

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

A huge thank you to everyone that joined us for the Christmas Extravaganza on Friday. It was wonderful to see so many families joining in the festive fun. The event would not have happened without our amazing PTFA who give up so much of their time to organise events to raise money for our school- thank you from us all!

It's been an exciting week with auditions taking place for the Dance Competition in the New Year. The enthusiasm and talent shown by our pupils was fantastic, and we're already looking forward to seeing them perform.

At the front of school, we have a donation box for presents which will be shared with children across Fylde. Any contributions are greatly appreciated.

Finally, please check the post on Dojo for all the key dates in December so you don't miss any of the festive events coming up!

Stars of the week!

- Reception - Mia
- Year 1 - Charlie M
- Year 2 - Luka
- Year 3 - Luca
- Year 4 - Millie
- Year 5 - Matilda
- Year 6 - Josh

Parable of the Talent!

- (Independence)
- Reception - Max
 - Year 1 - Freddie
 - Year 2 - Payton
 - Year 3 - Freyja
 - Year 4 - Harry
 - Year 5 - Emi
 - Year 6 - Lily



Worship ADVENT

This week, the children have been thinking about what it means to feel grumpy and how we can choose instead to bring joy to others. Through stories, discussion and reflection, they explored how our actions and words can change the atmosphere around us — a smile, a kind word, or a helping hand can make a big difference.

We linked this to the message of Advent, a season of hope and preparation, reminding us that even small acts of kindness reflect the joy of the Christmas story. The children were encouraged to notice moments when they might feel grumpy and to think about how they could turn those feelings into opportunities to share joy with friends, family, and the wider community.

This was connected to the Bible verse from Nehemiah 8:10: "The joy of the Lord is your strength." The children reflected on how God's joy can strengthen us and help us bring light and happiness to others.

Noah (Year 3) said, 'Piecing together a puzzle is piecing together the joy.'

Attendance

Weekly Attendance

SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET: 96.4%

- Reception: 98.4%
- Year 1: 96.0%
- Year 2: 88.1%
- Year 3: 97.1%
- Year 4: 96.7%
- Year 5: 96.7%
- Year 6: 94.1%

Our overall school attendance this week was 95.3%. This is lower than our school target! Let's try to beat it next week!

Brownies

A message from Brown Owl - 'We are going to run a "Come and try Brownies" Christmas craft evening on Wednesday

10th December, for any girl in years 2, 3 and 4.

Meet in school at 5:45 to 7:15. Contact Brown Owl for more details on 07813917193.'

Christmas Through the Keyhole

This week our children in Years 2 and 4 had the wonderful opportunity to take part in an immersive Christmas experience at St John the Divine church. It was a truly special event where they not only enjoyed the activities but also learned so much about the story of Christmas in a meaningful and engaging way. We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the church and all the volunteers who gave their time and energy to make this experience possible.



Upcoming Events



9th & 10th December

- KS1 Christmas Performance
09:15am

11th & 12th December

- Nursery/ Reception
Christmas Performances
09:15am

16th December

- Whole School to see
Peter Pan Pantomime

17th December

- Year 5 Lead the Carol
Service - St Johns Church
09:30am

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 TikTok

Now the world's go-to short video platform, TikTok captivates young audiences with its endless stream of engaging clips, but not without potential pitfalls. From unsettling or age-inappropriate content to harmful viral challenges, misinformation and even radicalisation, this ever-popular app can expose children to content that may not always be suitable for them.

Our #WakeUpWednesday guide explores TikTok's hidden hazards, including in-app spending, compulsive screen time and privacy concerns, offering clear advice for parents and educators. With expert insight and practical safety tips, it aims to help families ensure that TikTok use remains fun, positive and, most importantly, safe.

Girls' Football

This week, a group of our talented Year 4 and 5 girls took part in an exciting football tournament at Poolfoot Farm.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience, competing against teams from other schools while demonstrating excellent sports values throughout. Their behaviour was brilliant! A huge well done to everyone who participated. You made us all very proud!

Thank you

A big thank you to all our families who have been sharing posts and helping to advertise our wonderful school. Your support makes such a difference in spreading the word about the fantastic opportunities and experiences we provide for our children. We truly appreciate the kind words you share about our school in person and on social media!
Thank you!

Online Safety Update

Thank you for bearing with us on Friday whilst our new server was installed. This upgrade will allow us to enhance our monitoring and filtering systems, helping us to keep children safe online. We're also delighted to share that we have new computers for the children, ensuring they have access to up-to-date technology to support their learning.

