



# Wensley Fold CE Primary Academy

"Make Each Day Count"

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## WENSLEY WEEKLY

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User Name: parent Password: parent

Dear Parent

### **HALF TERM**

School will close tomorrow (Fri) for the half term break and will re-open on **Monday 3 November**. Clubs will run as normal.

### **WEEKLY VALUE**

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

### **HARVEST 2025 SHARING AND GIVING**

We will be celebrating Harvest tomorrow morning at St Silas Church at 9.15am  
If you can, please can any donations of the following be sent into school:

- **Tinned:** fish, spaghetti hoops, and chunky soup
- Vegetarian/Vegan Food Items
- Instant Coffee
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Shower Gel
- Adult toothpaste
- Female sanitary products
- Deodorant
- Stock Cubes
- Oil
- Tinned Peas
- Packets of Noodles
- Biscuits



Donations are welcomed from today onwards to be handed in to class teachers. Many thanks for your support.

Parents of children in Year 5 and all children who are in the choir are invited to join us as we give thanks in our celebration of Harvest at St Silas Church.

### **DIWALI**

We want to take this opportunity to wish our families Happy Diwali next Monday 20 October. We hope you have a fantastic time celebrating with your families.



### **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](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions) The closing date for the applications is 31 October 2025.

### **READING FOR PLEASURE – THE NEW WENSLEY FOLD BOOK CLUB**

Our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!**

Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/wensley-fold/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online.

If you would rather have a paper copy of leaflet showing the books available to buy then just come into school to collect a free leaflet!

For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. We use these rewards to buy new books for our school libraries.

Please place your order for this half term online by Friday 7 November 2025. The books will be delivered to school and given out to those who have ordered.

If you need any help with orders, don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your support!

### **CHARITY 2025/2026**

Suggestions for this year's charity are:

**Barnardo's** - When life gets tough or it feels like there's nowhere to turn, Barnardo's is here.

We're here to make children and young people:

- **Safer**, so children at risk of harm are better protected. This might be measured by practitioners recording a reduction in family conflict.
- **Happier**, so children struggling with their wellbeing can access support and feel they belong. This might be measured by children telling us they feel more satisfied.
- **Healthier**, so children growing up with disadvantage can experience good physical and mental health. This might be measured by a clinical improvement in anxiety.
- **More hopeful**, so children experiencing challenges can move into adulthood with hope and confidence. This might be measured by children telling us they feel motivated and inspired.

**Lancashire Mind** - Lancashire Mind is an independent mental health charity dedicated to improving the mental health and wellbeing of the people of Lancashire. Lancashire Mind focuses on prevention, education and support, aiming to reduce mental health stigma and promote understanding. We work collaboratively with local communities and other organisations to advocate positive mental health for everyone. Our services are tailored to meet the diverse needs of Lancashire's residents, ensuring that everyone can achieve the best mental health possible.

**The Salvation Army Hostel, Bramwell House** - We offer a safe, supportive environment for individuals, helping them make positive choices about their current circumstances.

Bramwell House is an accommodation unit for 55 single homeless people. The aim of Bramwell House is to enable people to make positive life changes and ultimately empower them to lead more sustainable lifestyles.

**Cancer Bank** - The idea for The Cancer Bank came from our founder Dan, who, whilst sitting in the chemo unit of the Royal Blackburn Hospital in Spring 2022, realised that many people on a similar journey to his own, were choosing between treatment and working.

Our primary purpose is to provide packages of essential items needed by patients undergoing treatment for cancer, donated by the public, in order to reduce the financial burden.

Our values, the foundation on which all work is undertaken, are:

- **Care**
- **Compassion**
- **Community**
- **Connection**

Please collect a slip from the office to select which charity you would like to choose.

Closing date is tomorrow (Friday)

## **LIBRARY**

Please note the library is closed in the morning before school starts. It is open after school every day (please see 100 books Reading Challenge). Thank you.

## **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.

## **UNIFORM – PE TRAINERS**

A number of children are coming into school wearing astro trainers/boots for PE/clubs. Please note only plain black/white trainers must be worn for PE/clubs. Thank you.

