our School Values

We have also enjoyed some truly wonderful class worships, and it has been lovely welcoming families into school to share these special moments together.

## Careers Day – Inspiring Futures

Our Careers Day earlier this half term was absolutely fantastic! We were joined by a wide range of visitors including:

- Police officers
- Hairdressers
- Vets
- The Iddon family
- Accrington Stanley
- Mr Halstead

The children were inspired by hearing about different jobs and futures – a truly memorable day.

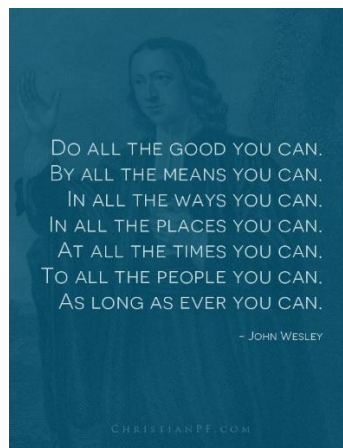
## A Special Thank You

A huge thank you to our toast volunteers, who give their time so generously to support our school. Your help makes such a difference to our daily routines and helps everything run smoothly - we are so grateful.



## John Wesley Day

Today we have celebrated John Wesley Day, recognising the founder of our Methodist school and reflecting on his values and what he stood for. It has been a meaningful opportunity for children to connect with our school's strong Christian ethos.



## Growing Our School Community

We are excited to soon welcome our new Reception children for their taster days.

We currently have:

- Only one place remaining in the new Reception class (class of 30)
- A few places still available in Pre-School.

If you know anyone looking for a place in a warm, nurturing and high achieving school, please encourage them to get in touch!

## Pre-School Update

Our pre-school continues to go from strength to strength and is such a special part of our school family. Seeing our youngest learners thrive brings us so much joy. They've recently enjoyed their first trip out to the library and now come into the school hall to have their lunch with us.

## The Summer Fair is on its way

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, after school, we will have our annual summer fair. Please put the date in your diary to come and join in the fun. We will have new stalls, fun activities and a special visitor! We will be asking for donations on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of June of chocolate, bottles, unwanted gifts and wrapped sweets. Thank you for your support 😊.

## Wishing You a Lovely Half Term

I wish you all a wonderful half term break, however you choose to spend it. Please do continue to send in your photos of children enjoying the outdoors – I absolutely love seeing them and would like to share them in future worships. Thank you to those who have already sent some in. They really do make me smile!

Best Wishes,

Mrs Higgins and the Rishton Methodist Team

