



Cop Lane C.E. Primary School

A welcoming Christian community, committed to one another, giving our very best at all times.

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' Philippians 4:13

Our Christian Value is:  **Service**

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Headteacher's Message

A big well done to our Y4 children, who led us in their harvest worship this week. They did a fantastic job. Thank you to Miss Jordan and Miss Binks in helping the children put it together. We are still accepting food bank donations until the end of next week.

On Wednesday, we were delighted to attend County Hall for our Behaviour Quality Mark gold reaccreditation. This reflects the strong practice in school. Councillor Matthew Salter's speech is on p.4 of this newsletter.

A big well done to our football teams, who have played at Priory over the last three weeks. They have given their very best and been excellent ambassadors for the school. Well done!

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes,
Mr Ian P. Ashmore



Dates for your Diary



12.10.26 – PTFA AGM at 5:30pm in school

13.10.26 – Y4 Ministry of the Word @ St Mary's – parents welcome 9:30am

14.10.26 – Y3 Bible Presentation – 9:05am – parents welcome

20.10.26 – Y3 Ministry of the Word @ St Mary's – parents welcome

22.10.26 – Informal parents' evening: 6pm – 8pm

12.11.26 – 2:15pm/ 6:00pm - reading meetings for EYFS parents

PTFA News

The PTFA AGM is on the 12th October at 5:30pm. All are welcome to attend.



Reflection Time

'Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.'

Romans 12:13

In this week's worship, our theme was harvest and serving others. We reflected on the story of Ruth and Naomi and how Ruth worked hard to care for both herself and her mother-in-law. In Bible times, farmers were encouraged to leave some of their harvest behind so that those who were less fortunate and hungry could gather food for themselves. This act of kindness and generosity was known as gleaning. The story reminds us that serving others is not always about doing something grand. Often, it is the small acts of kindness, sharing what we have and thinking of those who may be struggling that makes the biggest difference. Just as Ruth and Naomi were cared for through the generosity of others, we too can help those in need within our local community.



This week in our Picture News, we looked at the news that the Bayeux Tapestry is a very special work of art that is nearly 1000 years old. Pictures sewn onto the cloth using colourful thread tell the story of the Norman Conquest of England. The almost 70-metre-long piece of art has travelled from its usual home in France to go on display at the British Museum in London. It shows the events leading up to the Battle of Hastings in 1066, and depicts soldiers, horses and ships. The children considered the question: 'How can we share our stories?'

Our 'Picture News at Home' can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

Governor Update

A meeting of the Quality of Education Committee was held on the 29th September 2026 in school. The impact of the meeting was:

- Governors reviewed progress against the School Improvement Plan and discussed priorities for 2026/27, providing strategic oversight and challenge to support continued school improvement.
- Governors scrutinised safeguarding policies and the school's safeguarding strategy, providing challenge and assurance that safeguarding arrangements remain robust, effective and compliant with statutory requirements.
- Governors considered statutory changes to the PSHE curriculum and scrutinised the revised PSHE policy before recommending it for full governor approval.

Governors lived out the Christian vision by reviewing key data and discussing strategic plans that are in place to enhance opportunities for all pupils and enhance our vision.

Harvest Appeal Penwortham Food Bank

**We are collecting the following items for
Penwortham Food Bank:**

- . Tins e.g. beans, rice pudding, tuna
- . Dry food e.g. pasta, cereals
- . Jars e.g. sauces

**Please send any donations into classes with
your child(ren).**





We were delighted to have been reaccredited the Behaviour Quality Mark Gold award on the 30th September 2026. Councillor Matthew Salter, who presented us with the award, said, *“The school is “joy”, with a warm and welcoming atmosphere where children are happy, safe and proud to learn. Pupils consistently demonstrate kindness, respect, excellent behaviour and a genuine commitment to supporting one another. Cop Lane clearly embodies its values and Christian ethos, while actively embracing and celebrating diverse cultures, backgrounds and experiences of its pupils and families. It consistently demonstrates a positive learning culture, strong leadership, highly inclusive ethos and strong trusting relationships between staff and pupils. Every child is valued and all pupils are encouraged to achieve their best. Staff are dedicated and their commitment to professional development, inclusion and high expectations ensures that all children can thrive academically and personally. The leadership team and Behaviour Lead are to be commended for their vision, passion and unwavering drive for excellence. This award is a testament to a school where kindness, respect, positive behaviour, strong relationships, ambition and care are at the heart of everything. It is a richly deserved achievement and a reflection of a community that truly lives its values everyday.”*



Message from Mr Wilkinson:

Mr Wilkinson has asked me to mention to parents that use his crossing patrol in a morning a couple of points:

- When crossing, please cross in front of Mr Wilkinson and not behind him.
- Children/ parents waiting to cross should stand clear of the kerb (approx. 1-2 feet) until instructed to cross.

Thank you for your cooperation.





Our class attendance figures this week are:

EYFS	95.6%
Y1	95.2%
Y2	95.3%
Y3	94.4%
Y4	98.7%
Y5	94.2%
Y6	98.7%



Well done to Year 4 and Year 6 this week!



Ministry of the Word Services—KS2



Our Ministry of the Word services will resume this term. They will be led by the church wardens. Parents are welcome to join us. The services begin at 9:30am at the church.

Y4— 13.10.26

Y3— 20.10.26

TAKEHOME

28th September
- 4th October



How can we share
our stories?

In the news this week

The Bayeux Tapestry is a nearly 1,000-year-old very long piece of cloth covered with pictures sewn in colourful thread that tells the story of a very famous event called the Norman Conquest of England. The almost 70-metre-long piece of art has travelled from its usual home in France, to go on display at the British Museum in London. It shows the events leading up to the Battle of Hastings in 1066, and depicts soldiers, horses and ships.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Which stories are important to your family and how have these stories been passed from one person to another?
- > Do we have any photographs or objects that tell part of our family's story?
- > What do you think we can learn from different types of stories? E.g., written, photos or ones we retell.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Dear Parents/carers,

MY HAPPY MIND

This year we are in our third year of using 'My Happy Mind' at Cop Lane. We are excited to embed the programme even further and try to achieve GOLD accreditation! 'My Happy Mind' is based around helping children to understand how their brain works and aims to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves!

'My Happy Mind' is delivered in school by class teachers through a series of interactive lessons and the children then apply this learning throughout the school day.

To further embed this learning, 'My Happy Mind' has developed a useful (free!) Parent App. Resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The Parent App will support you as a parent in understanding what your child is learning, activities for you to do together at home and also a Kids Zone featuring 'My Happy Mind' games plus much more!

To access these materials just go to <https://myhappy mind.org/parentresources> to create your free account. Or simply scan this QR code to sign up. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code.

Your school authentication code is 119363

Once you have created your account, you will receive an email with the next steps on downloading the app.

We really encourage you to make use of this free content so that you can support your child in getting the best out of the curriculum. If you want to know more about the Parent App then scan this QR code for a short video which explains more.



If you have any questions about 'My Happy Mind', please contact your class teacher or myself. If you have any technical questions about accessing the resources, please contact hella@myhappy mind.org

Mrs Hodgson (PSHE Subject Leader)