

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

Happy New Year to all our families! It has been lovely to see the children return to school so happily and settle straight back into their routines. Their enthusiasm and smiles have brought such a positive start to the term.

A very warm welcome to the new members of our school who have recently joined us. We're delighted that you have chosen to be a part of Lytham CofE and we know our school family will support you and help you settle in.

On Tuesday, we had the wonderful opportunity to join Bishop Philip and many other schools across the Diocese, as we helped kick-start Blackburn Diocese's 100th birthday celebrations. It was a special moment being part of such an important milestone.

We are excited for the year ahead and all the learning, growth and experiences it will bring.

Christian Value

DETERMINATION

This week in Worship we explored the value of determination and how important it is to keep going even when things feel difficult. Some children took part in a "paper tower" challenge, discovering that trying again, and learning from mistakes, help us grow. We reflected on the Bible verse, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" and thought about times when we've needed extra courage or perseverance.

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us strength when things feel difficult. Help us to keep going, to try again, and to believe, that with your help, we can grow.

Amen

Stars of the Week

Rec: Becky
 Year 1: Eliza
 Year 2: Hunter A
 Year 3: Chloe
 Year 4: TBC
 Year 5: Gabe
 Year 6: William

Parables of the Talent

(Determination)
 Rec: Bodhi
 Year 1: Miriam
 Year 2: Molly-Jayne
 Year 3: Ben
 Year 4: TBC
 Year 5: Nova
 Year 6: Thomas

Attendance

Weekly Attendance

SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET: 96.4%

Reception:	97.4%
Year 1:	96.2%
Year 2:	92.6%
Year 3:	99.5%
Year 4:	97.3%
Year 5:	98.6%
Year 6:	96.8%

Our overall school attendance this week was 96.9%! Well done to Year 3 for winning the first Attendance Prize!

Brownies

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

Stay and Play

It was wonderful to see so many children join us for our very first Stay and Play session on Thursday. The room was full of energy, curiosity and happy faces. A huge thank you to Mrs Starkie and our fantastic volunteers for their support in making the session run so smoothly. We truly couldn't have done it without you. We look forward to welcoming even more families in the near future.

Upcoming Events



12th January
Year 4 start Swimming



14th January
Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics Competition



15th January
Year 6 - Theatre Workshop with AKS



18th January
Winnie the Pooh Day



2nd February
Tower Ballroom Dance Competition



3rd February
Whole School Eucharist (in School)



9th - 13th February
Children's Mental Health Week

Safeguarding



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators about Essential Online Safety

This #WakeUpWednesday edition offers clear, supportive guidance to help parents and educators feel more confident in navigating the online world with children and young people. It looks at how everyday conversations, simple boundaries, and a bit of digital awareness can make a real difference to young people's online experiences.

This guide also explores how parents and educators can create an environment where children feel comfortable asking for help when something online unsettles them. By highlighting the importance of safe and healthy internet usage, these tips provide a grounded starting point for anyone supporting young people's digital lives.

Online Forms

Over the past few weeks, we've been trialling the use of online permission forms. We're pleased to share that this has been very successful so far.

As this continues to run smoothly, we're hoping to reduce the amount of paper we use and move more of our permissions online. Thank you for supporting us as we make this positive change.

Holiday Dates

We are pleased to let you know that our holiday dates for next year have now been approved. These dates will be available to view on both our school website and Class Dojo, so please do check there for all the details!

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Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening slots will be available to book from Monday. Please check Dojo for more information and updates.



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The National Year of Reading 2026 is a special year, created to help children and adults in the UK enjoy reading more. Everyone is encouraged to explore all kinds of stories, books, comics, magazines, websites, and even audiobooks, with the theme 'Go All In'. Throughout the year, schools, libraries, and communities will run fun events and challenges to help everyone find a type of reading they love.

The Bible encourages Christians to be curious, through asking questions and seeking out knowledge. Christians believe a wise person knows there is always more to learn about God, being a good person, and the world around us.



Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You for giving us the opportunity to read and learn. Please help us to be curious and seek out new knowledge every day.

Amen.

Apply for a school place
the QR code or visit lanca.gov.uk



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

The National Year of Reading encourages everyone to explore a wide range of texts. By sharing what we enjoy and listening to others, we can learn about different experiences and viewpoints. This helps us read and learn together with respect.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ESSENTIAL ONLINE SAFETY

Children and young people use the internet every day to learn, play, and connect, but the online world is not always safe. For adults, it can be hard to keep up with the risks, including harmful content, cyberbullying and scams. These 10 tips provide clear and practical advice to support safer and healthier digital habits, helping young people to make informed, secure choices when using technology.

