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"Make Each Day Count"

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WENSLEY WEEKLY
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Dear Parent

WEEKLY VALUE

We continue with the value of 'Friendship', understanding and respecting how we are all different.

BREAKFAST CLUB CONSULTATION

We have been asked by a few parents if our breakfast club can be opened earlier and as such we are consulting with all parents to determine whether there is enough interest. We are proposing that breakfast club opens at 7.30am instead of 8.00am. If there is enough interest we will look into the costings for this. Please register your interest with the office before we break up for the summer. Thank you.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

We have had a large number of children going out for medical appointments recently, in particular dentist appointments. Please can we kindly ask parents to book appointments out of school time as it can affect their child's education. We do understand that hospital appointments can't be re-arranged, however dentist & doctor appointments should try to be out of school time. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

WHOLE SCHOOL WATER FIGHT

Weather permitting, we will be holding our annual class water fights on the school field next Monday 14 July. Please send in a bag of clothes that your child can change into ie, thin shorts & t shirt or wet suit and a towel. They will then change back into their uniform afterwards. Children can also bring in water toys etc. but please don't buy them especially. This will only take place if it is warm enough and children don't have to take part if they don't want to.

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

We will be holding our end of year achievement assembly next Thursday 17 July at 9.00am. Parents of children nominated will receive an invitation to the assembly via email by Monday. Thank you.

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 tomorrow (Friday)

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.

For further information, please see email sent to all parents on Monday.

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

On Friday 11 July (tomorrow) 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.

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Class	Sessions attended	Sessions missed
Rec Q	100	0
Rec L	99.0	3
1H	100	0
1A	99.3	2
2C	99.3	2
2W	99.0	3
3B	99.4	2
3S	99.3	2
4S	96.7	10
4K	97.7	6
5M	97.3	8
5H	98.0	5
6G	97.3	4
6B	97.4	8

Well done to Class – Rec Q and 1H.

KS2 SPORTS DAY

Please note our annual sports day for all the children in KS2 (Years 3-6) will take place next Wednesday 16 July (weather permitting).

RECEPTION VISION SCREENING

Vision screening for all children in Reception will take place next Wednesday 16 July. For further information please see email sent yesterday.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS PROM

To celebrate the end of their time at Wensley Fold, Year 6 will be having a Leavers Prom next 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.

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.

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 next 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 tomorrow (Friday). Thank you.

LIBRARY CLOSURE

Please note that the Library is now closed 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

SCHOOL CLUBS AND CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

Please note all school clubs have now finished. If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and you have handed in their passport to be stamped for clubs,

please note all passports will be returned **before the end of term**, so please do look out for them. No responsibility will be held by the school once they have been returned.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION

If your child is down to attend the Children's University graduation please remember it is taking place on Saturday. A reminder letter was sent out earlier this week. Please ensure you check this as it includes the number of tickets you have been allocated. You must bring this letter with you on the day on the graduation – it is your ticker. If you have not received this and you think your child is due to attend please do contact Sara Burton straight away.

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 have been presented with their certificates in assembly today.

SUMMER HOLIDAY FAMILY TRIPS

If you have signed your family up to any of the family trips please look out for a confirmation email that has been sent from s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk giving further details and also has a link to an online consent form which must be completed by THIS Monday 14 July.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Confirmation emails were sent out yesterday to ALL children who have signed up to any of the holiday activities (from s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk). This email has all the details of which activities you have signed your child up to, together with a link to the online consent form which must be completed by THIS Monday 14 July. Failure to complete this consent form will mean your child cannot attend. If you have not received this email and you have signed your child up to any activities you must contact Sara Burton straight away on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

If you have signed your child up to any activities please ensure you put them in your diary, as reminders are not always sent before each activity. Please refer to your confirmation email for all the details.

SCRUMPTIOUS! FAMILY SHOW

This is now full. All families who have signed up have been informed. A reminder will be sent out before the show, however please ensure it is in your diary if you have signed your family up!

SUMMER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES FROM BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

There will be a number of challenges that CU members can complete over the holidays to collect extra hours in their passports. Further details will be emailed next week, so please look out for this.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE – BLACKBURN LIBRARY

Details will be sent out about the Summer Reading Challenge early next week. This is 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.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT BLACKBURN LIBRARY

Over the holidays Blackburn Library have a number of activities taking place. Please check with the library for all the details, however please see below a rough idea of what is happening. If your child does attend any activities at the library and they are a member of Blackburn Children's University please remember to pick up a slip from the activity to show you have attended and hand this in together with your child's CU passport after the holidays.

Activities:

• Wed 23 July	2pm- 4pm	LEGO Club
• Thurs 24 July	2pm- 3pm	Story Garden Craft*
• Tues 29 July	2pm- 3pm	Jack and the Beanstalk**
• Wed 30 July	2pm- 4pm	Digisplay
• Thurs 1 Aug	2pm- 3pm	Story Catchers Craft*
• Tues 5 Aug	2pm- 3pm	Zoolab **
• Wed 6 Aug	2pm- 4pm	Board Games
• Thurs 7 Aug	2pm- 3pm	Minibeast Craft *
• Tues 12 Aug	2pm- 3pm	Storytime and Craft
• Wed 13 Aug	2pm- 4pm	Digisplay
• Thurs 14 Aug	2pm- 3pm	Space themed Craft *
• Tues 19 Aug	2pm- 3pm	Storytime and Craft
• Wed 20 Aug	2pm- 4pm	LEGO Club
• Thurs 21 Aug	2pm- 3pm	Mythical creature Craft *
• Tues 26 Aug	2pm- 3pm	Storytime and Craft
• Wed 27 Aug	2pm- 4pm	Digisplay
• Thurs 28 Aug	2pm- 3pm	Animal Craft *

* Booking required. Please ask at the Enquiry desk for tickets

** £1 for children, £3 for accompanying adults. Please ask at the Enquiry desk for tickets

Please contact the library for further details and bookings.

