

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 are delighted to begin our final term of the year and it's already off to a fantastic start. Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful visit to the library this week, sparking lots of excitement for reading and new stories.

A huge well done to Mythop, who earned a Glow Dodgeball session for collecting the most points last term. Their enthusiasm and teamwork really shone.

Our extra-curricular clubs are also back in full swing, with cheerleading, tag rugby and STEM club among the many opportunities available for the children to explore new interests and develop new skills.

This term is always a special one and we have plenty of exciting events ahead, including Sports' Day, the Colour Run and many more chances for us to come together as a school family.

We are also delighted to welcome several new families who have joined our school community this week. I know you will all join me in helping them settle in and feel truly at home.

Wishing everyone a joyful start to the Summer Term.

Christian Values LOVE

As we begin this new half term, we are excited to share that our Christian value is Love. Throughout the coming weeks, we will be exploring what love looks like in action —how we show kindness, compassion and care for one another in our school community and beyond.

In collective worship, we will be using stories from the Bible to help us understand love in its many forms. From the Good Samaritan to the story of Ruth, children will reflect on how these examples can guide the choices they make each day. We will be thinking about how we can show love through our words, our actions, and the way we treat others.

Stars of the Week

Reception: Rupert

Year 1: Izzy

Year 2: Ethan

Year 3: Emily

Year 4: Arlo

Year 5: Max P

Year 6: Violet

Parables of the Talent

(Kindness)

Reception: Elliott

Year 1: Charlie M

Year 2: Bonnie

Year 3: Sienna

Year 4: Grace

Year 5: Josh P

Year 6: Henry

Class Photos - Tuesday 21st April

Following the recent parent poll, the 'Traditional style' has been selected for this year's class photographs. Please ensure children are wearing full school uniform, with any hair accessories in school colours only. Only children who have permission for photographs will be in the pictures.

Attendance

SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET: 96.4%

This week's attendance:

Reception: 95.0%

Year 1: 98.6%

Year 2: 98.0%

Year 3: 96.5%

Year 4: 96.1%

Year 5: 95.0%

Year 6: 99.0%

Another great week of attendance with an overall score of 96.9%. Congratulations to Year 6!

Please see Dojo post for
Diary Dates for Summer
Term!

Upcoming Events



- Friday 17th April
KS2 Tag Rugby Starts
- Monday 20th April
Junior Leaders Trip to Princess
Alexandra Care Home
- Milligan and McCann - Dodgeball
starts again
- Tuesday 21st April
Class Photographs
- KS2 STEM Club
- Thursday 23rd April
Open morning for Reception
Starters
- Friday 24th April
PTFA Doughnut Sale
- Friday 1st May
Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament -
Poolfoot Farm
- Monday 4th May
Early May bank holiday - School
Closed

Wake Up Wednesday



What Parents and Educators Need to Know about APP and Play Stores

With millions of apps available and children accessing them from an increasingly young age, app stores can present a range of risks. From malware and copycat apps to inappropriate content and persuasive in-app purchases, this guide highlights how easily young users can encounter issues – even when using official platforms.

It also offers clear, practical advice to help parents and educators manage these risks. From setting up parental controls and checking app credibility to having open conversations about safe usage, the guide supports adults in building children's awareness, encouraging safer choices and promoting more balanced, responsible app use.

Earth Powered Potatoes
with
a Choice of Filling

Mild Chicken Curry
or
Tuna Mayo & Rainbow
Vegetables
or
BBQ Beans & Cheese
served with Crispy Onion:
Coleslaw & Salad
Selection
or
Jacket Potato
with standard fillings

Oaty Cookie & Milkshake
or
Fresh Fruit

**INTRODUCING...
SPUDBROS**
Coming to your school soon.....?

Lancashire CATERING SERVICE

We're looking forward to celebrating Earth Day next week with a special Earth Powered Lunch. If your child would like to enjoy this meal but usually brings a packed lunch, they can simply let their teacher know on the morning that day. £3.10 will be charged to Parent Pay as normal for those in KS2. KS1, free as part of the UIFSM Scheme. We hope lots of children will join us in celebrating Earth Day with this special lunch!

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Open Morning



**Lytham C of E
Primary School**



Open Morning

Thursday 23rd April 2026

Please come anytime
from 9.00am until
12.00pm

Reception places for September 2026

We still have places
available in our
Reception class for this
September.



We are looking forward to seeing you!

You can also arrange a visit if you're not able to make the
open morning by ringing the school office on 01253 736900.

