

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

We've made it to half term, and what a fantastic start to the school year it's been!
 Well done to our Breakfast and AfterSchool Club who have been awarded the Step into Quality Mark!
 A huge thank you to all our children and families for your continued support — it's been wonderful to see the children grow socially, emotionally and academically over these past few weeks. We've had so much to celebrate, from sporting achievements to classroom successes, and we're incredibly proud of everyone's hard work. There's plenty more to look forward to after the break, with exciting learning opportunities and events still to come.
 Enjoy a well-earned rest!

Stars of the week!

- Reception - Ella
- Year 1 - Olive
- Year 2 - Wynter
- Year 3 - Betsy W
- Year 4 - Thea
- Year 5 - Alice
- Year 6 - Stanley

Parable of the Talent!

(Presentation)


- Reception - Gaby
- Year 1 - Charlotte
- Year 2 - Lewis
- Year 3 - Ben
- Year 4 - Leale
- Year 5 - Evie
- Year 6 - Clark



Worship

THE POSSIBILITY OF PEANUTS

This week, our pupils enjoyed watching the Questful RE video titled 'The Possibilities of the Peanut', which explored the inspiring story of George Washington Carver. Through his creativity, humility, and determination Carver discovered hundreds of uses for the humble peanut — from food products to household items — showing how even small things can have a big impact. The children learned valuable lessons about perseverance, using our gifts to help others, and living out faith through service and innovation. It was a powerful reminder that with curiosity and kindness, we can make a meaningful difference in the world



Attendance

Weekly Attendance

SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET: 96.4%

- Reception: 91.6%
- Year 1: 93.5%
- Year 2: 98.2%
- Year 3: 89%
- Year 4: 94.1%
- Year 5: 84.4%
- Year 6: 82.7%

Our current school attendance ranks us as 217th out of 476 schools that we are compared to in the Local Authority.

Bonfires and Fireworks!

As we approach Bonfire Night, we encourage all families to take a moment to view the important safety posters shared by Lancashire Fire and Rescue. These resources offer clear guidance on how to enjoy fireworks and bonfires safely and responsibly. You'll find them displayed around school and on our website — please take a look and discuss the messages with your children to help keep everyone safe during the celebrations.



Upcoming Events



- 24th October
School closes at 3:30pm
Half term
- 3rd November
School opens
- 3rd November
Tempest
Family and individual
photographs
- 6th November
Reception Families
Reading Meeting
- 7th November
Fire Service
Year 2 visit
- 11th November
Year 4
Remembrance Service
- 13th November
Year 5 School Trip
to Chester Zoo

Safeguarding

How to Set up Parental Controls to Protect Privacy 

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility 

This online safety guide focuses on parental controls to protect privacy. It includes tips such as how to alter an iPhone's privacy settings and how to prevent changes to other settings and features.

The privacy settings on your child's smartphone give you control over how the information stored on it can be used. You can turn off location services, for example, to keep their whereabouts private or stop apps from accessing functions of the phone like the camera or microphone. We've produced step-by-step guides on how to tighten up privacy settings on iPhones and Android phones.

Bikeability

We're incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils for successfully completing their Bikeability training this week. It's been fantastic to hear how much they enjoyed exploring different parts of the local area while learning vital skills to stay safe on the roads. Their enthusiasm, focus, and growing confidence have really shone through, and it's great to see them taking such an important step towards independence and responsibility. Well done, Year 6!

Year 6 Admissions

For parents/ carers of children in year 6...please take note of the deadline (31st OCTOBER 2025) and ensure you have correctly completed the form and have submitted before this date.



head@lytham.lancs.sch.uk

Term Dates 2026-27

Holiday dates for the next academic year have now been submitted to the local authority for approval. As soon as we receive confirmation, we will share the finalised dates with families to help with planning ahead. Thank you for your patience, and we'll ensure the information is passed on as soon as it becomes available.



