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"Make Each Day Count"

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Dear Parent

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a parent governor which has to be filled as soon as possible. Please check your emails, which has gone to both parents, for further details. Thank you.

WEEKLY VALUE

Our school values are Courage, Compassion, Trust, Respect and Aspiration. This week we are focusing on the value 'Trust'.

SCHOOL END OF DAY PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

As the new term starts please could we confirm arrangements for picking children up from school. Decisions are made about what we are able to allow or not allow based on the safeguarding expectations in school.

Another Adult Picking Up:

- If you have arranged for another adult to pick up your child from school please let the class teacher know.
- Please let them know if it is a long term, short term or one-off arrangement
- In most cases the adult is likely to be on the named contacts list if it is a long term arrangement
- We are unable to allow a child to leave with anyone who has not been authorised by the parent.
- If arrangements are last minute due to unforeseen circumstances then please call the school office and they will inform the teacher.
- If you have organised for another parent to pick up your child please note that they are then responsible for your child from when they leave the classroom door.

Older Children Picking Up Siblings:

- We do not allow any older children in school to pick up younger siblings

- Older siblings of secondary school age are allowed to pick up. Please let the class teacher know if this is an arrangement

Older Children Walking Home On Their Own:

- Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are allowed to walk home on their own **IF** we have email permission from the parents
- Please email your permission by Tuesday 30 September.

Thank you for your cooperation with this so that we can ensure we keep all children safe.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please can you book your school lunches if you have not already done so. All new parents have received their ParentPay log in to enable them to book lunches. Please can we remind you that if you don't order they will receive a jacket potato or sandwich. Thank you.

REPORTING ABSENCES

Please can we remind parents that they must ring school every morning their child is absent.

SCHOOL CHICKENS

Please can parents ensure their child does not chase the chickens in the playground during drop-offs and pick-ups as this frightens them. Thank you.

BIKES

Please can we ask that parents stop their child from riding the school bikes after they have been collected.

YEAR 4 SWIMMING

During the Autumn and Spring terms, Year 4 will be taking part in swimming as part of their PE lessons. This will take place on Thursday mornings at Blackburn Leisure Centre. As part of the national curriculum, we aim to ensure that pupils 'lead healthy, active lives and are physically active for sustained periods of time'. With this in mind, children will be walking to swimming during the warmer months and will go by coach in Autumn 2 and Spring 1. Children must bring full swimming kit, no goggles and a swimming hat for all children with long hair. Should they forget their kit, we do have spare in school to ensure no child misses out. Thank you.

YEAR 6 SWIMMING

Year 6 will be swimming in the Summer term as part of their PE lessons.

YEAR 5 SCIENCE LESSON

As part of their investigation into 'how humans grow' Mr Baron's baby nephew will be visiting school next Monday 15 September.

100% ATTENDANCE 2024/25

Congratulations to the following children who did not miss a single day of school last year - Well done!

RL	RQ	1A	1H
Adam Asad	Muhammad Ayaan Ali	Inaaya Mehuddin	Aniya Ahmed
Zaynab Hussain	Hafsa Banglawala		Masuma Chand
Moinuddin Munshi	Maryam Hussain		
Khadijah Patel	Arya Khan		
2C	2W	3B	3S
Adam Chand	Muhammad Musa	Zakariyya Dudhwala	Humairah Ahmed
Haniya Mahmood	Khadija Sadiq	Hamzah Sultan	Shayan Ahmed
Hafsah Mazafar			
Zoya Subhani			
4K	4S	5H	5M
Zahra Chand	Talal Afzal	Safaa Dudhia	Aneeqa Ahmed
Muhammad Ibrahim Mahmood	Aamena Patel	Mehreen Shazad	Janat Qadeer
Musa Meza	Fatima Patel		
Amina Patel	Aqsa Saleh		
Fatima Sadiq			
Adam Safdar			
Abuzahr Younis			

100% ATTENDANCE – SUMMER TERM 2025

Congratulations to the following children who have all achieved 100% attendance in the Summer Term. Well done! There will be a treat (snack and drink) and extra playtime as a reward next week.

