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"Make Each Day Count"

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Dear Parent

WEEKLY VALUE

Our school values are Courage, Compassion, Trust, Respect and Aspiration.
We continue to focus on the value 'Trust'.

MACMILLAN CANCER RESEARCH FUNDRAISING COFFEE MORNING – TOMORROW (FRIDAY) 10.15 – 11.30

As a school community many of our lives have been touched by cancer in some way. We are hosting a coffee morning, along with many other places across the country, to raise money for cancer research.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you in to school to our Macmillan Coffee Morning **tomorrow (Friday), anytime from 10.15am – 11.30am.**

You can come and enjoy a hot or cold drink and a cake or biscuit alone, with family or with a friend!

If you would like your child to join you, we will collect them from the class for you.

Children can also bring a donation in for themselves and enjoy a cake or biscuit at break time.

We are asking for a minimum donation of £1 for a drink and a cake. All proceeds will go to cancer research.

Please consider making a donation of wrapped cakes or biscuits to support this wonderful cause. We would very much appreciate your help in making this morning a success.

All donations can be brought in and handed in at the office, to Mrs Khan, our family support worker or to the class teacher via your child, by next Thursday 25 September.

Thank you once again for your support. We look forward to seeing you in school.

CHILDREN RUNNING UP THE BANKING

Please can you stop your children running up and down the banking outside of the main entrance. This is a health and safety issue. Thank you for your cooperation.

LITTER OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Please can you make sure your child uses the many bins around the main drive and entrance to school to dispose of their litter. There is quite a lot of tissues, crisp & sweet wrappers appearing around the grounds. Thank you.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please can we remind parents to pre-book their child's meals in order for them to receive a meal of their choice, also can parents check the year group for Grab 5s before ordering. Thank you.

ASTHMA INFO

We have asthma colouring sheets and other asthma activities available at the office if you wish to learn more about asthma and discuss asthma with your child. Please see Ms Emam.

APPOINTMENTS IN SCHOOL TIME

A kind reminder to try to book dentist and doctor's appointments in the school holidays or after school where possible. Thank you.

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Class	Sessions attended	Sessions missed
Rec Q	96.9	9
Rec S	99.3	2
IB	99.3	2
1A	98.0	4
2C	97.7	7
2W	99.3	2
3B	98.7	4
3A	98.7	5
4M	98.7	6
4K	98.0	4
5S	98.7	4
5B	97.7	7
6G	99.0	3
6HW	100	0

Well done to Class – 6HW

SCHOOL END OF DAY PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

As mentioned in the newsletter last week, please email your permission into school by next Tuesday 30 September. Thank you.

RECEPTION – FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

Next week in Reception, we are going to be talking about our families. Please could children bring in a photograph of the family that live in their house with them by next Tuesday 30 September. We will be looking at the photographs together in class.

RECEPTION – JAM SANDWICHES

Over the next two weeks, we will also be making jam sandwiches with the children using white bread, margarine and jam. Please let the Reception teachers or the office know if there are any problems with your child joining in with this activity. Thank you.

YEAR 1 LOCAL WALK – WITTON PARK

As part of their Science topic on trees and plants, Year 1B will be visiting Witton Park on Thursday 9 October and Year 1A on Monday 13 October. Please ensure your child has a suitable coat on the day. Forest Schools will continue as normal. Thank you.

YEAR 2 CLITHEROE CASTLE

As part of our history topic on castles we have organised a visit for our Year 2 classes to Clitheroe Castle on Monday 17 November, where the children will learn about events and individuals that have shaped the castle from the Norman Times to the present day. The price of this trip will be £17 to cover the cost of the coach and entrance fee. Children should wear their school uniform. A waterproof coat may be required depending on the weather. A packed lunch will be provided by school, however if you wish to send one from home please indicate this on the consent page. Please log in to ParentPay by Friday 7 November. Thank you.

YEAR 6 – ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE

Year 6 will be visiting to St Wifrid's CE Academy next Thursday 2 October, to watch the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra perform.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOUR

Come along and join us for this workshop on Tuesday 14 October 2025 from 9am to 11am.

This workshop will help and support parents to understand what is driving their child's behaviour.

The workshop is part of the Henry Programme for a healthy start, brighter future topic delivered by the Early Years team from Blackburn with Darwen.

Please contact Ms Emam/Mrs Khan if you would like to attend.

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 and return the consent form to school by Friday 17 October, even if you do not wish your child to have the immunisation. 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 activities this half-term:

02 Oct	-	Messy Play
09 Oct	-	Role Play

OPEN SESSIONS FOR NEW PARENTS – RECEPTION 2026

We will be holding open sessions for prospective new parents to have a look around the school; these will be on Wednesday 1 October at 1.30pm (fully booked), Wednesday 15 October at 9.30am and Thursday 6 November at 1.30pm. Please book in at the school office. Thank you.

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.

SCHOOL CLUBS

If for any reason your child will not be attending their club you **MUST** inform the office before the end of the school day.

RECEPTION FUND

If you haven't already done so, please can parents of children in Reception pay £5 for the Autumn term or £15 for the whole year, at the school office. Thank you.

