

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

It has been an amazing week in school, filled with achievements and moments to be proud of. A huge well done to the Girls' Football Team for their fantastic performance in Tuesday's match. Their success on the pitch was impressive, but it was their attitude, teamwork and determination that made us especially proud.

World Book Day was another highlight. It was wonderful to see so many dressed up and fully immersed in the activities and live lessons. The joy of seeing different classes come together to share stories and celebrate a love of reading, made the day truly special.

We are also delighted to share some exciting news within our staff team. Miss Harter (EYFS) and Mrs Barras (KS2) have been appointed as Phase Leaders until the end of the academic year. They will be overseeing their key stages and contributing to the continued development of our school.

Christian Values

FORGIVENESS

This week in worship, children explored the story of the Lost Son (Luke 15). We talked about how God always welcomes us back when we say sorry, no matter what mistakes we make. Children took part in a role-play to help them understand what forgiveness feels like. We encouraged them to think about times when they might need to say sorry and how forgiveness helps us make a fresh start.

Dear God,
 Thank you that you always forgive us. Help us to say sorry when we get things wrong and to remember that your love never stops.
 Amen.

Stars of the Week

- Reception: Winnie
- Year 1: James
- Year 2: Rosie
- Year 3: Jesse
- Year 4: Sam
- Year 5: Gabe
- Year 6: Henry

Parables of the Talent

(Reading)

- Reception: Mila
- Year 1: Flo
- Year 2: Finn
- Year 3: Charles
- Year 4: Rebecca
- Year 5: Hope
- Year 6: William



Attendance

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

- Reception: 100%
- Year 1: 98.2%
- Year 2: 94.8%
- Year 3: 100%
- Year 4: 98.7%
- Year 5: 98.3%
- Year 6: 96.9%

An fantastic week of attendance with an overall score of 96.9%. Well done to Reception and Year 3 for winning the Attendance Prize this week!

Brownies

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

Upcoming Events



- 9th March
Greg from Leafy Lytham planting with KS1
- 10th March
Reception Worship at 9am
- 10th March
Toddler Praise 9:30am
- 10th March
Football festival
- 11th March
Lancashire Sings - Choir
- 13th March
Own Clothes Day in exchange for Easter Eggs
- 18-20th March
Year 6 residential Lakeside
- 19th March
BSYW Easter Workshops

Wake Up Wednesday



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators: Creative Ways to Encourage Reading

With reading for pleasure in decline, this practical guide offers ten thoughtful ways to reignite children's enthusiasm for books.

From valuing all forms of reading to broadening access to diverse materials, it explores how adults can nurture positive reading habits both at home and in school. Digital tools, audiobooks and augmented reality are also considered as engaging ways to support today's readers.

It also highlights the power of social connection – recommending books, reading together and meeting authors – alongside the importance of modelling reading ourselves. With expert insight from literacy specialist Carl Pattison, this edition provides supportive, achievable ideas to help young people reconnect with reading and see it as a meaningful part of everyday life.

Upcoming Events!

Lots of exciting PTFA events coming up this year!
Remember we're always here to help: ptfa@lytham.lancs.sch.uk

Friday 15th
February

The Bonkers Bar!
Chocolate & prizes!



Friday 24th
April

Donut Day!
Afterschool playground stall sale - a tasty treat for the weekend



Friday 19th
March

Own Clothes Day
In exchange for Easter egg donations

Friday 22nd
May

Break the Rules Day!
A favourite at school

Thursday
26th March

Easter Bingo!
Back by popular demand - one of our most egg-citing events!



Friday 12th
June

Own Clothes Day
In exchange for a bottle of any kind

Tuesday
31st March

Own Clothes Day
In exchange for 'fill a cup'
Empty cups sent home Monday 23rd March to return Tuesday 31st March

Friday 19th
June

Colour Run 2026!
We just had to do it again - but bigger & better!



