

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

What a wonderful week it has been! We are so proud of all the children who took part in the Nativity performances. They worked incredibly hard, and their effort and enthusiasm shone through in every moment.

A huge thank you goes to our dedicated staff—these special events don't just happen, and the care, planning, and creativity behind the scenes made them truly memorable.

Looking ahead, we are excited for Year 5 to lead our whole-school Carol Service on Wednesday. This will take place at St John the Divine Church, and we warmly invite families and friends to join us in celebrating together. We look forward to seeing you there!

Stars of the week!

- Reception - Teddy
- Year 1 - Whole Class
- Year 2 - Whole Class
- Year 3 - Sasha
- Year 4 - William
- Year 5 - Daisy
- Year 6 - Declan

Parable of the Talent!

- (Independence)
- Reception - Ella
 - Year 1 - Olive
 - Year 2 - Frank
 - Year 3 - Emily
 - Year 4 - Isabelle
 - Year 5 - Garrad
 - Year 6 - Giorgio



Worship

FRIENDSHIP

'On Monday, we presented our wonderful Worship. We all put lots of effort into the Worship and tried to spread the message of friendship to the school. We spread the message by showing a video of Ruth and Naomi. The children understood how to be a good friend and what makes a good friend. We asked the children to come to the front with their friends and they spoke about their friendship. Overall, we loved creating and presenting this Worship for the rest of the school! We even played our song that we created with our class and the help of the fantastic Luke Wallace called. 'I Speak For The Trees'. We hope everyone liked it! We can't wait for our next challenge.'

The Year 6 Worship Leaders - Bea, Clark, Lilly and Violet.

This last week, our Worship leaders led our whole school Worship about friendship. They also supported our Nursery and Reception children in their Nativity. We are so proud of them for the way they have stepped up and the maturity they have shown!

Attendance

Weekly Attendance

SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET: 96.4%

- Reception: 94.7%
- Year 1: 94.0%
- Year 2: 89.1%
- Year 3: 98.1%
- Year 4: 96.2%
- Year 5: 92.0%
- Year 6: 98.2%

Our overall school attendance this week was 94.6%. This is lower than our school target! Let's try to beat it next week!

Brownies

If any girls in Years 2-4 are interested in attending Brownies, please contact Brown Owl for more details on 07813917193.

Christmas Parties

On Monday we will be celebrating Christmas Party Day across the school. Children do not need to bring anything with them, as drinks and snacks will be provided. They are welcome to come dressed in their party clothes to add to the festive fun, but please ensure they have suitable footwear for break and lunchtime, as well as warm coats for outdoor play. It promises to be a joyful day full of excitement and Christmas spirit!

Upcoming Events



- 15th December
Christmas Parties
- 16th December
Whole School to see Peter Pan Pantomime
- 17th December
Year 5 Lead the Carol Service - St John's Church
09:30am
- 17th December
Christmas Lunch in school
- 18th December
ROCKSTEADY Concert
09:30am
- 18th December
Choir singing at The Clifton Arms
1:30pm
- 19th December
School Closes
2:00pm

Safeguarding



What Parents & Educators Need to Know About Electrical Safety

This edition of WakeUpWednesday explores essential electrical safety habits for homes and schools. This week's guide highlights simple steps that can prevent overheating, fires and other hazards linked to everyday electrical devices. It offers clear, reassuring advice to help adults spot risks early and model safer routines. It explores common risk areas, including unsafe charging habits and overloading sockets, and explains how to identify early warning signs such as damaged cables or poorly ventilated devices. The guide also touches on protective measures like RCDs and safe power bank use, supporting families and educators in creating safer environments for young people.

Attendance

Starting after Christmas, we're excited to introduce a brand-new incentive to celebrate great attendance! Each week, the class with the highest attendance will receive £5 to spend on their classroom.

- The prize can be saved up for something bigger or spent straight away on a treat or resource.
- Winners will be announced weekly, so every class has a fresh chance to take the top spot.

Let's see which class will be the first to claim the prize in the New Year!

Pantomime

On Tuesday, we will be heading out to enjoy the pantomime at Lowther Gardens! Children will have an early lunch before we leave, and we expect to be back at school by 4:00pm.

It promises to be a fantastic afternoon of fun and laughter!

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Governor Vacancy

I am delighted to announce that Julie Smith has been elected unopposed as our new Parent Governor.



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An adventurer named Darren Edwards, who is paralysed from the chest down, is preparing to travel 137 miles across Antarctica using a sit-ski. If he succeeds, he will break the world record for the longest sit-ski journey to the South Pole. Darren hopes his challenge will raise money for charity and show that his injury does not limit what he can achieve.

