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"Make Each Day Count"

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WENSLEY WEEKLY
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Dear Parent

WEEKLY VALUE

Our school values are Courage, Compassion, Trust, Respect and Aspiration.

We are focusing on the value 'Aspiration' this half-term – having hope for the future.

PARENTS EVENING

Parents' evening will take place next Thursday 27 November. Parents will need to book appointments on line by clicking on the link or browsing to

<https://wensleyfoldce.schoolcloud.co.uk/> and following the instructions.

Appointment times will be strictly limited to 5mins long and teachers will be using timers to help keep to the schedule. Please note there will be no clubs after school on this day.

Thank you.

NURSERY PARENTS EVENING – PRE SCHOOL ONLY

Please book in your parents meeting with the nursery teacher. Thank you.

REPORTING ABSENCES

When reporting an absence, please can parents leave a clear message stating your child's full name and class. Thank you.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for all the donations. We raised over £310.



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 or 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. The deadline to order has been extended to Sunday 23 November. 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!

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Class	Sessions attended	Sessions missed
Rec Q	91.0	27
Rec S	94.0	18
1B	89.3	32
1A	97.7	7
2C	97.0	9
2W	100	0
3B	94.0	18
3A	97.3	8
4M	92.6	23
4K	97.3	8
5S	98.7	4
5B	97.7	7
6G	97.7	7
6HW	99.7	1

Well done to Class 2W with 100% attendance!

DT WEEK

Next week, we will be holding this term's Design & Technology week when all classes from Years 1 to 6 will be designing, making and evaluating a number of different products. As previously we are requesting a donation of £1 towards the cost of materials to be paid to the class teacher. Thank you.

YEAR 2 DT

As part of DT week children are designing and creating a magnet. Please can children bring in fridge magnets as part of the investigation. Children will get 1 golden ticket for each magnet.

YEAR 5 JORVIK MUSEUM

As part of their history topic on Vikings, Year 5 will be visiting Jorvik Viking Centre in York next Wednesday 26 November, where they will take part in a series of workshops. The price of this trip will be £26.50 to cover the cost of the coach and entrance fee. Please login to ParentPay by Friday by tomorrow (Friday). A packed lunch will be

required (no cans or bottles please). Children should wear their school uniform. Please note the coach leaves at 7.30am prompt and will return approximately 5.00pm.

FORTHCOMING CHRISTMAS EVENTS – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below an itinerary of events taking place in the run up to Christmas.

Tuesday 2 December	Santa Dash
Friday 5 December	Non-uniform day Children come to school dressed in anything <u>Christmassy or red and green clothing/ Christmas jumper</u> in exchange for items for the Christmas Fayre
Friday 5 December	Christmas Coffee Morning
Monday 1 December	School choir performing at the Cathedral
Wednesday 10 December	Christmas Fayre
Thursday 11 December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas jumper
Monday 15 December	Reception Nativity and Year 2 Performance at 2.00pm
Tuesday 16 December	Reception Nativity and Year 2 Performance at 9.15am
Tuesday 16 December	Year 3/4 Performance at 2.00pm
Wednesday 17 December	Year 3/4 Performance at 9.15am
Wednesday 17 December	Pantomime 'Wizard of Oz'
Thursday 18 December	Party Day
Friday 19 December	Carol Service at St Silas Church at 9.15am
Friday 19 December	Break Up 1.30pm

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We are once again holding our very popular Christmas raffle this year to raise funds for school. If any kind parent/business would like to donate raffle prizes it would be much appreciated. We are particularly looking for vouchers for things like car valeting, meal vouchers, beauty treatments, takeaway vouchers etc.

SANTA DASH

On Tuesday 2 December during the afternoon we will be holding a 'Santa Dash' to raise money for our nominated charity Barnado's. Each class has been allocated a time slot and we encourage all children to take part. Please see attached flyer for further details.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

On Friday 5 December from 10.30am to 11.30am we will be holding a Christmas coffee morning to which you are all invited and to raise money for our nominated charity Barnados. Please see attached flyer for further details.

PANTOMIME

Due to King George's Hall being closed for refurbishment there will be no pantomime this year at KGH, however we have booked a pantomime company to come into school with 2 performances of The Wizard of Oz on Wednesday 17 December. This will be very exciting

and fun for the children. The cost of this will be £5 per child which is now available to pay on ParentPay.

BIKE ABILITY

We have the opportunity for Year 5 and Year 6 children to take part in Bike ability Courses over the next few months. These courses prepare the children for riding their bike safely. In order to take part in Bike ability children are required to have a bicycle of a suitable size, presented in a fully maintained and roadworthy condition throughout the course. They must also bring with them an approved cycle helmet. If you would like your child to take part in the Bike ability Course, please register your interest at the office before Wednesday 26 November. We will need a minimum of 12 children to run the sessions.