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 32.7% enjoying it in 2025. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

1 VALUE ALL READING

When we think about reading, it's very easy to picture a young person reading a fictional novel; however, reading is so much more than this. To help them understand, why not show them how to create a 24-hour reading diary? Jot down all reading and then discuss this with them. By doing this, you can demonstrate the many ways we turn to reading.

2 WIDEN THE SELECTION

Once we know reading can be varied, we need to think about the selection of reading material they can access. Visit a shop selling magazines, the library and a bookshop, and consider the range of material that is available within them. Then consider how you might broaden their reading choices, so all young people have access to a wide and varied selection.

3 GIFT A BOOK

One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Gifting a book adds value and shows it's something to be treasured. Whether it's as a reward or for a celebration like a birthday, let the young person choose a title or pick one you know they will enjoy. You could also include a personal note inside.

4 CONNECT WITH AUTHORS

Meeting authors can certainly spark an interest in their reading material. This might be through a live event in a school/bookshop or by using the wealth of online material that is now available. Encourage young people to look at ways to connect with authors using free resources such as Authorfy and Just Imagine's Children's Authors Live.

5 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Access training about reading for pleasure to widen your understanding of this topic and, more importantly, how to develop it. Explore a wide range of free resources that can be found online. The more you know, the better placed you are to inspire a love of reading in others.

6 TALK BOOKS

There are times when we need silence to read and focus on our book; however, we know that reading is a social experience, so we must also factor in discussion time. Reading the same book gives two people a connection and the opportunity to voice their thoughts and questions about it. Why not buy two copies of a book and read it together? Start the connection.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

As well as talking about the content of books, we can share what we are reading or have read recently. This can often act as a trigger for someone else to explore it. How often have you watched a film or series because someone else has recommended it? It's the same with books. If you know the young person well, you can tailor your recommendations and share why you think they'll enjoy it.

8 GO DIGITAL

With the rise in online digital material, we can easily focus on the negatives; however, it also brings a wealth of opportunities. Resources can aid and enhance the reading experience for young people. They can read along with audiobooks, translate, and track their reading goals with resources like PolyIno and apps like Goodreads for older children. Augmented reality books also bring books to life and offer a great way for engagement.

9 RECONNECT

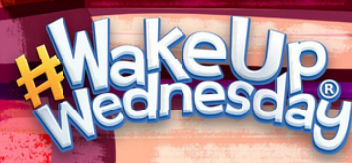
There can come a time when a love of reading seems to disappear. It does not mean it's gone forever; it generally means they have lost the connection. How do we get it back? Find the next piece of reading material that sparks their current interests. The National Year of Reading focus of 'Go All In' captures this well as it is their key theme. As children grow and change, so do their interests. A visit to the local library is a great way to support the reconnection.

10 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, you send a strong message to children: reading matters. Share why you enjoy it. Is it to relax, escape the world, learn something new or to be entertained? When children see reading as a normal and valued part of everyday life, they are more likely to adopt it themselves.

Meet Our Expert

Carl Pattison is a literacy advisor and early reading expert at The National College. Through his programmes, he supports schools to enhance reading and writing. In addition to his independent work, he also works for a large academy trust in the East Midlands as the strategic lead for their English Hub and Literacy Excellence Centre.



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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

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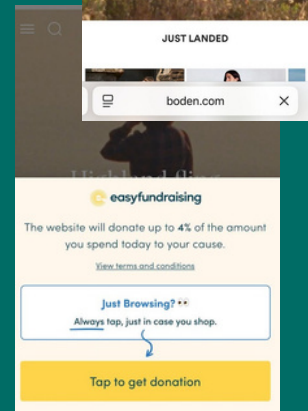
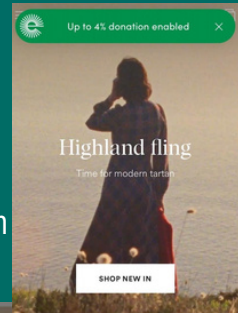
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Any questions - we're happy to help at ptfa@lytham.lancs.sch.uk

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.