



Value this half term: Friendship

8th October 2026

Head teacher's message.

It is lovely to see children preparing their double page spreads across school. The focus subject this half term is RE. An assembly will take place on our return to school after half term to celebrate the work that will be showcased in our corridor. Please take time to look at this unique work if you are in school; double page spreads allow our children to 'spill out' their knowledge in their own way as well as showcase subject-specific vocabulary, a plethora of knowledge and creativity from each child. Each spread is truly unique to the child.

DIARY DATES

7-9 th October	Y6 at Tower Wood
12 th October	Messy Church
14 th October	Worship & Values Group assembly
16 th October	Values Assembly
16 th October	Break up for half term. After-school club on as normal.
2 nd November	Return to school

500 WORDS COMPETITION

Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter. We encourage all children to have a go at this! Thank you to all those who have submitted entries so far.

WELL DONE GREEN TEAM

One step up the leader board.



RECEPTION : Tommie

YEAR 1 : Casper

YEAR 3 : Grace E

YEAR 5 : Edwin

YEAR 2 : Elsie

YEAR 4 : Archie

YEAR 6 : Horatio

MY HAPPY MIND WINNERS :

YEAR 1 : Harper – Friendship & Kindness

YEAR 2 : Leo – character strength

YEAR 3 : Grace Y – character strength

YEAR 4 – Finley – active listening

YEAR 5 – Arthur – character strength

YEAR 6 : Scarlett - Happiness

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS :

Paige (Y4) and Abigail (Y4)



ATTENDANCE AWARD

Congratulations to Reception who won the attendance award with 100% attendance. Brilliant effort Reception!

YEAR 2 VISIT

Year 2 had a memorable visit to Brockholes on Monday. The children learned about map skills and then used this knowledge to navigate direction using a compass to a Viking Woodland. Children had the opportunity to make their own maps using things from nature. The day was finished with a minibeast trail. The children were excellent and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Thank you to Mrs Tomlinson and Mrs Mason and also to our volunteers who assisted with the visit.

YEAR 6 TOWER WOOD

Our Year 6 children are currently on their residential at Tower Wood. This is an exciting time for the children who learn to challenge themselves, support and encourage one another and generally experience learning in a very different way that develops them personally, socially and emotionally. We have been informed that everyone received a good night's sleep on the first night, which is always a blessing!

SECONDARY SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS

STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2027?
Applications for secondary school places are now officially open! If you have a child due to start secondary school in September 2027, you can now apply through the local authority portal.
CLOSING DATE: 31st October 2026
Please visit <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/> for further information.

FREE WEBINARS FROM THE NURSING SERVICE

Please see the associated details from the nursing service that offers a series of free monthly online webinars for parents and carers commencing October 26th. Topics include :

- Sleep
- Continence
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Behaviour and Emotional Health

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

This morning, we held a Macmillan Coffee morning. This was a lovely opportunity for families to come together for a natter, a brew and a yummy slice of cake. Thank you to everyone who baked or bought items. We would also like to extend thanks to some of our Year 5 pupils who assisted with the running of this in the absence of our Junior Leadership Team who are currently at Tower Wood. Thank you to : Leo, Anna, Archie and Ruby.

HARVEST SERVICE, ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

Years 3 and 6 took part in St. Anne's church harvest service on Sunday. The children were articulate, interesting and delivered a strong message about Harvest. Well done to each and every one of you. It was also wonderful to see the collective donation from children in school. The items have now been delivered to the Salvation Army food bank, filling a total of four whole trollies! Thank you for your generosity.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS

Admissions for September 2027 are open. Please see full details at the end of the newsletter. Please contact the school office for further details about a place at St. Anne's Copp.

SCHOOL NURSE DROP-IN SESSION: DATE CHANGE

The school nurse has advised she cannot make the next scheduled session. The next session will be 12th November at 9am.

NEURODIVERGENT SUPPORT SESSIONS

Free online sessions are being offered to support parents, carers and neurodivergent individuals, helping them develop a better understanding of autism, ADHD and the challenges they experience in everyday life. Families are also welcome to suggest topics they would like us to explore. Sessions are offered including Saturday mornings, weekdays and weeknights. All sessions are free, no formal diagnosis is required, and cameras are optional. Please subscribe for updates which will enable families to keep informed about upcoming sessions and book onto anything that interests them.

Website: <https://www.autismadhdadvocates.org>

Have a lovely weekend. From the staff at St. Anne's.



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY NORTH

**Do you have a child starting
primary school in September 2027
and living in Lancashire?**

Closing date: 15 January 2027

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

Apply for a school place now by scanning
the QR code or visit lancashire.gov.uk/schools



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference,
please check the guidance on our website, or call 01524 581148.

**Have
your say**

*Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with
you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs.
To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces
and click 'school admission policies'.*

lancashire.gov.uk



Parent Webinar's for School Aged Children

Our School Nursing Team is pleased to offer a series of free webinars designed to support parents and carers with some of the most common health and wellbeing challenges faced by children and young people. These sessions provide practical advice, evidence-based information, and helpful strategies that can be used at home.

