



# Junior 4 and 5 newsletter

## This Week

It has been another busy and exciting week in Year 5/6! Yesterday, we celebrated **Black History Day** with a focus on the inspirational life of **Nelson Mandela**. The children learned about his role in the fight for civil rights in South Africa and the importance of equality and justice. They showed great interest and respect in their discussions, and we were very proud of their thoughtful contributions.

To mark the day, the children also worked together to create a fantastic piece of artwork, which will soon be on display for everyone to enjoy. We can't wait for you to see it—it truly reflects both their creativity and their learning.

## Our Learning

We've had a busy and productive week of learning! In **Maths**, we have been working on our mental strategies for adding and subtracting. In **English**, we have been developing our modelled write, focusing on Stanley's bus ride to Camp Green Lake from our class novel *Holes*. In **Science**, the children have been investigating how to make solutions by dissolving solids into liquids. In **RE**, we have been learning about the importance of symbolism in Christianity, with a particular focus on baptisms.

## Diary Dates

Wed 8th Oct - Junior 4 library visit  
Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Oct - Ormskirk High Open Eve  
Fri 10th Oct - Hello Yellow Day  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Oct - Book Week  
Wed 15th Oct - Junior 5 library visit  
Thurs 23rd Oct - Individual and Sibling photos  
Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct - Parents' Evening  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> October: School closes for half term.  
Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Oct: Year 7 places need to be submitted.

## A little reminder about reading and homework

Thank you so much for all the support you give your children with their learning at home—it really does make a big difference. We ask that the children read at least five times a week at home. Regular reading not only helps them to become more confident and fluent readers but also builds their imagination and enjoyment of books. Homework is sent home on a Tuesday, and spellings go out each week ready for our Friday test. A little bit of practice each day really helps the children to feel prepared and proud of their progress.

We truly appreciate the time you take to support your child with these routines—it helps them to shine in school.

## Spanish Learning

### Spanish greetings

Hola - Hello  
Buenos días - Good Morning  
Buenas tardes - Good afternoon  
Buenas noches - Good evening  
¿Cómo estás? - How are you? (informal)  
¿Cómo está? - How are you? (formal)



## Junior 4

Nathan Pealing and James Moncrieff  
Star Learner: Penelope Holburt Junior 4

## Stars of the Week



## Junior 5

Teddy Birch and Leo Farragher  
Star Learner: Etta Hennigan