### **CAR PARKING**

Please can parents not park on the zig zags or drive dangerously at the corner of Crosshill Road & Manor Road. It is for the safety of your children that we try to enforce this. We had an incident this week received a few complaints from residents on Manor Road regarding dangerous driving/parking. Thank you.

### **CLASS OF THE WEEK**

| Class | Sessions attended | Sessions missed |
|-------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Rec Q | 97.0              | 9               |
| Rec S | 95.3              | 14              |
| IB    | 98.0              | 6               |
| 1A    | 99.3              | 2               |
| 2C    | 98.3              | 5               |
| 2W    | 97.7              | 7               |
| 3B    | 98.7              | 4               |
| 3A    | 98.7              | 4               |
| 4M    | 100               | 0               |
| 4K    | 98.0              | 6               |
| 5S    | 98.3              | 5               |
| 5B    | 98.0              | 6               |
| 6G    | 99.3              | 2               |
| 6HW   | 98.7              | 4               |

**Well done to Class 4M**

### **RECEPTION POPCORN PARTY**

As a reward for settling into school, all children in Reception will be having a popcorn party with cordial tomorrow (Fri). Please notify the school office if you do not wish for your child to take part. Thank you.

### **FIREWORK DISPLAY**

All children will be watching a firework display on the school field, (weather permitting) on Wednesday 5 November at 2.30pm.

### **GOVERNOR MEETINGS**

Meetings of the Governing Body committees will be taking place in school as below:

Quality of Education      Wednesday 5 November at 5.00pm

Finance, Audit and Risk      Thursday 6 November at 5.00pm (Pay & Personnel to follow)

## **POPPY APPEAL**

Over the next few weeks we will have poppies available at school if any parents and children would like to make a donation to the Royal British Legion's Annual Appeal. We are asking for a minimum donation of 50p for this very worthy cause. Other merchandise is also available on sale for a minimum donation of £1.



## **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.

## **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 tomorrow (Friday), even if you do not wish your child to have the immunisation. Thank you.

## **ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY AWARDS – TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER**

|                         |   |                     |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------|
| KS1 Person of the Match | - | Irtaza Subhani (1B) |
| KS2 Person of the Match | - | Sabir Abdul (4M)    |
| KS1 I ate well today    | - | Aniya Ahmed (2W)    |
| KS2 I ate well today    | - | Abu Bakr Iqbal (4M) |
| WF Super Smart Uniform  | - | Ibrahim Khalid (4M) |

## **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 will have the following activities next half-term:

|        |   |                     |
|--------|---|---------------------|
| 13 Nov | – | Firework Art        |
| 20 Nov | - | Physical Play       |
| 27 Nov | - | Playdough play      |
| 04 Dec | - | Woodland Bingo      |
| 11 Dec | - | Let us get creative |

## **ASTHMA INFORMATION**

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. More content has been added this week!

Please see the links below for Asthma friendly information:

<https://www.wensleyfold.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Asthma-Friendly-Schools-Parents-Audio.pdf>

<https://www.wensleyfold.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Asthma-Friendly-Schools-Parents-URDU.pdf>

## **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](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions). The closing date for the applications is 15 January 2026.

## **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 – RETURNED**

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

## **OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

The deadline for signing up to any of the holiday activities (if there are still places) is midnight tonight. If you have signed your child up to any of the holiday activities please do look out for the confirmation email (from [s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk)) which will be sent by lunchtime tomorrow (Friday). This includes a consent form which must be completed by next Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Failure to complete this consent form will mean your child cannot attend. If you do not receive this confirmation email please give Sara Burton a ring on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

## **WOMEN'S ONLY FITNESS CLASS**

Please see the letter emailed for details about a women only fitness class for adults which will start after the half term holidays. You can register your interest via this form: <https://bit.ly/WomensFitnessNovDec25>. Places are limited and are offered on a first come first serve basis. The deadline for signing up is this Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

## **BLACKBURN ROVERS FOOTBALL MATCH**

Please see the letter sent out with details about this football match on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025. This is for children in year 3 – 6. The deadline for signing up (if there are still places) is tomorrow, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October. If you have signed your child up please do look out for the confirmation email (from [s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk)) which will be sent by Wednesday next week. This includes a consent form which must be completed. Failure to complete this consent form will mean your child cannot attend. If you do not receive this confirmation email by next Wednesday please give Sara Burton a ring on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

## **NEW CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY LEARNING DESTINATION - ACTIVE SEASONS**

Active Seasons works with the Re:refresh team in Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council. They offer a number of free activities and events during the holidays. If your child attends any of these activities please note CU members can collect stamps in their passport for attending these. Please remember to pick up a slip at the activity and hand this in with their CU passport to school after the holidays so it can be stamped.

