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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.

SCHOOL TIMINGS

Please note that children should be in the line at 8.45am. They should not be walking/running down the drive at this time. This is to ensure that children are in the classroom on time.

We have a small number of children who are still on the drive or at the green gate at 8.45am meaning they are late into the classroom. Thank you for your understanding.

CLASS OF THE WEEK – Well done Class 5S

Class	Sessions attended	Sessions missed
Rec Q	81.0	57
Rec S	91.0	27
1B	89.7	31
1A	94.0	18
2C	87.3	38
2W	92.7	22
3B	92.3	23
3A	91.7	25
4M	95.5	14
4K	93.7	19
5S	100	0
5B	92.0	24
6G	97.0	9
6HW	97.3	8

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We are still asking for any donations from businesses to support our raffle. Meal vouchers, takeaway vouchers, beauty treatments, literally anything if you can help out. Thank you in advance. **Raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday at £2 each or 3 for £5.** The raffle will be drawn at the end of the junior performance on Wednesday 17 December. Good luck!

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY DONATIONS

Children can come to school dressed in a **Christmas/red/green top or** Christmas jumper tomorrow (Friday) in exchange for items for the Christmas Fayre (please see below). They must wear their school trousers/skirts and school shoes. If your child has enrichment/PE, they must wear their jogging bottoms and trainers. Thank you.

Nursery & Reception – Selection Boxes, Boxes/Tubs of Chocolates, 2 x Large Chocolate Bars

Year 1 – Food items x 3 - Tins, Packets, T Bags, Biscuits, Pasta, Soup, Crisps, Crackers

Year 2 – Candles, Diffusers, Toiletries, Small gift items.

Year 3 – Food items x 3 - Tins, Packets, T Bags, Biscuits, Pasta, Soup, Crisps, Crackers

Year 4 - Selection Boxes, Boxes/Tubs of Chocolates, 2 x Large Chocolate Bars

Year 5 - Candles, Gift Sets, Toiletries, Small gift items

Year 6 – A Bottle of Something! Juice, Cordial, Shampoo, Bubble Bath, Shower Gel, Fizzy Pop.

As always we cannot run this event without your kind donations and thank you in advance for your help to make this popular event a success once again.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

All parents and carers are invited to enjoy a cosy morning filled with hot drinks, delicious cakes and festive treats tomorrow morning (Friday), 10.15am-11.30am. Children can be collected from class to join the fun.

Drinks - £1 and cakes -£1. All proceeds to our chosen charity, Barnado's.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Our annual Christmas Fayre will now be held in the Space building from 3.15pm – 4.15pm on Wednesday 10 December. Everyone is welcome, come along and join in. All proceeds will go towards raising funds for school resources, including Christmas presents for the children. There will be lots of stall, games, a raffle, tombola and food & drink.

SANTA VISIT

Due to popular demand, we have added another Santa Visit next Wednesday 10 December, 3.20pm-4.15pm. Limited tickets are available to buy for £5 from the school office until tomorrow (Friday).

SOFT TOY & BOOK DONATIONS

We are also looking for donations of good quality, clean used soft toys for our Teddy Tombola and also used, good quality books, toys or games for our Toy & Book stall. A great chance to clear out things no longer needed or played with. Thank you!

YEAR 1 SCIENCE

As part of our learning in Science, the children in Year 1 will be going on a walk to Witton Park. Year 1A will go on Monday 8 December and Year 1B will go on Thursday 11 December.

If you child is on Forest School on those days, this will continue as normal. This is for the children on the Science rotation only.

Please ensure you child has a waterproof coat with them on this day.

YEAR 2W PE DAY

Year 2W will have their PE lesson next Thursday 11 December instead of next Monday. Please can children wear their PE on the correct day.

CHRISTMAS PLAYS & CONCERTS

We look forward to welcoming family and friends to the children's Christmas productions which will be taking place week commencing 15 December. The days and times can be found below.

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

Please can we stress that for Health & Safety reasons admission will be by **ticket only which are available from the main office at a cost of £1.50 – on sale from next Monday 1 December.** Can we also remind everyone to be prompt and in their seats **10 minutes** before the start of the performance - latecomers **WILL NOT** be admitted. Parents with younger children are encouraged to attend the morning performances and all prams must be left in the front entrance of the space building. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS/BAUBLES

At this time of year, many of our children very kindly send staff Christmas cards to wish us a Merry Christmas. As in previous years, we are proposing that rather than send cards the children can write their name or a message on a bauble which can be purchased for £1 from Year 6 helpers at breaktimes. They can be decorated at playtime or at home, and will then be hung on the special tree in the main entrance. This will not only help with our charity but also the environment!

