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"Make Each Day Count"

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Dear Parent

WEEKLY VALUE

This week we have been continuing with the value of 'Friendship', understanding and respecting how we are all different.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below an itinerary of events taking place in the run up to the end of term.

W/C 7 July	Themed week - Industry week
Tuesday 8 July	New Reception parents meeting at 5.30pm
Friday 11 July	Themed week stalls 11.00am – 12.30pm
Wednesday 16 July	KS2 Sports Day
Thursday 17 July	Achievement assembly (End of year awards) at 9.00am - parents of winners will be notified
Thursday 17 July	Year 6 leavers prom 4.30pm-6.30pm
Friday 18 July	Nursery celebration and closing for end of term
Monday 21 July	Year 6 leavers assembly at 9.00am – Y6 Parents invited (2 tickets only)
Monday 21 July	The Big Picnic 11.45am - 1.30pm
Tuesday 22 July	Break Up 1.30pm

SCHOOL DINNERS FEEDBACK

As we start to plan new school lunch menus for the new school year in September we would like some feedback on what your child likes on the current menus, what they do not like and what they would like to see on future menus.

We follow the School Food Agency guidelines on the content of school meals to ensure they are healthy and must plan these very carefully.

If you would like to share your views, please collect a Feedback form from the school office and return to the labelled box in the office by next Friday 11 July. One feedback form will be randomly selected from the labelled box to win a prize. Thank you for your help with this

WENSLEY FOLD BIG PICNIC

As a celebration of another successful year in school we have decided to end the school year with a huge picnic on the school field on Monday 21 July from 11.45am-1.30pm (weather permitting!)

All are welcome and any money raised from ticket or food sales will go to our school nominated charities of the year.

Bring a picnic, bring a picnic blanket and join your child/ren for lunch.

More details to follow – watch out for information in the newsletter.

WENSLEY FOLD NURSERY - LITTLE FOLDERS

Did you know Wensley Fold has its own Teacher led Nursery class?

For the last 2 years, our school has runs its own Nursery class based in the Children's Centre next door to the school. From September we have decided to focus on pre-school age children – these are children in the academic year before they start school. We have changed the criteria in our admissions policy to add '**Children who are enrolled at Wensley Fold CE Primary Academy Nursery Class for the full year prior to Reception class admission application**'. This means that any child registered will be considered for a place in our Reception 2026 class after siblings and looked after children. If you have a pre-school child or know someone who has a pre-school child who would be interested in visiting our Nursery to have a look around at what we offer, then please contact the school office. We offer a variety of places; morning, afternoon and full-time places. **We have a small number of places available for September** as children leave to start school, please contact Ms Emam at the school office for further information

THEMED WEEK – ENTERPRISE AND INDUSTRY

Next week the whole school from Nursery up to Year 6 will be taking part in our annual Themed week.

This year our focus is on 'Enterprise and Industry'

Each year group will set up a small business. Throughout the week they will learn about their chosen product, product design, production, quality control, costings, packaging and labels, advertising, stall decoration and sales techniques.

They have been given a small amount of money to purchase the resources needed to 'start up' their small business.

On Friday 11 July from 11.00am – 12.30pm, on the school field (weather permitting), we will be holding the 'Wensley Fold Market Place'

Parents are invited to join their children in looking around the stalls and hopefully buying the products our classes are making through the week.

Children can also bring their own money on the day to spend when looking around the stalls.

Let's see which class in school can make the most profit in a week!

We would love you to join us and celebrate what we know will be a fabulous week of learning for the children.

YEAR 1 INDUSTRY WEEK

As part of our themed week 'Industry week', Year 1 will take part in a locality walk, exploring different shops.

YEAR 2 INDUSTRY WEEK

As part of our themed week 'Industry week', Year 2 will be visiting Aldi on Tuesday to research prices and purchase items for their bakery. They will also be trying a few ingredients on Monday – Oreos, sultanas, syrup, buttercream, chocolate, Biscoff spread, jam and icing.

Please inform your child's teacher if your child cannot take part.

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Class	Sessions attended	Sessions missed
Rec Q	100	0
Rec L	93.3	20
1H	98.0	6
1A	99.0	3
2C	97.3	8
2W	99.0	3
3B	97.7	7
3S	97.0	9
4S	97.0	9
4K	99.3	2
5M	96.7	10
5H	98.7	4
6G	95.3	14
6B	99.4	2

Well done to Reception Q!

NURSERY END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

We are holding a celebration session on the children's last day, Friday 18 July, to celebrate the wonderful things the children have achieved this year and to say good luck to our pre-school children before their move to Reception in September. This will be within normal session times so pick up and drop off remains the same.

EYFS & KS1 SPORTS DAY

A massive well done to all our children who took part in sports day on Tuesday. A huge thank you also to grown ups who came to support and especially those who took part in the 'mums & dads' race! The children had a fantastic afternoon.

WOW - WALK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Thank you for taking part in WOW this academic year. To celebrate our school's efforts, we wanted to send you some "headline stats" from Travel Tracker for Wensley Fold CofE Primary Academy.



This term, our school has recorded a total of **36326** active trips, of which **27431** were walking all the way trips. This equates to **64% walking trips**, a **43%** increase from our baseline. Not only this, but this term our school has seen a **61% decrease in car trips** from baseline, too. Your hard work is making a difference. Please keep up the great work in the next academic year.