1 START EARLY CONVERSATIONS

Begin talking about online behaviour from the moment children start using devices. Use age-appropriate language and revisit topics regularly, making it clear they can speak to you about anything that upsets or confuses them. Keeping these chats open helps build trust, so children are more likely to come to you when needed.

2 PROMOTE SAFER SHARING

Children can overshare without understanding the risks. Remind them that photos, locations, or messages can be copied or shared beyond their intended audience. Explain how even private messages or group chats can be saved and/or misused. Talk about what is appropriate to post, message, and who it's safe to share with.

3 ENCOURAGE DIGITAL BALANCE

Many apps and games are designed to keep users engaged through rewards, likes, or constant updates. These features can make it hard for children to switch off. Talk openly about how these systems work and help children recognise when it's time to take a break. Building in tech-free routines supports a healthier balance and awareness of their screen time.

4 CREATE A SAFE SPACE FOR CONCERNS

When children come to you with a concern, respond with interest and care, rather than with alarm. Keeping your reaction measured helps them feel safe and supported. This doesn't mean ignoring serious issues; it means showing that you're there to help. When children trust that they can speak openly, they're more likely to feel supported through unpleasant online experiences, and to ask for help in future.

5 STAY INFORMED AND CURRENT

With emerging technologies like AI moving and changing so quickly, it's important to stay updated on how children are using new platforms, apps and games. Ask them to show you what they use and let them take the lead as you explore together. This opens up valuable conversations and helps you stay ahead of emerging risks and trends.

6 TEACH CRITICAL THINKING

Talk to children about how to recognise unreliable information or scams online. With AI-generated videos, photos, and stories becoming harder to spot, help children question what they see and encourage them to look for evidence, check sources, and ask questions. These skills will help them avoid risks, make smart choices, and develop healthy habits for the future.

7 SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES

Involve children in conversations about device usage so they feel included. Agree on digital rules such as screen-time limits, age-appropriate apps, and no devices in bedrooms overnight. Use parental controls to block or filter harmful content and explain that rules are there to protect and support them, not to spoil their fun.

8 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Children often copy the behaviour of adults around them. Show them what balanced, respectful, and mindful use of technology looks like, such as avoiding scrolling during family time and speaking kindly in messages. If you expect certain behaviour from them online, make sure your own habits reflect the same standards.

9 EXPLORE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Show children how to use privacy tools on apps, games, and websites. Teach them to use strong passwords, block or report others in response to problems, and avoid sharing personal details. Explore settings together so they feel confident and in control, and explain that these features are there to help them stay safe online.

10 KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Familiarise yourself with tools and organisations that support online safety. The National College offers online safety guides and webinars which provide tips on staying safe. Websites like Report Harmful Content and CEOP can be used to report when something goes wrong. Show children how to report or block users, and where to go if they feel unsafe. Make sure they know that asking for help is always the right thing to do, and be prepared to support them.

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School Nursing Team DROP IN

Speak to a member of our school nursing team about various health topics including emotional health, diet, healthy lifestyles, sleep, bed-wetting & constipation, head lice and behaviour.

When?

20th May 2026 @ 9.30am-11:30am

17th June 2026 @ 9.30am-11:30am

15th July 2026 @ 9.30am-11:30am

Where?

Oak Tree Children's Centre

Sydney Street

Lytham St Annes

FY8 1TR



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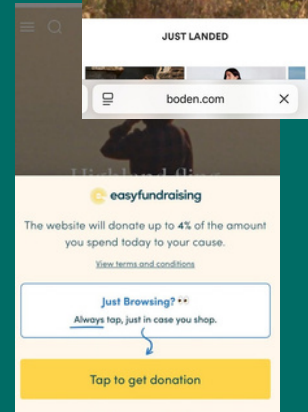
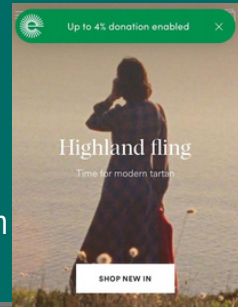
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Affordable Pre-Loved Uniforms – Supporting Every Family.

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.