

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 began the week with a truly special moment as our Head Pupils visited Betty to celebrate her incredible 105th birthday. It was lovely to see the children chatting with her and sharing in such a memorable occasion.

Our extracurricular clubs are in full swing, with cricket, rugby, cheerleading and STEM club all proving very popular. It's wonderful to watch the children dive into new experiences, build confidence and, most importantly, have fun.

We also hosted our Open Morning this week and I couldn't have been prouder of the children. They spoke so confidently and warmly to visiting families about their experiences at school and their pride in our community really shone through.

Fingers crossed this beautiful weather continues so we can enjoy the field, spend more time outdoors and make the most of picnics in the sunshine.

Christian Values LOVE

This week in worship, children explored the theme of God's amazing love. Through the story of the Lost Sheep, we learned that God cares for each one of us individually and never stops loving us. Children enjoyed searching for a "lost sheep" and reflecting on how precious they are to God. Our key message was simple: God loves you—always.

Dear God,
Thank you for loving us so much that you never give up on us. Help us to feel your love every day.
Amen.

Years 5 and 6 had a fabulous visit from Katherine Dale on behalf of Sea Cadets. We learnt what fantastic opportunities are on offer if you become a sea cadet and even had an opportunity to take part in STEM activities. We made boats from tin-foil and discovered ways to make them float successfully - even loaded up with marbles! Thank you Kath for a lovely visit - Mrs Barras

Stars of the Week

- Reception: Maisie
- Year 1: George
- Year 2: Frank
- Year 3: Chloe
- Year 4: Harry Ja
- Year 5: Martha
- Year 6: Thomas

Parables of the Talent

(Kindness)

- Reception: Ella
- Year 1: Eliza
- Year 2: Hunter A
- Year 3: Billy
- Year 4: Freddie
- Year 5: Kacey
- Year 6: Clark



Attendance

SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET: 96.4%
This week's attendance:

- Reception: 99.00%
- Year 1: 99.09%
- Year 2: 97.0%
- Year 3: 95.5%
- Year 4: 97.4%
- Year 5: 93.3%
- Year 6: 98.2%

Another great week of attendance with an overall score of 97.09%.
Congratulations to Year 1 with their winning score of 99.09%!

Please see Dojo post for
Diary Dates for Summer
Term!

Upcoming Events



- Friday 1st May
Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament -
Poolfoot Farm
- Monday 4th May
Early May bank holiday - School
Closed
- Tuesday 5th May
RNLI delivering water safety
workshops across school
- Thursday 7th May
Reception Trip to Blackpool Zoo
- Mon 11th – Fri 15th May
SATs Week
- Tuesday 19th May
Toddler Praise
- Wednesday 20th May
Sports' Day and Picnic (am)
- Thursday 21st – Friday 22nd May
Year 6 London Trip
- Friday 22nd May
PTFA Break the Rules Day
Break up for half term

Wake Up Wednesday



What Parents and Educators Need to Know about Youtube

YouTube continues to be a go-to platform for entertainment, learning and creativity, but its vast and largely unregulated content library presents ongoing challenges. This guide outlines how features like recommendations, shorts and social interaction can shape young people's viewing habits, sometimes exposing them to inappropriate or extreme material.

It also explores key safeguarding concerns, including stranger interaction, risky trends and the limits of automated moderation. With practical advice on tools such as YouTube Kids, supervised accounts and parental controls, the guide supports parents and educators in encouraging safer, more balanced and informed use of the platform.



A huge thank-you to our school governor, Mrs Cottier-Brown for organising for our Head Pupils to visit Betty, who turned an incredible 105 this week. It was lovely to see the children engaging so thoughtfully, asking great questions, and sharing a card from our Worship Leaders and choir performances with her. Betty's joy was clear to see and it was a privilege to be part of such a special moment.

Happy birthday, Betty — what an amazing milestone!



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows about YouTube. The Google-owned platform allows users to upload and share videos globally, making it a readily accessible resource with free content on almost any topic. However, with over 20 million videos uploaded each day, not all material is suitable for younger audiences.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



YouTube is free and can be accessed across multiple device types, even without an account. While some videos are marked as 'age restricted', this relies on uploader honesty and automated moderation, meaning children and young people may still encounter unsuitable content if these measures aren't taken.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS



YouTube includes social features such as comments and direct messaging. This means young users can interact with people they don't know, potentially exposing them to inappropriate language, cyberbullying, or unwanted contact. Young content creators may be especially vulnerable.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES



Popular trends and challenges can be entertaining and widely shared. While many are harmless, some can be risky or harmful if copied. For example, the 'salt and ice challenge' has caused injuries when imitated.

SUGGESTED CONTENT



YouTube recommends videos based on what a user has previously watched. While this can enhance the experience, it may also encourage binge-watching and excessive screen time, particularly when Autoplay is enabled. Without an account, users are shown trending videos, which are not always age appropriate.

EXPOSURE TO EXTREME CONTENT



The platform's algorithm often promotes content that attracts high engagement, which can sometimes include videos containing extreme viewpoints, misinformation, or risky behaviour. As children and young people watch more of this content, similar videos are likely to be recommended by YouTube's algorithm, therefore reinforcing the exposure.

SHORT-FORM CONTENT IMPACT



YouTube Shorts – short, fast-paced videos – are designed for continuous viewing. This style of content can be highly engaging but may also contribute to increased screen time and difficulties with maintaining focus over longer periods.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS



YouTube Kids can help reduce young users' exposure to unsuitable content by filtering videos into age groups, such as preschool, younger, and older children. However, as moderation is automated, it should be used alongside active supervision.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS



If a child in your care uploads content, consider setting videos to Private or Unlisted so they are only shared with trusted viewers. Disabling comments can also help reduce unwanted interaction from strangers.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS



Google Family Link allows adults to filter content, monitor usage, and manage younger users' screen time. Supervised Accounts offer a gradual step up from YouTube Kids, enabling children to explore the platform with appropriate safeguards.

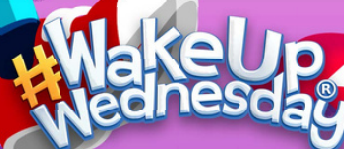
WATCH TOGETHER



Spending time watching YouTube with the children and young people in your care can help you understand what they enjoy and guide your conversations about content. Tools like Downtime in Family Link can also help limit unsupervised viewing.

Meet Our Expert

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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?

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

38 supporters

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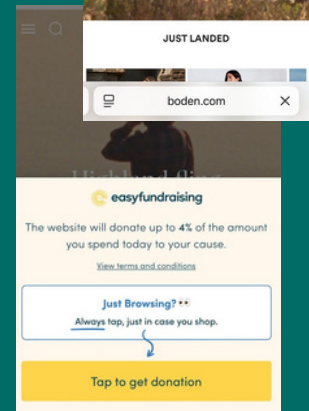
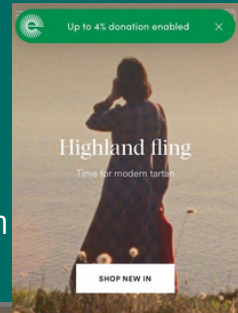
How to support Lytham C of E Primary School PTFA

- 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.