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"Make Each Day Count"

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Dear Parent

END OF TERM

May we take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support in what has been another challenging year. Nursery will finish tomorrow at the normal times and school will finish next Tuesday 22 July at **1.30pm**.

We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 2 September at 8.45am and nursery from 8.30am.

We would like to wish our Year 6 children the best of luck in their new schools and a huge welcome to our new reception starters.

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 next 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.

Ice creams, cakes and drinks will be available for sale during the picnic.

If you wish for your child to have a school picnic lunch, please order on ParentPay by 12pm tomorrow.

Please note any orders placed after that time will not be acknowledged therefore a packed lunch must be provided.

WENSLEY FOLD BIG PICNIC TICKETS

Please can all tickets be purchased by Friday.



YEAR 6 SATS RESULTS

We are delighted to share our Key Stage Two data with you. Our Year 6 children have worked incredibly hard and, once again, achieved some of the best results we have ever had at Wensley Fold.

After a year long school focus on raising standards in Reading we are particularly delighted to see that our reading results have gone up 13% this year, taking us 15% above the national average in Reading. Almost half (48%) of our Year 6 achieved the greater depth level in reading which is incredible.

Our results in all subjects continue to be way above those achieved by schools nationally and that is down to the hard work, perseverance, determination to 'Make each day Count' of everyone involved - staff, governors and parents. A huge well done to EVERYBODY! We feel very proud.

KS2 Data 2025	EXS (Expected)	GDS (Greater Depth)	National EXS level 2025	Difference between National and WF - EXS level
Reading	90%	48%	75%	+15%
Mathematics	93%	42%	74%	+19%
Writing	85%		72%	+13%
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	97%	63%	73%	+24%
All 3 Combined RWM	83%		62%	+19%

MEDICATION

Please can parents arrange to collect all medication from the office before the end of next Tuesday. Any medication not collected will be disposed of by school. During the holidays, if your child has asthma, you will need to make an appointment with the surgery to renew the asthma care plan. If your child has allergies, you will need to provide evidence of these allergies. If medication is required, or if your child has a care plan of any type, you will need to ensure the paperwork is checked and updated before returning it to school in September.

Medication and up to date paperwork are required in order to comply with safe administration procedures and if we do not receive these we will assume they are no longer relevant. Thank you for your support in ensuring all medication is administered at home wherever possible.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Please see the separate uniform policy attached for your information before buying uniform for September.

NEW YEAR 3 DINNER ARRANGEMENTS SEPTEMBER

Please can parents be aware that if their child was on school dinners in Year 2 these now become chargeable from September, the cost is £13.25 per week. There is no need to let the office know as you can now book lunches on a day-by-day basis on ParentPay. However you must remember to book a meal as your child won't receive their first choice if you forget to book. Thank you.

PARENTPAY

Please an all dinner money debt be cleared before the end of next week, in particular Y6 children and can we remind parents to book their lunches for the beginning of the new term.

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 by tomorrow. Thank you.

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

Thank you to all the parents for an amazing turnout last Friday.

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Class	Sessions attended	Sessions missed
Rec Q	97.3	8

Rec L	95.3	14
IH	97.3	8
1A	91.3	16
2C	98.3	5
2W	99.7	1
3B	100	0
3S	97.7	8
4S	95.7	13
4K	94.7	16
5M	99.0	3
5H	99.0	3
6G	90.7	28
6B	100	0

Well done to Class – 3B and 6B for 100% attendance

YEAR 6 LEAVERS PROM

To celebrate the end of their time at Wensley Fold, Year 6 will be having a Leavers Prom tonight 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 (tomorrow), 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 tomorrow where they will take part in a workshop 'Discover Ancient Egypt'. Children should wear their school uniform. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY/BELONGINGS

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

WELLINGTONS, KITS & WATER BOTTLES

Please can parents ensure their child takes home their wellingtons/kits/water bottles at the end of Monday. We do not keep any uniform in school over the summer holidays.

PUDDLESUITS

If any Reception parents have puddlesuits their child no longer wears and would like to donate to school please bring them to the office. Thank you.

SPARE PUMPS

If you have any spare black pumps, please can you send them into school. Thank you.