Further details on the activities available over the half term holiday will be emailed out as soon as they have been shared.

## **OCTOBER HALF TERM CHALLENGES**

Please look out for the Children's University half term holiday challenges which will be sent out by tomorrow. Children's University members can collect stamps in their passport for completing these. 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](mailto: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.

### **LIBRARY ACTIVITIES**

Please see below details for some events that are coming up at the local libraries. Entry for all these events is by FREE ticket, available from Blackburn Library up to two weeks before each event. Please remember CU members can collect stamps in their passport for attending these activities. Please remember to pick up a slip at the activity and hand this in with their CU passport to school after the holidays so it can be stamped.

#### **Wordsworth Tea Party, Sat 18th Oct, 2.00pm – 3.00pm.**

**Families** can come and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Blackburn Library building with Wordsworth, refreshments and some party games.

#### **Green Libraries Week / Half-term**

There's lots going on in Blackburn with Darwen Libraries for Green Libraries Week, which falls in half-term:

**Tote bag decorating - Sat 25th Oct, 11am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 3.00pm, Blackburn Library** (this is part of a **family fun day** which also includes a **nature themed craft activity**).

Style your own bag at these family sessions.

#### **Beach Guardian workshops - Mon 27th Oct, 2.00pm - 4.30pm, Blackburn**

**Library**. Age 5 and over. What happens when plastic ends up in the sea? Identify different plastics with a scanner and a microscope, and learn how to keep our oceans clean. **Suitable for age 5 and over.**

#### **Family book folding craft** (various locations)

An opportunity to upcycle old, withdrawn books into works of art for all the family. Entry by FREE ticket available from the relevant library.

- Mon 27th Oct, 10.30am - 11.30am, Roman Road Library
- Tue 28th Oct, 2.30pm - 3.30pm, Mill Hill Library
- Wed 29th Oct, 2.30pm - 3.30pm, Cherry Tree Library
- Fri 31st Oct, 2.00pm - 3.30pm, Blackburn Library

#### **Spooky seasonal ReUse Crafts - at Blackburn Library on Wednesday 29th October at 2.00pm**

Age 5 and over. Come and make a ghost from recycled materials.

## **SUMMER READING CHALLENGE – COMPLETIONS**

Well done to all the following children who have completed the Summer Reading Challenge at Blackburn with Darwen Libraries over the summer holidays!

| Wensley Fold           |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Shayan Waseem          | Liyaanah Zabier          |
| Irtaza Subhani         | Inaayah Zabier           |
| Rehaan Shafi           | Zahra Waseem             |
| Ayaan Shah             | Zoya Subhani             |
| Adam Suleman           | Hafsah Sultan (x2)       |
| Yunus Raza             | Aisha Sultan             |
| Muhammed-Haaris Patel  | Aleha Patel              |
| Mumshad Mansur         | Halimah Patel            |
| Ayman Mojammed         | Israt Patel              |
| Azaan Khan             | Inara Patel              |
| Fazal Hussain Iltaf    | Sakina Mirza             |
| Noor-Fathima Iltaf     | Zahraa Mirza             |
| Husnain Fiaz           | Amnah Khan               |
| Eesa Dudhia            | Suraiya Khan             |
| Hashir Adnan           | Anisah Hanif (x7)        |
| Mustafa Choksi         | Aisha Hasham             |
| Hamzah Sultan          | Aisha Basharat           |
| Mohammad Hashir Akhtar | Haniya Basharat          |
| Imaan Butt             | Safaa Dudhia             |
| Hiba Noor Ahmed        | Khadija Choksi           |
| Aairah Ahmed           | Saffa-Noor Basharat      |
| Aisha-Maryam Arfan     | Daana Bint-Mohammed      |
| Aizah Noor Ali         | Jannat Butt              |
| Humairah Ahmed         | Hanaa Bint-Mohammed      |
| Ayesha Asghar          | Haniya Ashiq             |
|                        | Khadijah Mohammed Asmeen |

## PARENT MEETING – PINS PROJECT

**TUESDAY  
4TH  
NOVEMBER  
8.45am – 9.45am**

# Parent Meeting

Come to our parents' coffee meeting in your school, and find out more about a new project called **Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools**, which is looking at how schools and parents can work together to improve the experience of children and families.



