

# Newsletter

“ Together, we grow with God ”

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**'Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ' 2 Peter 3:18**

Over the next few weeks, we will be holding a range of Open Days to invite families who are looking for a school for their children to join. We would appreciate it if you could share our Open Day poster with people you know who might be interested in looking round our amazing school.

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding a Coffee Morning to raise money for Macmillan. Any donations of cakes/biscuits (no nuts) will be gratefully received. We look forward to welcoming you! Miss D

## Stars of the week!

- Reception - Bodhi
- Year 1 - Daisy
- Year 2 - Finley
- Year 3 - Betsy M
- Year 4 - Archie
- Year 5 - Jensen
- Year 6 - Lexie

## Parable of the Talent!

- (Presentation)
- Reception - Winnie
  - Year 1 - Charlie
  - Year 2 - Summer
  - Year 3 - Charles
  - Year 4 - Isaac
  - Year 5 - Lou Lou
  - Year 6 - Stanley



## Worship

# AGENTS OF GOD

We learned about a very special mission given by God this week in worship. God directed Ananias, a disciple in Damascus, to heal Saul of his blindness and baptise him. Despite Ananias's fear due to Saul's reputation as a persecutor of Christians, he obeyed the Lord's assurance that Saul was a "chosen instrument". Ananias laid hands on Saul, restoring his sight, and then baptised him, marking his dramatic conversion from persecutor to the apostle Paul, a key figure in spreading Christianity. We reflected on what we learned from the story and the children shared their thoughts, including that we should trust God's choices, and that everyone has the ability to change..

Our opinions are valued; in turn we must also value the opinions of others. We make decisions together.

## Attendance

### Weekly Attendance

SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET: 96.4%

- Reception: 96.8%
- Year 1: 100%
- Year 2: 96.7%
- Year 3: 90%
- Year 4: 96.5%
- Year 5: 93%
- Year 6: 96.4%

Well done to Year 1 for another week of 100% attendance!

## Books News!

On Thursday, we had a visit from Matt Davies, a real-life author! He read his book to Key stage 1 and talked to us about what makes an author and who can be an author. We asked him lots of great questions about his book and being an author. Reception class, year 1 and year 2 all enjoyed workshops with Matt.



## Upcoming Events



- 29th sept  
Macmillan Coffee Morning  
\*NEW DATE\*
- 1<sup>st</sup> October  
Gazette Reception  
Photograph
- 3rd October  
School Disco
- 5<sup>th</sup> October  
Year 3 Leading  
the Harvest Service  
at Church
- 22nd and 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
Parents' Evening
- 24<sup>th</sup> October  
School closes at 3:30pm  
Half term
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
School opens

## Safeguarding

### What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Snapchat



With over 900 million monthly users, Snapchat continues to be a favourite among children and young people; however, with its ever-evolving features, the risks have evolved too. From AI-generated filters and chatbots, to disappearing messages and the Snap Map location-sharing tool, it's easy for children to stumble into unsafe territory. This guide breaks down the latest updates, including the Lens+ subscription service, and web browser access.

We've also unpacked the risks of sextortion scams, overuse, and inappropriate content that may slip through the app's moderation systems. With expert advice from online safety consultant Dr Claire Sutherland, this guide is a must-read for anyone helping young people navigate Snapchat responsibly and confidently.

## Head Pupils 2025-26

I am delighted to announce our Head Pupils for 2025-26.

Head Pupils- Josh and Lexie  
Deputy Head Pupils - Thomas and Skye

Ballam House Captain - Amelie  
Mythop House Captain - Declan  
Westby House Captain - Indy  
Clifton House Captain - Henry

Worship Leaders - Bea, Clark, Lilly-Rose and Violet

## BSYW

Last week, we had the pleasure of BSYW leading one of our whole school worships and then Year 1 enjoyed a workshop with them learning about Jesus through songs! We are already excited about their next visit!



## Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is in school until Wednesday next week! Please look out on Dojo for further details about when you can come to the fair!



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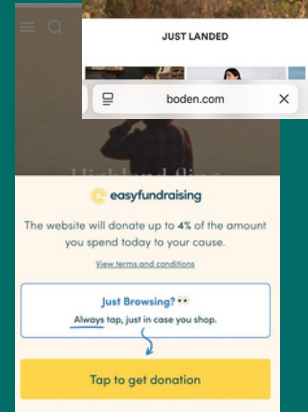
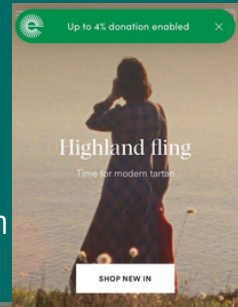
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- 2 **Download our browser extension**  
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- 3 **Track your donations**  
You'll be able to see how much you've raised in your account and we'll send updates on when Lytham C of E Primary School PTFA gets paid.

## A quick & easy guide!

It couldn't be simpler, it really is hassle free donating!

1. Download the app
2. Every time you shop on a website, this banner appears to enable the donation
3. Just click it, and the retailer will do the rest for you!



**Any questions - we're happy to help at** [ptfa@lytham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@lytham.lancs.sch.uk)

### Affordable Pre-Loved Uniforms – Supporting Every Family

The PTFA is proud to offer a range of pre-loved school uniform through our Uniformerly page, helping families save money while promoting sustainability.

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**How to Order:** Browse online and place orders easily. You can even set up alerts to be notified when new items are listed.

**Peace of Mind:** If you receive something you're not happy with, just get in touch—refunds are available, no fuss.

**Need Support?** If you're finding it difficult to purchase uniform, please speak to your child's teacher. Alternatively, you can email us at [ptfa@lytham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@lytham.lancs.sch.uk) and we'll work with the school to ensure support is provided discreetly.

**Want to Donate?** If you have uniform to donate, simply drop it into the collection bin in the school office. Every item helps another family and keeps good clothing out of landfill.

Let's work together to make sure every child has what they need to feel confident and comfortable at school.

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

SNAP STREAK

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

## SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🍌 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

## SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

## SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

## ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

## INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

### BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

### ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

### USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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