The Bible teaches us that if things are too easy, we do not learn how to reach our potential. Doing something difficult, even if it feels scary, proves our strength and helps us grow and develop as a person. Challenging ourselves helps us grow in confidence and feel proud of our abilities.



Prayer

Dear God,
Thank You for giving us opportunities to learn and grow. Please give us the courage to keep going forward and the strength in our hearts to keep trying hard.
Amen.



Individual Liberty

We all have the freedom to choose challenges that help us learn and grow. Darren's journey shows us we can set our own goals to help us discover what we're capable of.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ELECTRICAL SAFETY AND DEVICES

Electrical safety is a vital topic for parents and educators, especially with the growing use of devices like smartphones, laptops, and power banks. Electrical fires are a major risk and are the cause of many deaths and injuries each year. There are reportedly nearly 20,000 accidental fires of electrical origin each year in the UK. This guide offers practical advice to help families and schools prevent electrical hazards, and promote safety when using everyday devices.

1 CHECK FOR OVERHEATING

Devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones can overheat if used for long periods or when charging. Ensure that children don't use devices on soft surfaces like beds or sofas, which can block ventilation. If a device becomes unusually hot, turn it off and unplug it. Overheating can lead to fire hazards if left unchecked.

2 INSTALL RESIDUAL CURRENT DEVICES

Ensure that homes and schools are equipped with Residual Current Devices (RCDs). These devices cut off the power if an electrical fault occurs, preventing electric shocks and reducing the risk of fires. RCDs should be tested regularly to ensure they are working properly. More information about RCDs is available from Electrical Safety First.

3 AVOID OVERLOADING SOCKETS

Plugging too many devices into one socket can overload the electrical system and cause a fire. In schools and homes, ensure extension leads are not overloaded and never 'daisy chain' multiple extension cords together. Educate children on the dangers of connecting too many devices to a single outlet.

4 POWER BANKS: SAFE USE

Power banks are a handy way to charge devices, but they can also pose a risk if misused. Ensure power banks are of high quality and comply with UK safety standards. Teach children never to leave power banks charging unattended, and to avoid placing them under pillows or bedding where they may overheat.

5 REGULAR DEVICE INSPECTIONS

Regularly check devices for signs of wear and tear. Frayed charging cables, cracked device casings, or devices that are slow to charge may indicate electrical problems. If any issues are noticed, stop using the device until it can be repaired or replaced by a qualified technician. This proactive approach helps prevent fires caused by faulty devices.

6 UNPLUG DEVICES WHEN NOT IN USE

Encourage children and pupils to unplug devices when not in use, particularly overnight. Devices left plugged in unnecessarily can overheat or become fire hazards, especially if left charging unattended for long periods. Simple habits like unplugging can prevent serious incidents.

7 USE GENUINE CHARGERS

Always use chargers supplied by the manufacturer or from a reputable retailer. Faulty or counterfeit chargers can cause devices to overheat, short-circuit, or even catch fire. Teach children the importance of avoiding poor-quality chargers, and regularly inspect charging cables for signs of wear or damage. More tips on safe charging can be found at Electrical Safety First.

8 WATER & ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX

Teach children that water and electricity are a dangerous combination. Devices should never be used near sinks, bathtubs, or swimming pools. Parents and educators should ensure that any electrical appliances near water sources have proper waterproof casings and are plugged into RCD-protected outlets.

9 KEEP DEVICES VENTILATED

Devices need proper ventilation to avoid overheating. Avoid stacking items on top of plugged-in devices like laptops or gaming consoles, and make sure there is enough space around devices to allow for airflow. Proper ventilation helps prevent dangerous heat build-up, reducing the risk of fires.

10 SUPERVISE YOUNG CHILDREN

Younger children may not understand the dangers of electricity, so it's important to supervise them when they are using devices. Keep electrical cords out of reach and always remind children never to put objects into electrical outlets.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings as well as many other industries to help them maintain a safe working environment.



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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.

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the QR code or visit [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)



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YOUR SAY**

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you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs.
To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces
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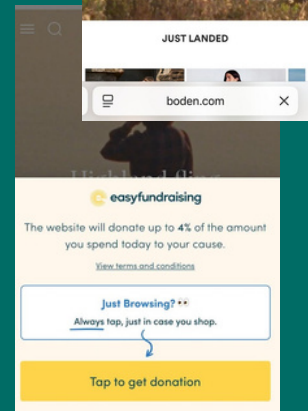
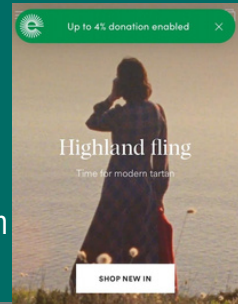
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Affordable Pre-Loved Uniforms – Supporting Every Family.

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.