NURSERY – YEAR 6 FLU IMMUNISATION

The vaccination team will be coming into school tomorrow (Friday) to administer flu vaccinations to all children in Nursery, Years 1 – Year 6. **They will return on Monday 24 November to administer vaccinations to Reception and absentees.**

CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The school choir will be attending a Christmas concert at Blackburn Cathedral on Monday 1 December. They will be singing with other schools and Wensley Fold choir will be performing their own song!

The children will be rehearsing at the cathedral on Monday afternoon but will return to school. They will then need to meet outside BBC Radio Lancashire, Darwen St at 6pm. Tickets are available to buy for the concert, £5 for adults and £1 for under 19s, by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/97568?>

The choir will also be performing at St Silas Church on Monday 8 December and will be visiting Birchfield Care Home on Wednesday 10 December to sing for the residents. Please logon onto Parentpay to give your consent and for further details. 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 will have the following activities this half-term:

27 Nov	-	Playdough play
04 Dec	-	Woodland Bingo
11 Dec	-	Let us get creative

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.

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

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CHALLENGES

If your child has completed any of the CU Challenges 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. Please note the deadline for all challenges is TOMORROW, Friday 21 November.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY WIZARD OF OZ ACTIVITY – SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER

This activity is full. If you have signed your child up please look out for a confirmation email (sent via the school email system) which was sent out last week. This confirmation has a link to the online consent form, which must be completed by TOMORROW, Friday 21 November. If you have not completed this already, please ensure you do this by tomorrow. Failure to complete this consent form will mean your child cannot attend. If you have not received this email please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

STREET DANCE PERFORMANCE

If your child has been attending the Street Dance club after school please note there will be a performance during the last week of clubs on Friday 5 December. The performance will start at 3.45pm. Please come and see what your child has been doing. Please make

sure you arrive for **3.40pm at the office** ready for the performances at **3.45pm** as we will not be able to allow anyone in who is late in.

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 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) SOLUTIONS

AI solutions are trained on a large dataset of text to learn patterns and relationships in the data and generate text, images, sound or even video based on the data they are trained on. As such, users can ask a question, provide a prompt or provide other source material, and the AI solution will then provide a response.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ACCURACY

AI language models such as ChatGPT generate their responses based on the data they have been trained on. This is often drawn from the internet and therefore may include incorrect facts, leading to responses which contain errors and inaccuracies.

BIAS

AI Language models, including ChatGPT, can perpetuate existing biases present in the data they were trained on. This could lead to biased responses and the reinforcement of stereotypes.

SENSE

AI solutions do not have the ability to understand the context or meaning behind a question or prompt. This could result in inaccurate or irrelevant or even non-sensical responses, whether that be in text, image or other responses.

ACCOUNTABILITY

AI solutions do not have the ability to take responsibility for the responses they generate. This could cause confusion or misunderstandings in language models if the AI's responses are taken as fact and the truth. With generative AIs that create images, it can lead to output derived from other people's content but without any attribution of the source artist's work.

LACK OF CREATIVITY

AI solutions are not capable of independent thought and rely on the data they were trained on. This may potentially produce a lack of creative thinking and problem-solving abilities if students come to be heavily reliant on AI solutions.

Advice for Parents & Carers

A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Empower children and young people to use the various AI models in a safe environment and with appropriate content filtering/supervision, and to raise any concerns or questions as they arise.

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Encourage children to use AI solutions as tools to help them research and learn, but remind them to not take the model's responses as the truth. Emphasise that they should question, verify and think critically about the information they receive.

DISCUSS BIAS

Discuss with children the potential biases that may be present in the responses generated by AI language models and encourage them not to simply accept the responses that it gives them at face value.

MONITOR USAGE

It is important for parents to monitor their children's usage of AI solutions (as with technology use in general) to ensure that they are utilising it responsibly and to provide opportunities to discuss its use, if needed.

ENCOURAGE HUMAN INTERACTION

Help children learn how to use AIs in conjunction with other resources, such as books and the internet, but also humans such as teachers, relatives and friends. Emphasise the importance of human interaction as part of life and as part of learning.

SCHOOL GUIDANCE

Be aware of school rules or other guidance in relation to the use of AI solutions in relation to a child's education and discuss appropriate and inappropriate with young people accordingly.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT in a large UK boarding school having previously taught in schools and colleges both in the UK and in the Middle East. He has a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security believing that it is important that we are all more aware of not just the benefits of technology, but also the risks.

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