

# AUGHTON TOWN GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

April 2025

## Happy Easter holiday from Mr Huxley

As we come to the Easter holidays, I just wanted to say a special thank you to all of our children and staff for their hard work through the term. Additionally, I'd like to thank our parents for their continued support of school, it was great to see so many parents at our recent Parents' Evenings.

**Please remember that school finishes for the Easter Holiday on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2.15pm**

## Thank you for your service Mrs Rostron and Mrs Fay

On behalf of everyone at Town Green, I would like to say a special 'thank you' to Mrs Christine Rostron for her years of service and commitment to our school. Christine retired as a Governor at Town Green earlier this year after nearly 40 years' service! This included being our School's 'Chair of Governors' for nearly 15 years! Having seen her own children flourish at Town Green, she has worked tirelessly as a Governor to support all of our pupils achieve their potential. So, 'thank you' and happy retirement Christine.

In addition to this, I would also like to wish Mrs Fay a happy retirement. Mrs Fay, who has been a member of welfare staff for the past 10 years, will be leaving us on Friday. Thank you for all of your hard work and support.

## Class Trips and Residential

Many classes are enjoying class trips at the moment. Y1 & Y2 recently had a local field trip to Christ-Church to support their religious education. In the summer term, many other year groups will be attending trips connected to the curriculum. Year 1 will be visiting Blackpool Zoo & Year 2 will be visiting the Blue Planet in connection to their Science work. Year 3 & Year 4 will be visiting Quarry bank Mill as part of their history topic. Year 6 will visit 'UCLAN' for a Science day as well as visiting Blackpool Pleasure Beach on a leavers' trip. Lastly, both Y5 & Y6 will be attending residential in the summer term. As you can see, it is going to be a very busy period.

## Charity Events

Our recent Comic Relief Day raised over £300 for charity. On the day, children had a great time learning about 'Comic Relief' and where the money raised goes to. Well done and thank you to everyone involved.

## Safeguarding and the 'Fence Project'

We are really pleased with our new fencing that runs the complete length of the front of our school. The 8 foot fence has been installed to further improve school security and is now complete. Many parents have said to me that they have been pleased with this initiative. Naturally, we will continue to improve other areas of security for the children which will include 'fire evacuation' and 'lock down' practises during the school day.

## Inter and Intra Sporting Competitions

We have once again had success in local sports competitions. Our Upper Junior swimming team recently came second in the Schools' Gala. In addition to this, our upper junior girls football team competed fantastically well at their recent competition.

Our Year 4 football team won the Liverpool FC invitational competition at the 'Liverpool Academy', they will now be competing in a similar competition at 'Finch Farm' after the Easter holiday. Finally, our lower junior Tag Rugby team played really well to finish in second place at another local competition.

As well as children competing against other schools, we have arranged 2 Intra (within our school) competitions this term. To encourage girls to play football and sports, over 70 of our KS2 girls took part in a football competition last Friday which was won by 'Lily's Lambs'! Additionally, on Friday morning our Y6 children and a number of staff, will be competing in a 'fun bench ball competition.' Hopefully my hamstrings can take the strain!

Well done everyone who has taken part and thank you to all those staff who have supported extra-curricular activities.

### Town Green Extra-Curricular Clubs

We have had a wide variety of extra-curricular opportunities through the spring term. Our school clubs have included: Year 3 invasion games, Year 6 Cricket, upper junior book club, Y4 Tag Rugby, KS2 dance & zumba, KS2 Running Club and upper junior invasion games.

Next term we have plans to give children even more opportunities to try an extra-curricular club. As usual, thank you to all staff who give up their time to run an extra-curricular-club.

### Forest School Update

Forest School at Town Green continues to be enjoyed by very large numbers of children. Mrs Dykes has been leading sessions with children from Years 1 to 4, with Mr Gordon supporting children in Y5 and Y6 through the year. As well as the obvious Science and Nature skills that the children develop, we are also looking to support children to develop personal skills such as resilience and problem solving.

### Dates for your diary:

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Hazel Class Assembly School Closes at 2.15pm for Easter
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	School re-opens
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Y2 trip to Blue Planet Aquarium
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Rowan Class Assembly
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Quarry Bank Mill Trip
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Quarry Bank Mill Trip
	Y6 UCLAN Science Festival Visit
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	EYFS Stay & Play at 2.30pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Inset Day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School reopens
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Blackpool Pleasure Beach Trip
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Sports Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 to Anderton Centre
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 return from Anderton Centre
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Individual & sibling photos
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS & KS1 Sports Day
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 leave for Min-y-Don
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 return from Min-y-Don
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Assembly EYFS Picnic on Field at 2.30pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	School closes at 2.15pm for summer
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Inset Day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	School reopens

### World Book Day and the Book Fair

World Book Day was once again a great success. Children and staff enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book characters, as well as all of the exciting activities in School on the day. The Book Fair, which is always well received at our school, has raised some money which Miss Jones, School English Leader, will be using once again to purchase books for different classes.

Don't forget, children reading to and with their parents every night is undoubtedly one of the most significant things that any parent can do to support their child's learning in the primary years (it's also great fun!)

### Parking and Drop Off - Message from Lancashire Parking Enforcement Service

I know that all of our parents want our children to be as safe as possible around the drop off and pick-up times. As such, we have requested and had support from Lancashire Parking Enforcement Service. They have asked me to encourage parents to read and follow the laws regarding parking around Town Green. These laws are displayed on numerous signs around school and explain what type of parking is legal and illegal. It is illegal to park on any of the single yellow lines around school, including those that are clearly marked in Sagar Fold, between the times of 8.00am and 9.00am and 3.00pm and 4.00pm. It is also illegal to stop at any time on the zig zag lines outside school, this includes stopping just for a few seconds to allow children out near the school. A number of parents have received fines for doing this. Again, any parent that sees dangerous or illegal parking of any kind around School can report an issue by ringing: 0800 1952774.

### Attendance and Punctuality

I continue to work closely with the 'School's Attendance and Support Team' (SAST) to ensure excellent attendance and punctuality. This included writing last term to parents of children whose punctuality or attendance was a concern and to ask for improvements in the second half of the academic year where possible. Please continue to support your child at school by ensuring that they arrive before 9.00am and have good attendance. For parents' information, good attendance is classed as at least 95% attendance. Children not attending school regularly will fall behind!

### End of Term

School will finish at 2.15pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. (After School Club closes at 4.45pm)