MILK

Milk money is now due for the Autumn Term for all infant children; however all Reception children will receive free milk up to the term in which they have their 5th birthday. Please can parents online on ParentPay. Thank you.

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	-	Closed
Thursday	–	Year 2 classes and/or siblings
Friday	–	Years 3,4,5 & 6 classes and/or siblings

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

If you have handed in your child's Children's University passport for any summer activities please note these have all now been returned. Please do look out for it as no responsibility will be held by the school now it has been returned.

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. The deadline for all challenges is Tuesday 2nd October.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY MEMBERSHIP

If you have recently signed your child up on ParentPay to join Blackburn Children's University please note all new CU passports will be issued to new members **by Thursday 9th October.**

CHURCH EVENT

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,
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Workshops

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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 YOUTH VIOLENCE

UNDERSTANDING YOUTH VIOLENCE

Youth violence affects one in four children in the UK, but it doesn't have to. When parents, carers, and educators understand the risks, they're better placed to support young people. The right support, mentoring, therapy, and guidance can help young people affected by violence to feel safe, manage conflict, and make positive choices.

WHY DO YOUNG PEOPLE COMMIT SERIOUS VIOLENCE?

A recent study surveyed over 10,000 young people affected by violence, asking why serious violence occurs among their peers, such as an assault involving a weapon or sexual violence. The most common reasons given were due to a personal characteristic of the victim e.g. race, religion, sexuality, gender, a gang or school rivalry, and being provoked. While not all young people face these issues, many lack the emotional regulation skills needed to manage provocation.

WHAT ARE SIGNS A YOUNG PERSON IS AT RISK?

Children and young people often express that something is wrong through behaviour rather than words. Be alert to signs such as sudden mood changes, secrecy around friendships, excessive phone use, unfamiliar alone, unexplained injuries, fear of school, aggression, going missing, or substance use. They may also be associating with older peers. These behaviours can indicate underlying issues that can lead to violence.

ONLINE INFLUENCES

Social media plays a powerful role in normalising and escalating violence. Platforms like TikTok and Snapchat can expose young people to harmful content, often shaped by algorithms. Many see violent material that distorts reality, leading to fear and desensitisation. A recent study found 70% had seen real-world violence online, and 80% felt less safe in their communities. Alarmingly, 39% said it made them more likely to carry a weapon. Online conflict can often spill into real life, with serious and sometimes tragic consequences.

Opportunity
Community
Wellbeing
Respect

UNCERTAINTY
CONFLICT
FEAR

WHEN IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

For children and young people in England and Wales, the hours between 4 pm and 8 pm – just after school – carry a particularly high risk for serious violence. This can stem from conflicts that escalate during the school day, online arguments, or simply moving through unfamiliar areas on the way home. Understanding this risk helps us support safer travel and routines. Our recent report found that over one in three young people don't feel safe in the area they live in, and 36% don't feel safe walking the streets.

WHY MIGHT A YOUNG PERSON CARRY A WEAPON?

Young people may carry weapons due to fear, threats, peer pressure, or a false sense of protection. Many young people tell us they feel unsafe and carry weapons 'just in case', while others may be influenced by social media, peers, or criminal activity. Some don't realise it's illegal or may believe it earns respect.

WHERE IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

Violence often happens in certain places. Busy areas like transport hubs carry risk simply because lots of people gather there. Other hotspots, like places linked to drug activity, attract those more likely to be involved in violence. Some areas become risky due to poor supervision, such as under-resourced public spaces. Understanding where violence tends to occur helps us guide young people safely through their communities and advocate for better support and safer spaces.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT STAYING SAFE

Choose a safe moment for the conversation, emotionally and physically. If a child is upset or angry, help them settle before discussing serious topics. Listen actively without judgement, even if what they share is difficult. Avoid interrupting and offer advice when the time feels right. If you're worried, you're not alone; support is available.

AVOID CONFLICT & MANAGE ESCALATIONS

Encourage young people to consider the 'Safe T's' – Trust instincts, Take a breath, and Talk to a trusted adult. When triggered or provoked, they may react from their 'survival brain', unable to think clearly about the consequences. Taking a breath helps calm, and helps them access their 'thinking brain'. Remind them that moments pass, and seeking support from trusted adults builds resilience and safer decision-making.

HELP CHILDREN UNDERSTAND CONSEQUENCES

Young people can be searched by police or teachers if suspected of carrying a weapon. If found with a knife, they could face arrest and criminal proceedings. A conviction can result in a criminal record. Even being present during a violent assault, encouraging it, filming, or sharing footage can lead to prosecution. Open and honest conversations can help children understand these risks and make safer choices.

REPORT INFORMATION

We all have a role in preventing violence. If a child shares concerns, you can act. For educators, it's important to follow your school's safeguarding procedures. Other adults can report anonymously through Fearless or Crimestoppers, and speak with other parents, the school, or local police through 101. If someone is in immediate danger, always call 999. These steps help protect children and the wider community.

Meet Our Expert

The Ben Kinsella Trust is a UK anti-knife crime charity educating young people through immersive workshops, awareness campaigns, and community resources. Visit: benkinsella.org.uk



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