Governor Vacancy

Further information to follow regarding the Parent Governor vacancy.

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What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

1st - 7th December 2025



On Friday, the Princess of Wales will host her annual carol service, which will bring people together to celebrate kindness, connection, and community. The event aims to show how love can link people of all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs, especially at times when the world can feel divided. It encourages everyone to think about the power of togetherness and the importance of supporting one another with compassion and joy.



The Bible teaches that true faith is about taking action. Christians are taught to show compassion by caring for those who are in need.

These acts of kindness help build a strong, happy community where everyone feels they belong. For Christians, helping other people is a way to show their love for God.



Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You for our groups and communities.

Help us be the first to step forward when we see someone who needs a friend or a helping hand.

Let our kindness spread from one person to the next.

Amen.

Apply for a school place



British Values



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

The Princess of Wales' carol service brings people together to share kindness and joy. When we show care, we help create togetherness.

Respecting people of all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs helps our communities feel welcoming and connected.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(Certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Online videos are often associated with apps such as YouTube, but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a potentially addictive, never-ending stream of short clips tailored to users' interests based on their viewing habits. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while most content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where young people are "most likely to encounter a potential harm".

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

TikTok's Following Feed shows videos from known creators, while the default For You Feed serves endless clips based on viewing history. Most are harmless, but unsuitable content can still appear, and watching for long enough signals interest to the algorithm. Although TikTok bans illegal or inappropriate uploads, the volume of posts means some slip through, increasing the chance that children encounter age-inappropriate material before it is detected or removed.

BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Ofcom reports that most online harms for girls involve body image, while boys more often see dangerous stunts. Both types appear frequently on TikTok and spread quickly through its engagement-driven algorithm. Harmful challenges have included the "blackout" trend, where users held their breath until passing out. Families filed lawsuits after children died linked to the trend, showing how extreme or risky content can rapidly reach young people and negatively influence them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but children can still spend money. TikTok coins, costing £9.99 to £224.99, let users buy gifts for creators. TikTok Shop adds risk by allowing purchases from influencers or companies, sometimes leading to poor-quality items driven by persuasive marketing. A Canadian investigation found TikTok collected personal data from many children for targeting and advertising despite age limits, meaning young users may lose control over their personal information.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Between 1.6 and 1.9 billion people use TikTok, meaning there's a high risk of unwanted attention from strangers. Accounts created by over-16s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public view by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and allows anyone to download or comment on them.

MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

TikTok's short videos may appear lighthearted, but they can expose young people to harmful ideas. Misinformation is common, and Ofcom reports that nearly one third of 12-15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source, increasing the chance of seeing racist, misogynistic, extremist or conspiracy material. Even brief clips can influence impressionable users and shape their worldview, making discussions about critical thinking, propaganda and online influence especially important for parents and educators.

ADDICTIVE DESIGN

TikTok's fast-paced stream of eye-catching videos can be potentially addictive for young users. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the platform, double the time recorded in 2020. Excessive use can disrupt sleep, increase irritability, and distract from healthier activities. Constantly skipping between short clips may also affect attention span, making it harder to focus on longer tasks such as homework or reading.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's in order to manage settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children cannot alter these settings without parental approval.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure they don't share any identifying personal information or respond to dangerous trends, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's important to talk about misinformation and propaganda.

BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

Parents can restrict in-app purchases on iPhone and Android devices to prevent accidental or impulsive TikTok spending. Young people can easily spend large amounts on TikTok coins or low-quality products promoted through TikTok Shop. If a disappointing purchase occurs, turn it into a discussion about influencer marketing and how online promotions can be misleading.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

Meet Our Expert

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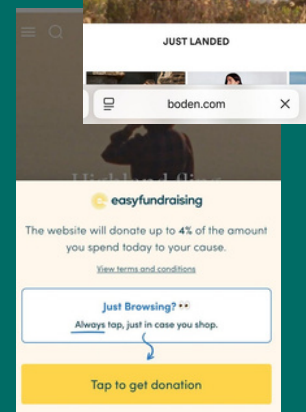
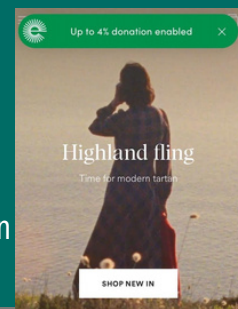
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It couldn't be simpler, it really is hassle free donating!

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.