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY – TUESDAY 15 JULY

KS1 Person of the Match	-	Imaan Butt (RQ)
KS1 I ate well today	-	Burhan Qasim (RQ)
		Hawwa Idris (1H)
		Faizan Ahmed (1A)
KS2 I ate well today	-	Imaan Afzaal (4K)
		Rumaysah Yusuf (5M)

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 activities next term:

11 September	-	Let us make friends
18 September	-	Let us get creative
25 September	-	Forest School
02 October	-	Messy Play
09 October	-	Role Play

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

Please note all Children's University passports have now been returned, so please do look out for them. No responsibility will be held by the school once they have been returned. No more passports will now be accepted to be stamped.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FAMILY TRIPS

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

SCRUMPTIOUS! FAMILY SHOW

All families who have signed up have been informed and a reminder will be sent by tomorrow morning. If you have signed your family up please remember it is taking place this Saturday. Please check your reminder for all the details. If you have not received a reminder by Friday morning and you have signed up please contact Sara Burton straight away on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

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 by tomorrow, so please look out for this. If your child completes any of the CU Challenges please ensure you send the evidence to Sara Burton via s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965. You must still remember to send your child's CU passport into school after the holidays so it can be updated. If you prefer you can send the evidence of the challenges into school together with your child's CU passport so it can be checked and updated.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE – BLACKBURN LIBRARY

Details have been sent out about the 'Story Garden' Summer Reading Challenge. This is taking place over the summer at Blackburn Library (as well as other libraries in Blackburn with Darwen). 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 runs until 30 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	Digiply
• 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	Digiply
• 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 *

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| • Tues 26 Aug | 2pm- 3pm | Storytime and Craft |
| • Wed 27 Aug | 2pm- 4pm | Digiplay |
| • 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.

MY FAVOURITE SPACE OR PLACE COMPETITION

Over the summer we would like to encourage children to take part in this competition. Children are being asked to ***write about their favourite place or space within the BwD borough***. There will be a prize of a **£200** Waterstones voucher for the Blackburn with Darwen school with the most entries, followed by a **£100** voucher for the **individual winner** and a **£50** voucher for the **runner-up**. Children's University members can collect a **1 hour stamp** in their passport for taking part. The deadline to send any entries to Sara Burton is **Thursday 28 August 2025**. Sara will then send them to the library. Send your child's entry to s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965. If your child is taking part in any of the holiday activities you can bring it along then and hand in directly. **Please remember to include your child's name, age and school.**

Please see the letter for all the details: <https://bit.ly/MyFavouriteSpaceComp25>

THE BUREAU ACTIVITIES

The Bureau Centre for Arts has some weekly Saturday family activities available:

- Imaginarium for ages 0-7years from either 9.30am – 11am or 10.30am – 12noon.
- Family Art Club for ages 7 and above from 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Please see the poster for further information: <https://bit.ly/Bureau25Sat>.

If your child attends any of these activities and is a member of Blackburn Children's University please remember to collect a slip at the session and hand it in together with your child's passport to school after the holidays.

Please contact sorrel@bureaublackburn.co.uk at The Bureau for further information or to enquire about booking.

BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN HEALTH AND WELLBEING ACTIVE PASSPORT

The Health and Wellbeing team have produced an active passport for over the summer holidays. Active Passports are available to give you and the family ideas on how to have fun while staying active, whether that's indoors or outdoors, rain or shine. The aim is for you and family to complete as many of the activities as possible. Some of these activities can be done in your own time, and others will be part of their Active Summer activities.

If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University they can also collect stamps in their CU passports for attending these activities. You will need to hand in your child's CU Passport, together with the completed 'Active Passport' after the holidays. Please note only organised activities through the Active Summer qualify for hours in your child's CU passport.

Further details will be emailed out with how to register for this 'Active Passport'.

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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

- 1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS**
It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.
- 2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS**
When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.
- 3 STOP AND THINK**
Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.
- 4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE**
Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.
- 5 INFLATABLE SAFETY**
Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.
- 6 SUPERVISION IS KEY**
For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.
- 7 DON'T GO TOO FAR**
When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.
- 8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED**
For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.
- 9 FLOAT AND CALL 999**
If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.
- 10 TEACH WATER SAFETY**
Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

Meet Our Expert
The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.

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