All proceeds will go to our nominated charity, Barnado's. Thank you.



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.

There are two performances on the day –

Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3	1.00pm-2.30pm
Years 4, 5 and 6	2.45pm-4.20pm

STROKE ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT– CHOIR, YEARS 5 & 6

Our school choir will be performing at St Silas Church for the Stroke Association Christmas concert next Monday 8 December at 1pm. Years 5 and 6 will join them to watch the concert.

CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Well done to all the children who took part in the Cathedral concert on Monday. Just to let parents know that the same children will be performing for the residents of Birchfield Nursing Home next Wednesday afternoon.

THE JOLLY CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE IS OPEN!! 📮

This December, our school library has been transformed into **The Jolly Christmas Post Office**, inspired by the classic book *The Jolly Christmas Postman* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg!

We are inviting all children (Reception to Year 6) to take part in a festive competition. The challenge is simple: **Create a Christmas postcard for a favourite book character.**



Whether you want to wish Harry Potter a magical Christmas, ask the Gruffalo a question, or tell Matilda why they admire her bravery, we want to read it!

- **How to enter:** Pick up a blank postcard from the Library.
- **What to do:** Draw and name the character on the front and write your message on the back.
- **Where to post:** Drop it in the red "Festive Post Boxes" located in the library.
- **The Prize:** One winner will be chosen in the New Year to receive a **free book of their choice!**

Happy Reading

Mr Desai - Librarian

END OF TERM LIBRARY AUDITING PROCESS

It's time to get our school ready for the new term! Please note that the School Library will close temporarily from next Thursday, 11th December whilst we complete our End of Term

auditing process. To help us prepare our collections, please return ALL school library books, including the TOP 100 Challenge books, by the end of Wednesday, 17th December.

The exciting TOP 100 Challenge doesn't have to stop during the holidays! Your child can continue to complete the challenge by borrowing titles from the Blackburn Central Library. Please pick up a helpful leaflet from our school reception desk for more information on how to access their resources and keep the reading fun going!

YEAR 5/6 NETBALL COMPETITION

There will be a netball competition next Thursday 11 December at St Michael with St John Primary School, BB1 6LE after school. Children selected for the team will receive further details.

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:

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.

SCHOOL CLUBS AND CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

Please note all school clubs finish THIS week (week ending Friday 5th December). If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University please make sure their passport is handed in by next Wednesday 10th December. Please post the passport in the blue CU box at the school office. Please note all passports will be returned before the end of term, so please do look out for them.

STREET DANCE PERFORMANCE

If your child has been attending the Street Dance club after school please note there will be a performance THIS Friday 5th 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 performance at **3.45pm** as we will not be able to allow anyone in who is late in.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT PACKS

A letter has been sent out about a Christmas Craft pack you can order for your child to do over the holidays. This is for all children in Reception – Year 6. The deadline for ordering a pack is THIS Sunday 7th December. Packs will be sent out to all those who have ordered them during the last week of term, but no later than Wednesday 17th December.

WOMEN'S ONLY FITNESS CLASSES

There will be a new block of women's only fitness classes starting after the holidays. Please see the letter for details (<https://bit.ly/LetterJanFitness26>). To sign up please register via this link: <https://bit.ly/WomensFitnessJanFeb26>. Places are limited and offered on a first come first serve basis.

BLACKBURN UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB – NEW CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY LEARNING DESTINATION!

Blackburn United are now registered as a learning destination for Blackburn Children's University. This means if your child is a member of Blackburn CU and they attend any of their football sessions they can collect stamps in their CU passport. Please speak to the club about having their passport stamped.

If you would like your child to join, Blackburn United have football sessions for children aged 5 and above, including a girls only session. These all take place on a Saturday morning. For further details please contact Iqbal Bhai on 07970216334 or email on Iqbal.bhai@blackburnunitedfc.co.uk.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Blackburn with Darwen Libraries are running a free family star themed craft activity over the holidays at a number of their libraries. Remember if your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and they attend one of these sessions to pick up a slip at the activity. Please then send that in with your child's CU passport after the holidays. You must contact the relevant library for FREE tickets up to 2 weeks before the event. The dates are:

- Monday 22nd December, 2.30pm – Cherry Tree Library
- Tuesday 23rd December, 2pm – Blackburn Central Library
- Friday 2nd January, 10.30am – Roman Road Library
- Friday 2nd January, 1pm – Darwen Library

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

Please see attached email