



Please find below our latest news of events and things going on in school. If you can't find the answers you are looking for, please don't hesitate to get in touch through the School Office!



Collective Worship and Our School Vision

"We love because God first loved us." 1 John 4:10 is our key bible verse that supports our vision: **With God at the centre we reach out and support each other in learning, growth and community.** This vision compliments our Christian value of SERVICE that we are exploring this term. We will learn about the importance of seeing the needs of others and supporting them so that they, and ourselves, can shine to the brightest that we can be.

Arrival to School

We remind parents that children are to arrive to school **via the bottom playground gate.** Entrance via the School Office is reserved for those needing support from the School Office or those with specific circumstances of which the school is aware and has approved. Please ensure that your child has arrived to school before the bottom playground gate locks at 8:55am.



World Book Day

We are looking forward to seeing what creative World Book Day costumes the children (and staff) will be wearing on Thursday 7 March! The children will also enjoy a variety of activities in class that will encourage, celebrate and support reading.

Parents' Evening

Booking information for Parents' Evening has been sent out. Ensure that you have booked your appointment! We politely remind parents that if more than one appointment is needed for your child that the extra is arranged at an alternative time.



Thank you to our FOBLES team for meeting this week – we were really short on numbers! Please do support our team by attending meetings if you can! Thank you, also, to all the staff and FOBLES who helped and supported the Valentine Disco this week. Here is a list of the upcoming events (with some date changes to note):

- 14 March Class 5 & 6 Cake Sale (we need parent helpers)
- 27 March Easter Bingo after school
- 27 March 100 Club £100 Draw – it's not too late to buy your number!
- 15 May Class 3 & 4 Cake Sale (changed to Wednesday 15 May from Thursday 16 May)
- 24 May 100 Club £25 Draw

Don't forget to buy your number!



Going Paperless!



We continue to explore ways of reducing paper letters and forms sent out from school. We are now using ParentPay as an alternative to sending out permission slips. **We advise that you regularly check your ParentPay accounts!**

Uniform and Jewellery

- A polite reminder that our uniform includes:
- Suitable black school shoes (not trainers)
 - Small stud earrings
 - **No necklaces or bracelets**
 - **Long hair tied up**



Year 4 Limestone Days

Our Year 4 children are off next week on their Outdoor Adventure Limestone Days. The children will be exploring the Yorkshire Dales learning about limestone rock and experiencing some caving, visiting Barbon Ghyll, Dentdale and the Yordas Cave. They will be participating in these activities in small groups of 11 children led by Mr Haworth and Phil Longbottom of Big Adventure. We expect that the children will arrive back at school at around 4pm.



Comic Relief

Our fantastic FOBLES team has agreed to donate half of the Class 5&6 Cake Sale proceeds to Comic Relief instead of charging for another non-uniform day. However, on Friday 15 March, we will still host a "Wear it Red" day in support of Comic Relief (no charge). We also have 200 Red Noses to sell, £2 each, and these will be on sale from Monday 11 March until Friday 15 March (or until they are all sold!).



Allergies

We have pupils at school with significant allergies to nuts (pistachio, peanut, cashew) and to horse hair. Therefore, we politely ask that nuts are not brought into school as part of your child's packed lunch and if your child attends horse riding lessons, they use a different coat for school.



Payments

We continue to experience a significant amount of unpaid monies for school dinners and school trips.

Please ensure that you have checked your ParentPay accounts and payments are up-to-date.

Year 6 High School Places

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who will have found out their High School place. We hope that children and families are happy with the offered places – if not, the deadline for requesting an appeal is 16 April 2024 and the deadline to request that your child's name be added to waiting lists is Friday 15 March 2024. If you have any enquiries, please contact the pupil access team on 01524 581148 or email: pupilaccessteam@lancashire.gov.uk

Dates for your Diary

- Fri 1 Mar: High School Places released
- Mon 4 Mar: Year 4 Limestone Day Group 1
- Tue 5 Mar: Year 4 Limestone Day Group 2
- Wed 6 Mar: Sunshine Class walk to postbox
- Thu 7 Mar: Year 4 Limestone Day Group 3
World Book Day
- Fri 8 Mar: Year 4 Limestone Day Group 4
Barclays Biggest Ever Football Session for Girls
- Sun 10 Mar: 10:30am Mothering Sunday Service
- Mon 11 Mar: Worship in Church
1:30pm LKS2 Parent Involvement Event
Football League at BLA
4:30pm Full Governors' Meeting
- Tue 12 Mar: County Finals Athletics at Blackpool
- Thu 14 Mar: Y5/6 Netball at LMC
Y3/4 Athletics
Class 5 & 6 Cake Sale
6:30pm Swimming Gala at Salt Ayre
- Fri 15 Mar: Red Nose Day for Comic Relief (wear red)
2pm KS1 Parent Involvement Event
4pm Athletics League at LMC (Senior)
- Mon 18 Mar: Year 2 Music Festival
- Tue 19 Mar: Year 5 Music Festival
- Wed 20 Mar: UKS2 Abbeystead Trip
Cricket Taster Day
- Thu 21 Mar: LKS2 Liverpool Museum Trip



Absence and Holidays

As per our Attendance Policy, family holidays are **not** routinely authorised and any unauthorised absence of **5 days** or more **will** result in the penalty notice procedures being processed.

To help avoid a penalty notice, we strongly encourage parents to book family holidays out of term time, to avoid dental and medical appointments being booked in school time (where possible) and to ensure that your child is punctual in their arrival to school. If your child does require time out of school, our 'Application for Leave of Absence' forms are available on the website. Please complete these thoroughly and provide a minimum of 14 days' notice.

Trips and Events

There are quite a few trips and events coming up this term. Please check the dates and ParentPay for permission slips that need completing.



Lancaster and Morecambe Music Festival

Our Year 2 and Year 5 children are participating in the local Music Festival (see the Diary Dates). They will attend Lancaster Town Hall for their rehearsal on the morning of the event and then need to be back at the town hall for the evening performance. Please arrive at 6:30pm for at 7pm start.

School Dinner Money Debt

There is a considerable amount outstanding for dinner money. If your KS2 child has school dinners the cost is £2.50 per day, please ensure your ParentPay account is credited with the correct amount. If you believe your child is eligible for free school meals, please go to the Lancashire County Council website:

[Free school meals and pupil premium](#)



Mothering Sunday Service

We have offered to support Holy Trinity Church by leading their Mothering Sunday Service on 10 March. A permission letter was posted on ParentPay. Please complete this if you would like your child to attend, making it clear if they would like to attend as a participant or just to watch and enjoy!

Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity welcomes all to attend their Sunday services at 10:30am. They also host a mid-week service on Wednesdays at 10am. See our diary dates for Holy Trinity events (in blue). For further information, please email:

parishblsnews@parishbls.co.uk



Kind regards
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