Who Are These Webinars For?

These sessions are open to parents, carers, and families of school-aged children and young people. Whether you are looking for advice, reassurance, or practical strategies, our webinars aim to provide supportive and accessible information to help your child thrive.

All webinars are free to attend and delivered by members of the Lancashire School Nursing Team.

Sleep: Supporting Healthy Sleep Habits

Getting enough quality sleep is essential for children's physical health, emotional wellbeing, learning, and behaviour. This webinar will help parents understand how much sleep children need at different ages, explore common sleep difficulties, and learn practical strategies to improve sleep routines. The session will also cover the impact of technology, anxiety, and lifestyle factors on sleep.

Topics include:

- Why sleep matters
- Age-appropriate sleep needs
- Creating positive bedtime routines
- Managing sleep difficulties
- Supporting children and young people to develop healthy sleep habit

Continence: Supporting Bladder and Bowel Health

Bladder and bowel issues can affect a child's confidence, wellbeing, and participation in everyday activities. This webinar aims to increase understanding of continence and provide practical advice to help families support healthy bladder and bowel habits. Parents will learn about common causes of difficulties and when additional support may be needed.

Topics include:

- Healthy bladder and bowel function
- Common continence concerns
- Toilet routines and hydration
- Managing constipation

- Accessing further support and advice

* If a child has symptoms such as pain when using the toilet, blood in their urine or poo, repeated infections, unexplained weight loss, severe constipation please seek advice from your GP before joining the webinar.

Healthy Lifestyles: Helping Children Thrive

Small healthy choices can make a big difference to a child's overall wellbeing. This webinar explores the key components of a healthy lifestyle and offers simple, practical ideas that families can incorporate into everyday life. The session will focus on building healthy habits that support long-term physical and emotional health.

Topics include:

- Balanced nutrition and healthy eating
- Physical activity recommendations
- Reducing sedentary behaviour
- Healthy screen use
- Encouraging positive lifestyle habits for the whole family

Behaviour and Emotional Health: Understanding and Supporting Your Child

Children and young people experience a wide range of emotions as they grow and develop. This webinar will help parents understand the links between behaviour, emotions, and wellbeing. The session provides practical strategies to support emotional regulation, build resilience, and strengthen communication within the family.

Topics include:

- Understanding behaviour as communication
- Supporting emotional wellbeing
- Building resilience and confidence
- Managing worries and anxieties
- Knowing when and where to seek additional support

Registration Information

All webinars are free to attend but registration is required. To book a place head over to our website <https://lancschildandfamily.co.uk/> please select your chosen webinar and complete the online registration form. Once registered, you will receive joining instructions and a link to access the session before the webinar takes place



The Challenge

Children should write a story that:

- ★ Is their own original work
- ★ Is no more than 500 words
- ★ Is a story they would like to read themselves
- ★ Is a story, not a poem or rap
- ★ Can include characters from books they have read
- ★ Can include characters, events or themes from history
- ★ Can be typed or handwritten
- ★ May be scribed by a parent, as long as the ideas and story are the child's own work
- ★ Can include illustrations – these are very welcome, although they will not be used to judge the story

There is no need to correct your child's spelling. We want to celebrate the children's creativity and ensure that every child, regardless of ability, has the opportunity to take part and share their ideas.



Submission Date

Stories should be submitted no later than

Friday 16th October



How to Submit

Paper copies should be handed to Mrs Richmond.



If the story has been word-processed, it can be submitted via the parent email.



Prizes & Celebration

There will be prizes for different age groups, and the winning stories will be read to the whole school during a special assembly.



Let Your Imagination Run Wild!

Please encourage your child to let their imaginations run wild. We want to see their unique ideas, creativity and love of storytelling.



Have fun showing your creativity!



Autumn 1	Clubs	Open to	Dates	Time	Price	Payable to	Location	How to get a place?	Places
Monday	Messy Church	Reception to Y6	14.09.26 & 12.10.26	3.15pm-4.30pm	N/A	School	Church	Book via ParentPay	Yes
	Ju-Jitsu	Reception to Y6	07.09.26-12.10.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£36	Activ8	Hall	Email: info@activ8selfdefence.com	Yes
Tuesday	Dance Festival	Y3-Y6	15.09.26-10.11.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£6 per session	Collaboration dance	Hall	Email: info@collaborationdancearts.com	Full
	KS2 Cricket	KS2	15.09.26-13.10.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£36	School	Field	Book via ParentPay	Yes
Thursday	Golfstarz	Y1-Y6	10.09.26-15.10.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£30	Golfstarz	Playground	https://blackpoolgolfstarz.bookiphy.com/	Yes
Friday	Cook Stars	Reception to Y6	18.09.26-16.10.26	3.15pm-4.30pm	£57.50	Cook stars	Hall	https://portal.cookstars.franscape.io/class-overview/5623	Full
Variable days	Choir (Young Voices)	Years 4-6	28.09.26 – 16.10.26	12.45pm-1.15pm	N/A	N/A	Y3	Parent Pay sign up	Yes

“Let us love, not in word, but in truth and action.” 1 John 3:18