MEETING FOR NEW RECEPTION PARENTS

There is a meeting for all parents of new Reception children starting in September next Tuesday 8 July at 5.30pm. Lots of information will be shared at this meeting including which class your child will be in.

YEAR 4 LIVERPOOL WORLD MUSEUM

As part of their topic on Ancient Egypt we have organised a visit for our Year 4 classes to Liverpool World Museum on Friday 18 July where they will take part in a workshop 'Discover Ancient Egypt'. The cost of this visit will be £16.25. A packed lunch will be required (no cans or bottles), children entitled to a free meal will have one provided by school. Please logon to ParentPay to pay & complete the consent form by next Friday 11 July. Thank you.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS PROM

To celebrate the end of their time at Wensley Fold, Year 6 will be having a Leavers Prom on Thursday 17 July, from 4.30pm-6.30pm. This will take place in the space hall in school and food (pizza, chips and drinks) will be provided. Children will leave school and return for 4.30pm in their party clothes for a dance, food and making memories. Thank you.

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY – TUESDAY 01 JULY

KS1 Person of the Match	-	Yousaf Patel (RQ)
		Orhan Saqab (1A)
KS1 I ate well today	-	Noor Zaheer (RL)
		Muhammed-Haaris Patel (1A)
KS2 Person of the Match	-	Mustafa Zaman (4S)
KS2 I ate well today	-	Isabelle Bracewell (4K)

LIBRARY CLOSURE

Please note that the Library will be closed from Wednesday 9 July 2025 for the end of term auditing process. Please return all the library books including the TOP 100's by the end of the day – Friday 11 July 2025.

In the meantime, your child can continue to take part in the Top 100 challenge during the holidays by borrowing the books from the Blackburn Central Library. Please pick up a leaflet from reception for more information.

Thank you to all the parents and children for supporting our library.

LOST PROPERTY/BELONGINGS

Please can all lost property be claimed and any belongings taken home by the end of term. Thank you.

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

Come along to our Parent and Toddler group every Thursday at 8.45am-9.45am in the school hall. A chance to meet other parents and have a fun time with your little ones.

We have the following activity next half-term:

10 July	-	Teddy Bear Picnic
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RECEPTION & NURSERY FUND

Reception and Nursery fund is now due for the Summer Term. If you have not already paid for the year, please pay £5 at the school office. Thank you.

MILK

An email has been sent to all parents who have milk money outstanding. Please pay on ParentPay as soon as possible. Thank you.

SCHOOL CLUBS AND CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

Please note all school clubs finish THIS week (week ending Friday 4th July). If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University please make sure their passport is handed in by Monday 7th July. Please post the passport in the blue CU box at the school office.

Please note all passports will be returned before the end of term, so please do look out for them.

STREET DANCE PERFORMANCE

If your child has been attending the Street Dance club after school please note there will be performances for this tomorrow on Friday 4th July 2025. Please come and see what your child has been doing. Please make sure you arrive for 3.40pm at the office ready for the performance at 3.45pm as we will not be able to allow anyone in who is late in.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION

If you have confirmed your child's attendance for this please look out for a reminder letter next week. If you do have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton on either s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer). Children who cannot attend graduation or have received a bronze or silver award will receive these in an assembly before the end of term.

SUMMER HOLIDAY FAMILY TRIPS

Further details will be sent out about some family trips that will be happening over the summer holidays. If you have signed your family up to any of these please look out for further details which will be sent by tomorrow (Friday).

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Letters have been sent with all the details of the holiday activities that are available. These are available on ParentPay until THIS Monday (if there are still spaces). Some activities are already full. If any additional spaces become available for these they will be added to ParentPay at 12.15pm tomorrow (Friday).

If you have signed your child up to any of these activities a confirmation email (from s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk) will be sent early next week which will have all the details, as well as a link to an online consent form which MUST be completed. Please look out for this.

SCRUMPTIOUS! FAMILY SHOW

On Saturday 19th July Blackburn CU will be holding a family show performed by Beggars Belief. The show is all about friendships and ice cream! Further details have been sent out. The show at Wensley Fold is now full, however there are still some places available for the show at St Michael with St John. To sign up for this please complete this online form: <https://bit.ly/SCRUMPTIOUSShowJuly25CU> If you have already registered Sara Burton will be in touch by tomorrow (Friday) with further details.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE – BLACKBURN LIBRARY

Details will be sent out about the Summer Reading Challenge taking place over the summer at Blackburn Library. If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and completes this challenge please remember to bring their certificate and their passport to school in September so it can be stamped with 6 hours for completing. The challenge started on 1st July 2025 and runs until 30th September 2025.

SWIMTIME LANCASHIRE

Please note Swimtime Lancashire are now part of Blackburn Children's University! This means if your child attends any swimming lessons with them they can collect hours in their Children's University passport. They have lessons running on the following days:

- Everlast Blackburn, BB1 2EE

Monday to Thursday 4pm onward

Saturdays 8.30am - 2.30pm

Sunday 9am - 12 noon

- Westholme BB2 6QA:

Tuesday 5pm till 8pm

Thursday 5pm - 8 pm

Spaces are currently available in both venues. See their website for further details:

www.swimtime.org/finder

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



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