



Value this half term: Perseverance

15th January 2026

Head teacher's message.

Our Worship and Values Committee met this week for an enthusiastic and productive session. During the meeting, members shared ideas about writing letters to our partner school in Uganda, helping to strengthen our global links and develop meaningful connections beyond our own community. The committee also discussed leading their very first whole-school worship. This is an exciting milestone for the newly formed group, as pupils work collaboratively to work with a plan and deliver a worship that reflects our shared values and inspires the wider school community. In addition, they will take a leading role in shaping and delivering worship across the school and will begin planning a new Bible Club. Bible Club will be open to pupils from across the school, with children invited to take part on a rotational basis so that everyone has the opportunity to be involved. We are very proud of the enthusiasm, commitment and leadership shown by the committee.

DIARY DATES

- 19th January Online safety week
- 22nd January Let's Grow
- 23rd January Holly Landless Artist – Y6
- 27th January PINS parent session 2
- 29th January Y3 church worship
- 2nd February Dance Competition – Tower Ballroom
- 3rd February Pupil RE Conference
- 6th February Y3 to Dewlay Cheese
- 9th February Messy Church
- 12th February Y2 church worship
- 13th February Values Assembly
- 13th February School closes 3.15pm

CHOIR

Children in Years 3 to 6 are encouraged to sign up for choir. This term, we will be singing in Lancashire Sings at Blackpool. Further details will be shared on the newsletter on 23rd January. School has 30 places for children who wish to take part in this event. There will be a small charge for the coach and tickets for the performance for families will need to be purchased. If your child wishes to be part of this event, it will be first come, first served for the 30 places. Please email parent@FAO Ms. Loughran. If your child does not wish to take part in the event itself but would still like to be involved in rehearsals, we are very happy to support this.



RECEPTION : **Alfie**

YEAR 1 : **Maven**

YEAR 3 : **Teddy**

YEAR 5 : **Bow**

YEAR 2 : **Aria**

YEAR 4 : **Anna**

YEAR 6 : **Alfie T**

MY HAPPY MIND WINNERS :

YEAR 1 **Alex** showing love and kindness

YEAR 2 : **Oliver E** love and kindness

YEAR 3 : **Molly-Mae** positivity

YEAR 4 : **Louis** love of learning

YEAR 5 : **Charis** love of learning

YEAR 6 : **Vinny** positivity

WORSHIP and VALUES COMMITTEE:

Worship Ambassador : Arthur (Y6)

Worship Leads Y5 : Eric, Y4 : Jack B, Y3 : Thirza, Y2 : Grace E, Y1 : Maven.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Well done to Year 4 who won last week's attendance award with 100%.



APPOINTMENTS AND ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

School understands that medical appointments can sometimes be difficult to arrange and, while our preference is always for these to take place outside of school hours where possible, we recognise that this is not always achievable.

In order to further strengthen our safeguarding procedures, when a child is collected from school during the day and is expected to return, parents and carers will now be asked to ensure they sign the **Pupil Signing Out** book. This additional measure has been introduced to enhance our oversight of pupils on site at all times, ensuring we have clear and accurate records of children's movements throughout the school day and can maintain the highest standards of safeguarding.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all children safe.

At the end of the newsletter, we have provided some handy additional guidance for parents and carers regarding some of the more common illnesses that may impact a child's attendance at school.

DANCE COMPETITION

Some of our children in Years 5 and 6 have been preparing to take part in a dance competition at Blackpool Tower Ballroom. Miss Dickinson is busy preparing the routine and Mrs Meikle is arranging costumes and logistics.

PINS PARENT SESSION

We welcome parents to attend the second PINS session in school on Tuesday 27th January at 9am. Please do not worry if you did not attend the first session. All parents and carers are welcome. Please advise of your attendance by emailing parent@.

DOUBLE PAGE SPREAD

The subject focus for this half term is art. Children have already started to learn new styles and techniques – the painting shirts have been in high demand! Work will be showcased in the entrance corridor next half term.



ONLINE SAFETY WEEK

Next week will be online safety week across school. School delivers online safety every half term to ensure children are regularly updated with safe practice when accessing devices.

Reception - Privacy and security: I can identify some simple examples of my personal information (e.g. name, address, age, birthday, location).

Year 1 - Managing information online: To give simple examples of how to find information using digital technologies e.g. search engines and voice activated searching

Year 2 - Self-image and identity: To explain how other people may look and act differently online and offline

Year 3 - Managing online information: To demonstrate how to use key phrases in search engines to gather accurate information online

Year 4 - Copyright and ownership: When searching on the internet for content to use, I can explain why I need to consider who owns it and whether I have the right to reuse it

Year 5 - Online reputation: I can describe ways that information about anyone online can be used by others to make judgements about an individual and why these may be incorrect

Year 6 - Self-image and identity: I can identify and critically evaluate online content relating to gender, race, religion, disability, culture and other groups, and explain why it is important to challenge and reject inappropriate representations online

Each class will also be completing work on Safer Internet Day, which is based on discussing AI in a child friendly way.

