



**Our school is a friendly and vibrant community, where all of God's children flourish and gain the knowledge, wisdom and skills needed to care about themselves, their community and their world.**

**Friday 3rd May 2024**

### Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have been unpicking our school vision of 'flourishing like a lily' and the children have defined 'flourishing' as: developing strong friendships, growing in kindness, learning from the teachers, building a strong community, eating good food, getting on well with family members (and particularly parents) being in a stress-free environment and growing in knowledge, skills and wisdom. I couldn't have summed it up better myself!

It just shows what a deep-thinking and reflective bunch of children we have, and reminds us all of what's really important to them. It's crucial that we listen to them and take what they say seriously, as we want them to have the opportunity to experience all the things that they've listed here. In partnership with you, we can achieve this.

So, with this in mind, it has been wonderful to have some warmer weather this week, enabling the children to have more outdoor learning and play. The Forest School has been a hive of activity and Year 3 have had so much fun making camps and defences as well as enjoying some team-building games. Year 2 toasted marshmallows and learnt about tinder and kindling and how to use a fire striker and some Year 4 and 5 children had the opportunity to plant some sunflower seeds and honeysuckle plants.

Our Global Councillors have also been busy planting seeds and thinking about the need to care for our planet. These lovely thoughts have been shared with our partner schools in Moldova and India and it has been another opportunity to find common ground with children from other cultures.

Finally, there was much excitement in every classroom this week when every class received their special package, courtesy of the PTFA. It was like Christmas as the children opened their brown-papered gift to discover brand new footballs, collections of toy animals, playdough, glitter, Snakes and Ladders and all sorts of wonderful items. Thank you again to every one of you who have supported the PTFA's gallant endeavours with your pennies over the year, and for helping to enrich the children's experience of school.

And so, the week comes to an end, and we have the joy of a long weekend ahead. Enjoy this balmy weather and continue to flourish like a lily in your homes.

Amanda



### Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for the food on our plate and the blessing you put on us every day. Thank you for the roof over our heads, and for being able to be at this school.

Please help us to be the best we can be and to stay safe and happy. Help us to respect other people.

Jake, Billy and Ronnie, Year 6