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 4.00pm onward

Saturdays 8.30am - 2.30pm

Sunday 9.00am – 12.00pm

• Westholme BB2 6QA:

Tuesday 5.00pm - 8.00pm

Thursday 5.00pm - 8.00pm

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

www.swimtime.org/finder

ACTIVE PASSPORT

Coming this summer, an exciting opportunity to keep you and your family active throughout the 6-week Summer holidays. Blackburn with Darwen will be offering families the chance to participate in their Active Passport programme! You may have heard of their Active Seasons events, which encourages families to be active together throughout the holidays.



This year, for Active Summer, they have a huge variety of **free** activities being provided by various partners across the 6-week holidays.

Please click on the link below to find out more.

<https://refreshbwd.com/events/active-seasons/>

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 AI-ENABLED SCAMS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Artificial intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming a widely used tool, with lots of positive applications being discussed and developed. Sadly, however, as with most technology tools, there are those who will seek to use it for malicious and dishonest practices, with children and other vulnerable groups particularly at risk.

PHISHING EMAILS: BETTER & QUICKER

Phishing scams – emails designed to trick people into handing over login details or money – are not new, and do not rely on AI; however, AI has made them far more dangerous. Criminals can now generate highly convincing emails at speed, mimicking an organisation's tone, branding and language with ease. This makes phishing attempts harder to spot, especially for young people who may not yet know what to look out for.

ONLINE MARKETPLACE FRAUD

Online marketplaces are now a common way to buy and sell everything, from second-hand clothes to cars. Criminals are exploiting this by using AI to enhance or completely fake product photos and videos, and pressure buyers into paying deposits or full amounts upfront. These tactics are becoming more advanced, making it vital to pause, check, and verify the sale before parting with any money.

VOICE IMPERSONATION

AI can now realistically impersonate a person's voice when given a small sample of someone's speech patterns. This is especially concerning where voice has been enabled as an alternative to password-based logins. One such example was the use of AI deepfake audio as part of a fake kidnapping scam: the criminals used an AI voice clone of a 15-year-old to convince her parents she had been kidnapped and elicit a ransom.

EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

Using AI, criminals can create fake online profiles that seem completely real. These synthetic identities can chat with young people about fake job offers, asking for money to secure a visa or paperwork. In 2025, The Guardian reported a scam targeting young people with promises of quick cash, posing as TikTok staff.

INFLUENCER & INVESTMENT SCAMS

AI tools now make it easy to manipulate video and audio, with technology available that can generate entirely fake content using the likeness of celebrities or influencers. Criminals are using this to create convincing videos of well-known figures promoting fake products or services, which young people can be particularly susceptible to. Cryptocurrency scams are a common tactic, luring people into investing in schemes that do not exist. Once payment is made, the criminal simply disappears with the money.

ROMANCE SCAMS & SEXTORTION

AI chat bots can now mimic real conversations, often accompanied with realistic fake photos and videos, which makes it easier for criminals to build trust with young people – among other things, this can lead to fraud or sextortion. In 2024, the NCSC's CSOP Safety Centre received 380 reports of sextortion. Alarmingly, in the first five months alone, police received an average of 117 monthly reports involving under-18s, showing how serious and targeted this threat has become.

Advice for Parents & Educators

THINK CRITICALLY

The key to addressing the increasing growth of AI-enabled scams is to think critically and show caution. Inform children that if something is too good to be true, then it probably is. Encourage them to stop and carefully consider what they are seeing and reading before taking any action. For example, if a social media post expresses urgency, proceed with caution; if content seems unusual, even from a known person, it may be that their account has been hacked.

USE TRUSTWORTHY SITES AND SERVICES

Online marketplaces are useful when buying and selling items; however, where possible, encourage children to use reputable companies and their online shopping sites. These companies are likely to have more sophisticated cyber-security safeguards in place, underpinned by consumer legislation, enabling them to control how products and services are displayed and traded on their sites.

SEEK TO VERIFY

Criminals may breach an influencer's account or spread misinformation and fake content; however, their approach will generally be limited to a single account, site or service. Where possible, show children how to verify information to check its legitimacy before proceeding. Small actions, such as phoning the person who is the subject of a suspicious email, or checking content via an individual or company website or social media sites can make the difference. The greater the risk, the more effort we should expend to confirm whether the information presented is true or false.

REPORT IT

As the sophistication of scams increases, the likelihood of being tricked by them also increases, especially when not paying attention or acting quickly. It is important that young people know how to report incidents as they happen. Show children how to report their concerns to the social media site, Action Fraud, banks, and other individuals or organisations linked or involved. If you are unsure of the most effective reporting channel, contact Action Fraud.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at Millfield, a large independent boarding school in Somerset, as well as a member of the Digital Futures Group, Vice Chair of the ISC Digital Advisory Group and an Association of Network Managers in Education (ANME) Ambassador.

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