MAKATON

This half term, school will be focusing on recovering all signs taught so far, this academic year. Please see a collection of signs at the end of the newsletter.

ENRICHMENT CLUBS – SPRING 1

Please find the new list of enrichment clubs at the end of this newsletter.

READING VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Year 2 are still looking for a volunteer to help children with their reading each week. If you are able to help, please email parent@coppschool.lancs.sch.uk

**Have a lovely weekend.
From all the team at St. Anne's Copp.**

MAKATON SIGNS COVERED SO FAR THIS YEAR

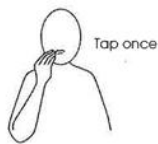


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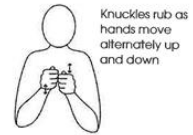


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Bottom sign : Dad / Daddy / Father

Food (1)



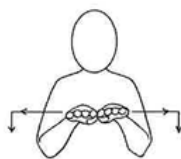
Brother



Sister



Table



Car



House
(this can be used for both 'House'
and 'Home' if a more iconic version is
required for 'Home')



Stage 1

Home
(see note on 'House')

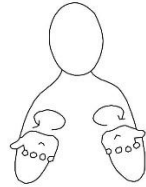


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varied to suit context

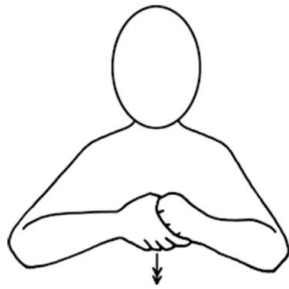
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where



Friends

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell. There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [health protection and managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone/email the school or nursery on the morning of the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

What to do about other conditions

High temperature

If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

Feeling anxious or worried

It's normal for children to feel a little anxious sometimes. They may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can make a child's anxiety about going to school worse. It's good to talk about any worries they may have such as bullying, friendship problems, school work or sensory problems. You can also work with the school to find ways to help them. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, it might be good to talk to your GP or school nurse.

[Find information and advice about how to help children with anxiety](#)

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with slight [cough](#) or [common cold](#) symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. But if they have a high temperature, keep them off school until the temperature has gone. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

Chickenpox

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#). Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#), unless they are feeling very unwell. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

COVID-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school. Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and they either:

- have a high temperature

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- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

What to do if your child has tested positive

Your child is no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if they have symptoms. But if your child has tested positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.

Ear infection

If your child has an [ear infection](#) and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has [hand, foot and mouth disease](#) but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Impetigo

If your child has [impetigo](#), they'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics.

Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

Measles

If your child has [measles](#), they'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.

Ringworm

If your child has [ringworm](#), see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

If your child has [scarlet fever](#), they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [slapped cheek syndrome](#) because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a [sore throat](#). But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of [tonsillitis](#).

Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [threadworms](#). Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with [diarrhoea or vomiting](#) should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Spring 1	Clubs	Open to	Dates	Time	Price	Payable to	Location	How to get a place?	Places
Monday	Messy Church	Reception to Y6	12.01.26 & 09.02.26	3.15pm-4.30pm	N/A	School	Church	Book via ParentPay	Yes
	Ju-Jitsu	Reception to Y6	12.01.26-09.02.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£36	Activ8	Hall	Email: info@activ8selfdefence.com.	Yes
Tuesday	Acrobatic and tumbling club	Y3-Y6	06.01.26-10.02.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£6 per session	Collaboration dance	Hall	Email: info@collaborationdancearts.com	Yes
Wednesday	Art and Craft Club	Reception – Y6	07.01.26 -11.02.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£30	School	Classroom	Book via ParentPay	Yes
	KS1 Cricket	R-Y2	07.01.26-11.02.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£30	School	Playground	Book via ParentPay	Yes
Thursday	Golfstarz	Y1-Y6	08.01.26-12.02.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£30	Golfstarz	Playground	Email blackpoolgolfstarz@gmail.com	Yes
	Choir	Y3-Y6	Various	Lunchtime	N/A	N/A	Y3	Email: parent@coppschool.lancs.sch.uk	Yes
Friday	Cook Stars	Reception to Y6	09.01.26-06.02.26	3.15pm-4.30pm	£57.50	Cook stars	Hall	https://portal.cookstars.franscape.io/class-overview/3151	Yes

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