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

CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PATTERN 2025-26

After careful consideration the governors of the school have decided to make a small change to the holiday pattern for this academic year. This is to bring us in line with most schools in the local authority and to support families who may have children at different schools who want to take a family holiday in the summer term.

The changes will be:

End of Summer Term 2026 will now be Friday 17th July.

There will be NO closure on Friday 19 June for an INSET day. School will be open on this day.

Thank you for your understanding with this.

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 from £1.



CHILDREN IN NEED

The annual Children in Need charity appeal will be held on Friday 17 November and we are holding a **non-uniform day** to help raise money for the charity. To help support the event, we are inviting children and staff to wear non-uniform in exchange for a charitable donation, no more than £1. There is no particular dress



code theme, however, for this charity event, if children wish, they can be 'spotacular' by wearing clothing with spots, dots, bright yellow or Children In Need/Pudsey branding. No football shirts please.

There is no expectation that children must take part, families are free to choose. However, we do ask that there is respect for other's choices to join in or not. We would like to thank everyone in advance for their support.

CHARITY 2025/2026

Our school nominated charity for this year is Barnado's. Thank you to everyone who completed the charity choice slips.

WATCHES

A kind reminder smart watches must not be worn in school. Additionally watches with extra features, making sounds must not be worn in school either. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

HARVEST 2025 SHARING AND GIVING

Thank you to all the families who sent in donations for Harvest. They were forwarded to Blackburn Foodbank.

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 tomorrow (Friday)**. 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!

PARENTS EVENING

Parents' evening will take place on Thursday 27 November. Parents will need to book appointments on line – further information will be sent out in next week

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Class	Sessions attended	Sessions missed
Rec Q	94.7	16
Rec S	98.3	5
1B	98.7	4

1A	99.7	1
2C	96.3	11
2W	97.7	7
3B	97.7	7
3A	98.3	2
4M	99.0	3
4K	95.0	15
5S	96.3	11
5B	98.0	6
6G	94.0	18
6HW	93.0	21

Well done to Class – 1A

YEAR 1 INTERFAITH WEEK

As part of World Interfaith week, Year 1 will be visiting a local mosque next Tuesday 11 November where the children will learn about the Mosque's role in the Islamic faith. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat with them on the day.

YEAR 3 DT

In preparation for DT week in the coming weeks, please can children bring in cereal boxes, tubes and plastic tubs of different sizes. Thank you.

YEAR 3 FOOD AND TASTE TESTING

Over the next few weeks children in Year 3 will be making food and taste testing. Next week is Interfaith Week and children will be making Challah Bread which includes strong white flour (gluten free where appropriate), golden caster sugar, yeast, salt, eggs and vegetable oil. Children will also be testing parts of the Seder Platter which include lettuce, eggs, dates, horseradish sauce, celery, parsley, salted water and crackers.

As part of Science children will be making Leek and Potato Soup over the coming weeks. Ingredients are: butter, chives, potatoes, onion, leeks, vegetable stock, whipping cream and milk.

If your child has any allergens, please let the class teacher know.

YEAR 4 INTERFAITH WEEK - HENNA

As part of World Interfaith week, all children in Year 4 will have the opportunity to have mehndi (henna) applied in class. If we have any parents that can come into school to apply henna next Monday or Thursday afternoon between 1.30pm and 3.00pm, please let the Year 4 teachers know.

If you would not like your child to have henna applied, please inform your child's class teacher.

YEAR 5 INTERFAITH WEEK

As part of World Interfaith week, Year 5 will be visiting local churches.

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 5 JORVIK MUSEUM

As part of their history topic on Vikings, Year 5 will be visiting Jorvik Viking Centre in York on 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 21 November. 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.

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.

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY AWARDS – TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER

KS1 Person of the Match	-	Jumanah Ali (1B)
KS2 Person of the Match	-	Inaaya Asghar (5S)
KS1 I ate well today	-	Sulaiman Awan (2W)
KS2 I ate well today	-	Zahra Chand (5S)
WF Super Smart Uniform	-	Muhammad-Zayd Rafiq (3B)

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:

13 Nov	–	Firework Art
20 Nov	-	Physical Play
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.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY – SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER

A CU activity for children in Years 3 – 6 is taking place on Sunday 30 November. Further details will be sent out early next week, so please keep an eye out.

BLACKBURN ROVERS FOOTBALL MATCH – 150th Anniversary

If you have signed your child up to the Blackburn Rovers V Derby match please note that this is taking place THIS Saturday. Please look out for the final details letter which will be emailed out via the school email system as soon as the information has been received from Blackburn Rovers. This will include the final details on timings as well as which group your child is in. If you have not received this information by 3pm tomorrow (Friday 7 November) and you have signed your child up please contact Sara Burton straight away on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

Alternatively if you did not sign your child up and you would like to attend the game you can do so with your family. You can purchase tickets directly from the club and be a part

of the 150-year celebrations by attending the game, with ticket prices discounted across all age groups. Please see the details below:

Ticket Prices:

Adult - £18.75

Over 65 - £15

U23 - £15

U18 - £7.50

U12 - £1.50

You can buy tickets online (www.eticketing.co.uk/onerovers), by telephone (01254 372000), or in person at the Rovers Store (open 10am – 4pm).

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS to limit age-inappropriate CONTENT Android Phone

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The settings on an Android device allow you to prescribe certain rules for when your child is using it. For example, you can block specific types of content to reduce the risk of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate material (music with explicit lyrics, for instance, and games, TV shows or movies that are unsuitable for young people). There are two ways to access parental controls on an Android phone: through Google Play or via the Google Family Link app. You can also lock your changes behind a PIN, so your child (or anyone else) can't change them back.

Set up parental controls with Google Family Link

- 1 On your phone, install Google Family Link for Parents
- 2 Tap Open and review the information
- 3 Tap Get Started
- 4 Tap Next to set up your child's device
- 5 On your child's phone, download Google Family Link for Children & Teens and enter the Family Link setup code provided
- 6 On your phone, open the Family Link app
- 7 Tap your child's name
- 8 Tap Manage Settings
- 9 Tap Controls on Google Play
- 10 Tap the content you would like to restrict
- 11 Choose how to filter or restrict access

Set up parental controls with Google Play

- 1 Open the Play Store app
- 2 Tap Menu (represented by three horizontal lines)
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Tap Parental Controls
- 4 Enable Parental Controls
- 4 Create Pin
- 4 Tap the content you would like to restrict
- 4 Choose how to filter or restrict access

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