

**BSYW Good News Update
September/October 2025**

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To our wider BSYW family,

We thank you for your prayers, your continued support, and your encouragement. It is a joy to join you in serving the Lord and sharing His Good News with the many children in our local area. We know the hope, peace, and life that our Lord Jesus brings, and we are excited to share Him in our schools and communities.

I'm writing this as the half-term comes to an end. It is wonderful to look back and see how the Lord has covered the work that we've done in His name. We pray the children have been able to see the wonder of Jesus as we've spoken words from the Holy Bible. The Holy Spirit has been a tangible presence with us and we know that this is His work. We are excited, and hope that this update excites you too.

Praise God, we've had a wonderful time with our 'Son of Encouragement' assemblies. We've had 4 more schools book assemblies than this time last year. We're delighted that we've regained contact with some schools who haven't booked with us for a few years. The children have loved singing Doug Horley's Sea Shanty, 'Be strong and courageous'. Dave has been fabulous accompanying us on the guitar and Shirley showed a new skill by playing a drum. We have a wonderful little team who are so committed to sharing the goodness of God with the children. It's been lovely to hear all the children singing, especially the line, 'The Lord your God is with you everywhere you go'. We pray this verse will stay with them, become very real to them, and give them courage in life, too.

We extended the assembly into workshops at the request of a couple of our schools. This allowed us to 'dig deeper' and explore what it is like to be a disciple of Jesus. We got the children little wooden boats to colour in and keep, as we talked about Jesus being our hope and anchor, God being the captain of our ship, and the Holy Spirit the life in our sails. One little boy in a non-church school (aged 7 or 8) was clearly thrilled by the session, and sang the song and did the actions all the way back to his classroom. He kept turning back to us and was clearly filled with joy. Another little boy of the same age was excited to show that he'd drawn crosses on the sails of his ship to remind him that Jesus is with him.

We had 16 schools who booked Year 1 workshops (an increase of 6 from last year). Dave, Linda and Mandy had fun with the children. They got lovely

feedback from the school: "The children LOVED the session the team shared today with the Year One Pupils. They were chatting about it all day."

We've really stepped out in faith with 'Walk Through the Bible' this half-term. 240 children have experienced 5, hour-long sessions on either the Old Testament or New Testament. It has been VERY exciting. The Lord has graciously given us many signs of encouragement, with children saying things like: "I'm a Christian" and, "Jesus is everything". One boy was so excited when we talked about crossing the Jordan River to The Promised Land. He said, "My Grandad has a little bottle of sand from there. I've seen it! I'm going to ask him if we can have another look at it."

It really seems to me that between the ages of 9 and 11 the children are so open to God. They often make very profound contributions, showing a spiritual awareness and life. We were very moved in one school where we were exploring the Last Supper and Jesus as the Passover Lamb. A boy lifted the cup high in the air and, at that moment, we could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in the room with us. It was so powerful and very moving. It's hard to put into words what took place, but it was a wonderful experience! The Lord was with us, and we were all silent and still. Awesome!

Jackie, Jenny and Mandy have enjoyed visiting the lovely children at Highfurlong again and we pray that this work will continue to grow.

Please continue to pray for the children, the teachers, the schools and BSYW. Praise God, we are receiving more interest and requests from schools. Sometimes the work is challenging for our small team. But, praise God, we are filled with courage, joy and love through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus.

With love in Him,

Helen

P.S. You are warmly invited to join us for our AGM on Thursday 6th November at 7.00pm, Poulton URC Church, Tithebarn Street, Poulton-le-Fylde, FY6 7BX. We'll be sharing more about our work, and thanking the Lord for His grace and love for the children in our schools.

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