Please do share this poster with anyone you feel would benefit

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APP & PLAY STORES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Since the introduction of Apple's App Store and Google's Play Store, an estimated two million apps have been made available on each. Ofcom's 2025 media use and attitudes report states that more than half of children aged between 3 and 7 use apps or sites to communicate with each other, and, by the ages of 10 to 12, 45% of children are playing games on their mobile phones. This guide will help you ensure that children use the app stores and their content safely.

MALICIOUS APPS WITH MALWARE

Although Google and Apple must approve the apps on their official stores, inappropriate content sometimes slips through the net. For example, in 2025, the security company Kaspersky found that multiple iOS and Android apps contained screen-reading software, primed to look for passwords and stealing crypto-wallet recovery phrases captured in screenshots.

UNOFFICIAL COPYCAT APPS

Both official app stores contain copycat apps – often games – designed to look like popular rivals, mimicking their branding, layout and logos. While these will usually just offer a poor experience packed with ads as a quick money-making exercise, they're also more likely to be vessels for malware than the products they're counterfeiting.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

As the App Store and Play Store are for all ages, there's a lot of content available that's inappropriate for children. Examples include apps that have references to alcohol, drugs, sex, violence or gambling. In general, these are sensibly age-rated, but social media sites such as YouTube and TikTok, which both have an App Store age rating of 12+, can be gateways to adult material.

PREDATORY IN-APP PURCHASES

App-making is a business, and most creators have found that 'freemium' software is the way to make money. That means the app will be free initially but will either require the user to watch ads or rely on them making in-app purchases. Some 'free' apps can be predatory, and there are plenty of examples reported where parents have racked up huge bills on behalf of their children's app activity.

ADDICTIVE BY DESIGN

Phone addiction is fast becoming recognised as a real concern, and apps are a big part of this. Freemium apps have a real incentive to keep children checking in every day in order to generate more ad views or secure extra in-app purchases. This can interfere with schoolwork and other offline hobbies.

SIDELoaded BANNED APPS

'Sideloaded' – the more complicated practice of installing applications on a device from sources other than the official app stores – bypasses Google's and Apple's security procedures; however, it is possible for tech-savvy users. This opens up huge risks – not just apps that would be forbidden by Apple and Google, but pirate ones packed with malware too.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS FOR APPS

Both Google and Apple have apps that can give adults greater control over children's phone activity. 'Screen Time' (iPhone) and 'Family Link' (Android) have a range of features, such as letting you set age-related restrictions on the app stores, require permission to download an app, set daily time limits on specific apps, and control real-world spending.

DO YOUR RESEARCH

If children ask permission to download an app, do your due diligence and research it. Read the app summary and search the internet for reviews and discussions to establish its legitimacy, safety and appropriateness – if it doesn't seem to be appropriate, look for safer alternatives instead.

LOOK BEYOND THE REVIEWS

App store reviews are helpful, but they are easily gamed, and some unscrupulous developers will pay for quick reviews to give their work perceived legitimacy. Take more than a cursory glance at listings by digging out the one- and two-star reviews and looking closely at the developer – for example, if they've published a lot of unrelated apps, that's a red flag.

TALK TO YOUR CHILD

Talk to children and make sure they're aware that apps can be risky. As part of a wider talk about internet literacy, ensure they don't download apps outside of the official channels, nor grant apps permission to access their camera, microphone, or photos without a good reason. Make sure they understand that in-game currency costs real-world money.

Meet Our Expert

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#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

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?

29th April 2026 @9.30am-11:30am
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



Lytham C of E Primary School PTFA

£295.81 raised

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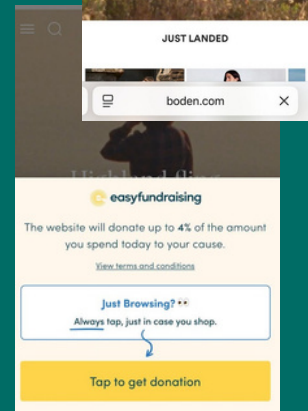
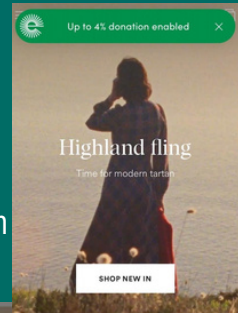
How to support Lytham C of E Primary School PTFA

- 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.

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Friday 24th April - KS1 Playground afterschool!

Closing date for preorders
is Monday 20th April



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Limited stock so pre-order to avoid disappointment!