RL	RQ	1A	1H
Hadi Afzal	Aliyar Akber	Aizah Noor Ali	Aniya Ahmed
Adam Asad	Muhammad Ayaan Ali	Fatimah-Zahra Ali	Mohammad Hashir Akhtar
Saffa-Noor Basharat	Aisha-Maryam Irfan	Aadam Hussain	Abbas Ashraf
Zaynab Hussain	Hafsa Banglawala	Aleena Khan	Abdullah Bagas
Abdul-Hadi Mehmood	Imaan Butt	Inaaya Mehuddin	Masuma Chand
Moinuddin Munshi	Mustafa Choksi	Zahraa Mirza	Eesa Dudhia
Khadijah Patel	Ayesha Fathima	Israt Patel	Isaac Gaskell
Irtaza Subhani	Maryam Hussain		Noor-Fathima Iltaf
	Aiza Iqbal		Anabia Kashif
	Muhammad Sulaiman Javid		Anaya Khan

	Arya Khan		Momina Mahmood
	Muhammad'Hamza Nawaz		Khadijah Mohammed Asmeen
	Inaaya Patel		Rehan Sabir
	Sana Patel		Khalid Safdar
	Musa Rassid		
	Yunus Raza		
2C	2W	3B	3S
Adam Chand	Armaan-Ali Arshad	Hidayah Ahmed	Humairah Ahmed
Leo George	Mariam Asad	Zunairah Ali	Shayan Ahmed
Aysha Gorji	Arvin Heidaragha	Sakina Batool	Aisha Basharat
Azaan Khan	Iyah-Nur Hussain	Unaisah Bux	Khadija Choksi
Aadam Mahmood	Muhammad-Armaan Iqbal	Zakariyya Dudhwala	Noah Hide
Haniya Mahmood	Umar Hassan Mohammed	Aaryan Hussain	Abudhar Mansoor
Hafsah Mazafar	Muhammad Musa	Hasnain Hussain	Zain-UL-Abideen
Isa Modhi	Sulaiman Qamar	Eesa Ijaz	Muhammad Haider Nawaz
Aleha Patel	Khadija Sadiq	Muhammad Patel	Juwairiyah Nazir
Maaruf Patel	Ayaan Waris	Hamzah Sultan	Eesa Safdar
Muhammad Patel			Ahmed Suleman
Zoya Subhani			Hafsah Sultan
4K	4S	5H	5M
Ayesha Asghar	Talal Afzal	Maryam Adalat	Aneeqa Ahmed
Isabelle Bracewell	Afsha Ahmed	Hashir Adnan	Ameerah Akber
Zahra Chand	Ibrahim Ahmed	Safaa Dudhia	Talha Amin
Madinah Chandia	Fatimah Banglawala	Keyaan Hanif	Eesha-Noor Arshad
Safa Noor Hussain	Hussain Inam	Fazal Hussain Iltaf	Fiza Batool
Adam Khansia	Aliyah Khan	Haniya Inam	Arham Khurshid
Aminah Mahmood	Amaya Miah	Hibba Khaliq	Ibrahim Majid
Muhammad Ibrahim Mahmood	Sakina Mirza	Maaz Modhi	Abdul'Ahad Nawaz
Musa Meza	Saihaan Mohsin	Fayha Nazir	Khadijah Patel
Sumayyah Mulla	Aamena Patel	Mehreen Shazad	Janat Qadeer
Amina Patel	Fatima Patel	Aisha Sultan	Abdurraheem Safdar
Fatima Sadiq	Aqsa Saleh	Jacob West	Abdullah Sharif
Adam Safdar			Ibrahim Ughradar
Abuzahr Younis			
Saaliha Younus			

LABELLING OF CLOTHES

We cannot stress how crucial it is to ensure that **ALL** clothes and belongings are clearly labelled. This is particularly important when it comes to PE kit and detachable hoods. It can be very distressing for children if they mislay items of their school uniform. A lot of belongings including glasses were donated to a local charity shop as they were not labelled or claimed. Overall it will cost you a great deal more in replacing the items, so please, please **LABEL THEM!!** Thank you.