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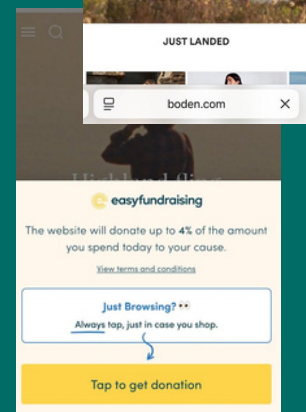
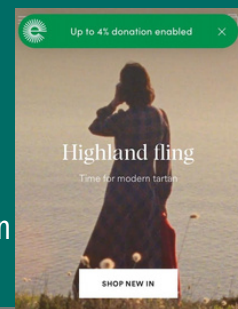
How to support Lytham C of E Primary School PTFA

- 1 Sign up**
Provide us with a few details to set up your profile with easyfundraising.
- 2 Download our browser extension**
Our Donation Reminder plug-in pops up automatically when you shop to let you know when a donation is available.
- 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

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.

What's Available:

Non-branded items – Free of charge

Jumpers & Cardigans – £5

Blazers – £10

Ties - £1.50

Book Bags - £2.00

Items with minor marks or damage are listed at half price, and everything is sent home with your child for convenience.

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 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.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

NORTH

**Do you have a child starting
primary school in September 2026
and living in Lancashire?**

Closing date: 15 January 2026

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](https://www.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](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk)



Friday 5th December
Doors Open 3:45pm

Christmas Extravaganza!



Click here to buy all tickets

(Closing date Friday 14th November, booking fee applies)

Father Christmas & Gift £8
Limited amount!

- Child ticket only
- Includes standard entry for 1 child
- Father Christmas slot, gift & photo opportunity (take your own photos)
- Includes – hot drink, 3 festive game stalls, cheeky elves

Standard Entry Ticket £3

- Required for ANY entry (including Adults)
- Includes – hot drink, 3 festive game stalls, Cheeky Elves
- Does NOT include Father Christmas

Look out for our outdoor tree light switch on!



FATHER CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!!!

AWARD WINNING (CSR NATIONAL AWARD FOR SEN GROTTO)

Book your time slot ticket now for your child, includes gift and photo opportunity for you to capture magical moments using your own camera or mobile phone

SNOW MACHINE - CHEEKY ELVES - HOT DRINKS - SWEET TREATS - RAFFLE - FESTIVE GAMES - MUSIC - HOT FOOD - FACE PAINT - CRAFTS

AND OUR FIRST EVER CHRISTMAS BAR!!

Any questions - we're happy to help at ptfa@lytham.lancs.sch.uk

Firework Code



Always supervise young children

Light sparklers one at a time

Keep pets indoors

Keep them in a closed box

Follow all instructions carefully

Stand well back

DO's

&

Don'ts

Never return to a lit firework

Don't give sparklers to under 5's

Don't set fireworks off after 11pm

Never put them in your pocket

Never throw them

For more information visit:
www.lancsfirerescue.org.uk/bonfires-and-fireworks.aspx



Fireworks, The Law and You



Fireworks can only be purchased from registered sellers for private use between:

15th October - 10th November
26th December - 31st December
3 days before Diwali or Chinese New Year

It is illegal to sell fireworks or sparklers to anyone under 18

It is illegal for anyone under 18 to possess fireworks in public

If you are caught with fireworks in public you could be given an on the spot fine of £80

It is an offence to set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am

It is also an offence to obstruct emergency workers

If you are caught committing any of these offences you could be given an on the spot fine or be taken to court where you can be given a heavier fine or prison sentence.



THINK ABOUT IT.

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS

for PRIVACY

iPhone

The privacy settings on your child's Apple device give you control over the information stored on it. This allows you to select which apps can access features and information on your child's device: for example, you might wish to block a social networking app from connecting to the camera reel, or specify which apps can use the device's location services.

How to make changes to privacy settings

You can block certain apps from obtaining information from your child's device. You can also prevent your child (or anyone other than you) from altering these settings.

1 Open 'Settings'

2 Tap 'Screen Time'

3 Tap 'Content & Privacy Restrictions'

4 Scroll to 'Privacy'

5 Choose the settings you wish to restrict

6 After you've made any changes, select 'Use Screen Time Passcode' to lock your changes with a PIN

How to prevent changes to other settings/features

You can also stop changes being made to the iPhone's other settings or features by anyone but you. For example, you can prevent your child from altering their passcode, accounts or mobile data settings.

1 Open 'Settings'

2 Tap 'Screen Time'

3 Tap 'Content & Privacy Restrictions'

4 Scroll to 'Allow Changes'

5 Select 'Allow' or 'Don't Allow' on the settings for which you wish to enable or disable changes