**JOIN US FOR A SHORT  
PRESENTATION, A BREW  
AND SOME CAKE!**

MEET PARENT CARERS WHO ARE  
REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE  
PARTNERSHIPS FOR INCLUSION OF  
NEURODIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS  
PROJECT



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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](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MEMES

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Memes may look like simple jokes, but, for many teenagers, they form a shared cultural language. Quickly created and reworked, they spread across social media platforms as images with text or short videos. Nearly eight in ten teenagers share memes (79%, YPulse), making them part of daily life. While memes encourage creativity and participation, they can also spread misinformation or reinforce harmful stereotypes.

### SPREADING MISINFORMATION

While memes help to communicate complex topics, they can also spread misinformation. Memes may sometimes include content presenting false facts or biased viewpoints, especially around health, politics, or current events and, as they're designed to be shared quickly, young people may not question their accuracy.

### EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Memes are widely circulated, and not always age-appropriate, meaning young people may encounter explicit language, sexual content, or graphic imagery, even without searching for it. As memes spread fast on platforms like Instagram, TikTok, or WhatsApp, it's nearly impossible to filter them completely.

### MASKED MESSAGES

Some memes are designed to be confusing or layered with hidden meanings, making them hard for parents, and, sometimes, other young people to understand. Online groups often create these memes to look like inside jokes, but they can sometimes conceal offensive, harmful, or misleading content.

### HIDDEN HARMS & LOSING SENSITIVITY

When serious topics like violence, racism, or mental health are turned into jokes, children and young people may become less sensitive to these issues over time. While a funny meme may seem light-hearted, it can carry messages that belittle certain groups, encourage risky behaviour, or mock personal struggles. Repeated exposure through memes can make harmful behaviour seem normal or less important. Over time, this can blur their understanding of what is funny versus what is discriminatory, harmful, or damaging to themselves and others.

### PERMANENT DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Unlike spoken jokes, memes leave a trail. Created or shared memes can resurface later and be misunderstood, even if intended as harmless. Once online, memes may be copied, saved, or spread beyond a young person's control - digital actions can follow them into their future, shaping how they are perceived by peers, teachers, or even employers long after the original meme has been shared.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Talk regularly with young people and try to understand their online world - discuss what they find funny about the memes, and why. By listening without judgement, you build trust, making it easier for them to come to you if they see something harmful. Open conversations also help children and teens think critically about the messages behind memes rather than simply accepting them at face value.

### MODEL HEALTHY BOUNDARIES

Show children and teens positive online behaviours, such as taking breaks from screens, avoiding late-night scrolling, and engaging in offline activities. Setting clear routines around screen time at home can help to reinforce healthy boundaries and reduce the risks of overuse. By modelling balanced technology use, adults can help children and young people see that digital entertainment, including memes, should be just one part of life.

### TEACH DIGITAL LITERACY

Help children and young people learn to question where information comes from and whether it's reliable - developing media literacy skills prepares young people to understand and navigate through their future online lives. Show them how memes can sometimes exaggerate or misrepresent facts for laughs, and encourage them to check credible sources when memes claim to present truth.

### FOSTER EMPATHY ONLINE

Remind children and young people that memes should never come at someone else's expense. Encourage them to think about how a meme might make another person feel before sharing or creating it. Highlight examples of positive memes that celebrate creativity without hurting others. Fostering empathy, respect, and kindness in digital spaces will help them become more aware of promoting a safer, more supportive online culture.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Cristina Moreno-Almeida is a Senior Lecturer in Digital Culture at Queen Mary University of London. She specialises in memes, online networks, and youth culture, examining how digital spaces shape identity and everyday life.



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