NURSERY – YEAR 6 FLU IMMUNISATION

The vaccination team will be coming into school on Friday 21 November to administer flu vaccinations to all children in Nursery – Year 6.

Please complete the consent form sent home with your child today (even if you do not wish your child to have the immunisation), and return to school by Friday 17 October. Thank you.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

We encourage families to consider our pre-loved uniform program. It is a great way to save money, reduce waste and help other families. We accept donations of clean, good-condition uniform items. If you are interested in purchasing pre-loved uniform, please contact Mrs Khan to arrange a viewing or to inquire specific items.

Your generous donations will make a real difference to our school charities.

Thank you for your support.

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 this half-term:

18 Sept	-	Let us get creative
25 Sept	-	Forest School
02 Oct	-	Messy Play
09 Oct	-	Role Play

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2026

If your child's 5th birthday is between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027 you need to make arrangements **NOW** for admission in September 2026. You must now apply using the online application at www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions. The closing date for the applications is 15 January 2026.

SECONDARY ADMISSIONS 2026

Parent of children in Year 6 must now apply for their child's secondary school for September 2026 using the online application at www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions. The closing date for the applications is **31 October 2025.**

100 BOOKS READING CHALLENGE

If you would like to sign up for the 100 books reading challenge, registration forms are available from Mr Desai in the school library after school. Please note the library is open to specific year groups on certain days from 3.15pm - 3.30pm



Monday	–	Reception classes and/or siblings
Tuesday	–	Year 1 classes and/or siblings
Wednesday	–	Year 2 classes and/or siblings
Thursday	–	Year 3 classes and/or siblings
Friday	–	Years 4,5 & 6 classes and/or siblings

SCHOOL CLUBS

All children who have signed up to any clubs should have received a confirmation letter through their class. Please ensure you do look out for this so you can check what clubs your child has signed up to as well as any additional information there may be. All clubs start next week on Monday 15TH September 2025.

If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (if there is no answer please do leave a message).

SUMMER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES AND ACTIVITIES

If your child has completed any of the CU Challenges or any activities at the library (including the summer reading challenge) over the holidays 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 in to school so it can be updated, please post in the BLUE CU box at the school office. 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

There is still time to complete the summer reading challenge at the library if you have not already done so. The deadline for the challenge is 30th September.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY MEMBERSHIP

If your child is NOT already a member of Blackburn Children's University and you would like to sign them up, you can do so now on ParentPay. Membership is £4 and is open to all children in years 1 – 6. Please see the email sent out with more information on. Please only sign them up if you have not done so previously. The deadline for signing up is Wednesday 24th September. All CU passports will be issued to new members **after this date**.

WEST PENINE NETBALL CLUB

Does your child want to try or develop her netball skills? Why not take them down to this taster day with West Pennine Netball club THIS Saturday 13th September? This is for girls in primary school. Please see the poster for more details: <https://bit.ly/WPNetballTaster25>

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Please see below details for a couple of events that are coming up in October. Please note the locations for these:

Suitcase Stories - The Seven Ravens

A Raven visits a young girl. Why are the birds gathering? And what is the secret that Ada learns about her past? Inspired by the Brothers Grimm fairy tale, this tells the story of Ada who is visited by a Raven and thrust into a dream world of quests, feathers and a Glass Mountain.

Join us on a tiny world adventure over an extraordinary, felted landscape as Ada unlocks the secret the Raven is trying to tell her.

The Seven Ravens is a tiny show for age 6+. The entire story takes place within a suitcase.

- Mill Hill Library, Wednesday 29th October, 10.30 am
- Tickets free, but please book in advance due to limited space. Voluntary donations to the Rekindle project will be welcome at this performance
- Online booking at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/spot-on-rural-touring/t-krvppeg>
- Further details in next month's newsletter

Knotted Hawk presents The Quest for Planet P

Follow Ozmo & Orbi, two brave little aliens, as they set off on an amazing journey to find the perfect planet!

