



# The Redeemer

## Church of England Primary School

Headteacher: Mr M Power

31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

### Monthly Update – January

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this newsletter finds you in good health.

It has been an action-packed first month back in which we have had a lot to celebrate. But, before that we want to take the opportunity to say thank you to Mr Gill, Mrs Jones and the non-teaching staff for their tremendous effort during our first week back to ensure that school remained open despite the freezing conditions. The more I work in school the more I realise how indebted we are to all of our school staff, in and out of the classroom, that are dedicated to helping our children and who we simply could not function without. We are blessed to have the amazing team that we do

And, it is that spirit of thankfulness that defines this month's newsletter. When thinking about our value of thankfulness, at The Redeemer, we are inspired by Colossians 2 6:7

*"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."*

And those final three words sum up how we feel at present as a school; overflowing with thankfulness.

We are thankful for the generosity of spirit from so many in our school community. The staff who work tirelessly to give every child the best opportunities. The parents, carers and extended Redeemer family who give up their time to support school. And, of course, we are grateful for the children who impress, entertain and challenge us each day we are in this building. A school is made up of a multitude of parts and we are thankful that each one of ours is fantastic.

This has been evident recently, where our staff have battled the conditions to ensure school remained open in the first week back. Parents and carers have given up their time to join us in Careers Week and the children have impressed us with their fantastic range of sporting achievements.

And, just as this newsletter looks back at the fantastic achievements in January, we are thankful still that we have many more amazing experiences to come. Which we look forward to sharing with you.

Thank you for your continued support

Sam Smallridge

Senior Leader



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### Careers Week 2025

This week, we have celebrated our second Redeemer Careers Week. All children have had a visit from a range of people in the school community to talk about the work that they do in our local area. It has been a pleasure to welcome back visitors from last year and also many new faces (including two former pupils) to share what their jobs entail and how they got there.

Thanks to the generosity of our visitors, all of our children have been treated to fantastic presentations and inspiring stories. We have had visitors from the world of science, exercise, drama, healthcare, graphic design and many more. It is no exaggeration to say that we have hundreds of children who have been inspired this week (as well as a few staff).



It goes without saying that this week could not happen without the kindness of those in the school community. Everyone at The Redeemer would like to say a huge thank you to each volunteer for both giving up their time to come into school and planning such engaging sessions for the children. We are blessed to have such committed and supportive people in our community who are equally devoted to giving our children the best education.



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### Sports News

#### Year 5/6 Boys Football Lancashire County Finals



This half term, the football team have competed in the Lancashire County Finals representing Blackburn. The team performed amazingly well and made it out of the group stages all the way to the final of the competition. The final went to Golden Goal and The Redeemer had a goal disallowed which would have won us the competition. We conceded a last-minute goal and finished in second place. The team represented the school brilliantly and showed excellent sportsmanship. A big well done to everyone involved and a big thank you for all your support.

#### KS1 Hockey Competition

Our Year Twos attended a hockey competition this half term. We competed against 5 other schools from around the area. The children put into practice the skills that they have been developing while taking part in their additional lunchtime activities. It was another successful outing for the children as they came back to school with the trophy and first place medals.



#### Lancashire Chess Day



On Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> of January, children from The Redeemer took part in a chess competition at Westholme School against children from across Lancashire. There were 75 children in total and a fantastic 10 from The Redeemer! The children were split into groups and played matches against a range of opponents. All of the children acquitted themselves brilliantly in their first ever tournament. We had two great successes. Dylan came second in the Red Pawns groups while Freddie came first in the Green Pawns. Well done to everyone who took part!

*We would also like to a huge Redeemer thank you to the dedicated members of our school staff who go above and beyond to organise and take thee children to these events.*





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### Notices

#### Welcome to the world Baby Devine

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 2024, while everybody was preparing presents under their Christmas tree, Mr and Mrs Devine were celebrating an early Christmas present of their own as Theo Harry Devine was born. I am sure you will want to join all of the staff in sending our warmest wishes to Luke, Nicola and Baby Theo. And, we are delighted to report that while Mr. Devine may have a few more bags under his eyes (and a couple of greys on the side) he has never been happier.



#### Children's Mental Health Week 2025

Throughout next week, we will be holding a special assembly and a range of activities to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing in school. This year's theme is "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself", and as part of our celebrations, we are inviting pupils to take part in a **non-uniform day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**. Pupils are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing that makes them feel good. If your child has PE on this day, please ensure they bring their PE kit with them, as they will be given time to change before their lesson.

#### Ofsted Report

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of our school staff for all their hard work and dedication. We are extremely proud of our grading and see it as a tribute to the effort that all our staff put in day-in and day-out to achieve the best for every child in school. Equally, we would also like to thank all members of our school community for all of your support and kind wishes both during the inspection process and since announcement of our grades. As a school, we will continue to develop, move forward and strive to provide the very best education and experiences for all of the children in our care. A message from Charlotte Carter, our Chair of Governors, regarding the report can be found at the end of this newsletter as can a message from Iain Parkes (Director of Education at Blackburn Diocese).

[A message from Iain Parkes](#)

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**Dear Mr Power, Staff, and the School Community,**

On behalf of the governing body, we would like to extend our deepest thanks and heartfelt congratulations to everyone for the outstanding result in our recent Outstanding Ofsted report. This is a remarkable achievement that reflects the strength, dedication, and unity of *Our Redeemer family*. It shows the hard work and passion that each and every one of you brings to our school every single day.

**To our incredible Headteacher Mr Power:** Your inspirational leadership, unwavering vision, and commitment to excellence have been at the heart of this success. Your guidance and determination have set a clear direction, enabling the school to flourish and achieve this well-deserved recognition.

**To our amazing staff:** Each of you plays a vital role in making this school a place where children thrive. Your tireless efforts, passion for education, and care for every child have created an environment where excellence is the norm. Your hard work has truly made a difference, and this result is a testament to your commitment.

**To our wider school community:** Parents, carers, volunteers, and friends of the school – your ongoing support and partnership have been invaluable. This achievement would not have been possible without the trust and collaboration you bring to the table, making *Our Redeemer family* stronger than ever.

**To our pupils:** Thank you for the amazing role you played in helping our school achieve an outstanding Ofsted report! Your hard work, enthusiasm, and the way you support each other make our school a special place. You warmly welcomed our visitors and really showed them The Redeemer Way, so much so His Majesty's Ofsted Inspector wished his children could have come to this school and join you! We are so proud of you all – you truly show what it means to be part of *Our Redeemer family*.

Your passion for nurturing and inspiring our children is evident in everything you do. Together, you have created a school where every child can flourish, and this report is a well-deserved recognition of that.

Together, we have created something truly exceptional, and we hope you take a moment to celebrate this collective success. As we reflect on this milestone, we proudly say, *Our Redeemer family is Outstanding*.

With deepest gratitude and warmest regards

Charlotte Carter

Chair of Governors

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Key Dates Spring Term 2025

To assist you in planning ahead, please find below the key dates for the Spring 1 term.  
Please note dates may be subject to change.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Non-Uniform Day for Children's Mental Health Week 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

Break up for Half Term

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

School reopens

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

World Book Day and Celebration Worship

(No Celebration Worship on the Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March)

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Parent's Evenings (13:30 – 19:00)

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

Easter Service (9am)

School closes for Easter Holidays

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