



Value this half term : Perseverance

8th January 2026

Head teacher's message.

A very warm welcome back to all our children and families as we begin the new term. I hope you all enjoyed a restful and joyful Christmas break and were able to spend some special time together. As we return to school, the children have settled back in wonderfully and it has been a pleasure to see their enthusiasm, smiles and eagerness to learn once again. This term promises to be a busy and exciting one, filled with new learning opportunities, events and experiences across the school. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

By working together, we can ensure that every child feels happy, safe and ready to thrive as they move forward in their learning. We look forward to a positive and successful term ahead.

DIARY DATES

- 4th January St. Anne's All Age worship
- 12th January Messy church
- 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
- 1st February Messy church
- 2nd February Dance Competition – Tower Ballroom
- 6th February Y3 to Dewlay Cheese

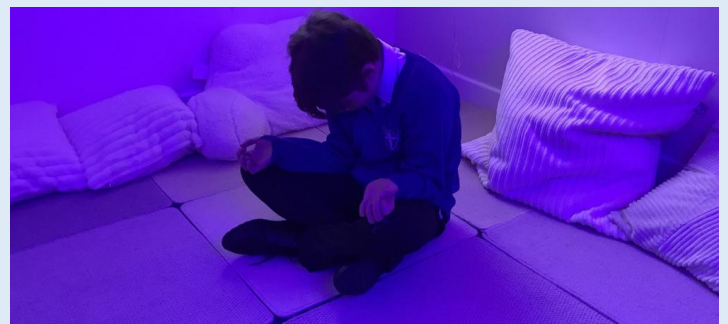
VALUES AWARDS

Well done to our Value nominees and winners. Our second Values Assembly of the year took place at the end of last half term. We would like to recognise all nominees who were put forward by staff. Children in blue (below) were presented the Autumn 2 award for showing the value. Well done to all the children, in particular those mentioned below:

- Aspire:** Isobel, Noah, Theo, Franklin, Edwin, Eric, **Ellie**
- Compassion:** Poppy, George, **Aria**, Teddy, Ruby, Willow, Olivia
- Courage:** **Arthur**, Willow, Grace Y, Connie, Eve Ja, Jacob, Emily
- Resilience:** Harry, Mollie, Hallie, Finley, **Archie E**, Ellie, Casey
- Understanding:** George, Olivia, Lewis, Georgia, Jack H, Scarlett, **Arthur**
- Justice:** Lyndon, Samuel, Bear, **Molly-Mae**, Harry, Ollie KC, Ole
- Trust:** Danny, Harry, Oscar, Lily, Madoc, **Lucas**, Sophie

SPIRITUALITY WEEK

Once again, our boardroom has been transformed into a space for spirituality. This half term, the focus of the room is not predominantly on our Christian Value of perseverance. Instead, we have altered the approach and are considering others, focusing on how we can make others feel better and meditation. The space is very calm and peaceful and facilitates inner thinking as well as considering the need for prayer in the wider world.



RECEPTION 2026 ADMISSIONS

Closing date 15th January for Reception places September 2026 are now open. Prospective parents should read the poster at the end of the newsletter.

READING VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Year 2 are looking for a volunteer who can spare a couple of hours helping children with their reading each week. If you are able to help, please email parent@coppschool.lancs.sch.uk

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.

ENRICHMENT CLUBS – SPRING 1

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

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.

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

SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS PRIMARY



APPLY NOW!

at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE

15 January 2026



lancashire.gov.uk

School transport

If travel cost is an important factor in school preference, **search 'school transport'**



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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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