When cracks start appearing and chaos hits their world, the grown-up aliens can't agree on how to fix things. So, it's up to Ozmo & Orbi to lead the way and find a new, perfect planet to live on. Along the way, they discover that the solution might be closer to home than they think.

A heartfelt, dynamic and inspiring story about fighting for the planet we love and showing how even the smallest voices can make a BIG impact.

This is a brand new, interactive dance theatre show by Knotted Hawk for children under 10 & their grownups.

- Roman Road Library, Thursday 30th October, 10 am
- Tickets: £3.00
- Online booking at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/spot-on-rural-touring/t-krvprij>

CHURCH EVENT POSTER

BEACONS NOT BYSTANDERS

**A Free Family-Friendly Day of
Environmental Awareness and
Action for the Local Community**



Saturday 4th October
St Silas Church,
Preston New Road,
BB2 6PS
10.30am - 3.00pm

Planetary
display by
local schools

Eco Stalls
&
Activities

Key
Speaker

Street Food
or BYO

Question
Time Panel

Children's
Multi-Sensory
Undersea
World

For more information,
contact:
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Workshops

newground
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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 CONSPIRACY THEORIES

Conspiracy theories are false or misleading beliefs that explain events as secret plots, often involving powerful groups. While once fringe, they are now more accessible through digital media, online influencers and because of algorithmic recommendations. The DfE guidance document, 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (KCSIE) explicitly recognises conspiracy theories as potential content risks. This guide will help parents and educators understand the risks, spot the signs, and build children's resilience to conspiracy theories.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNDERMINING TRUST

Conspiracy theories can lead children and young people to distrust democratic institutions and British Values, teachers, and even their own families and loved ones. This erosion of trust makes young people more vulnerable to extremist narratives by isolating them from reliable sources of information.

ONLINE ALGORITHM TRAPS

Social media platforms can often recommend sensationalist content. Once a child engages with one conspiracy-themed video or post, algorithms push more of the same, thereby creating an echo chamber that can intensify their beliefs.

MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT

Exposure to frightening conspiracy content, such as global plots, viruses, or government control, can fuel feelings of anxiety, paranoia, or hopelessness. For some young people, it can trigger prolonged distress or obsessive thinking.

GATEWAY TO EXTREMISM

Conspiracy theories can often overlap with extremist ideologies. Narratives that blame specific groups, such as politicians, scientists, or particular ethnic groups, can groom children in ways that foster hate, bigotry, and radicalisation.

CONFLICT WITH PEERS

Belief in conspiracy theories can lead to isolation or conflict at school. Children may struggle with peer relationships if they express these beliefs or become distrustful of others who disagree; sometimes, confrontation can even result in a strengthening of the belief in the conspiracy theory.

ERODED CRITICAL THINKING

Young people influenced by conspiracies may reject evidence-based learning. This risks undermining their academic progress and weakening their ability to think critically, assess risks, or engage in healthy debate.

Advice for Parents & Educators

I WANT TO BELIEVE

CREATE SAFE CONVERSATIONS

Don't mock or dismiss any questions that children and young people ask about conspiracy theories. Instead, create open, judgement-free spaces to talk. This strengthens trust and makes it more likely they will confide in you.

PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING

Teach young people how to assess information critically. Encourage them to ask appropriate questions, such as: Who is telling me this? What evidence is there? What do other trusted sources say? Use real examples from current media to explain your answers and reasoning.

MONITOR DIGITAL BEHAVIOUR

Be aware of the content children are accessing, especially on platforms such as TikTok, YouTube, or Reddit. Use parental controls, but more importantly, maintain ongoing dialogue about online experiences and influencers.

REINFORCE RELIABLE SOURCES

Point children toward trustworthy and reliable sources of news and information in a variety of formats tailored to the young person's age. Build habits of verifying facts using reliable sources, and teach them how to spot misleading content.

Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keefe is a headteacher and digital education consultant with over a decade of experience in education. As Director of Digital Strategy across multiple schools and an advisor to The National College, he specialises in digital safety, PREVENT, and pastoral care.



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