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"Make Each Day Count"

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Dear Parent

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

School will close next Friday 19 December at 1.30pm for the Christmas holidays and reopen on Monday 5 January 2026 at 8.45am.

Nursery will close next Friday 19 December at 11.30am and will reopen on Monday 5 January at 8.30am.



CAROL SERVICE AT ST SILAS CHURCH

All Year 3 parents are invited to join us at St Silas Church for our Carol Service, next Friday 19 December at 9.15am.

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.

WENSLEY FOLD SCHOOL DINNERS

We are delighted to share that we have had a visit from the Environmental Health Inspector this week and have retained a rating of 5.

We are also delighted that our new Head Cook is Mrs Bux who has worked in the kitchen now for many years and is looking forward to her new role in school.

Mrs Bux knows the children really well and what they do and don't like to eat. Her specialities are home -made curries and biryani!

We are finalising the brand new menus for the Spring term so look out for all the tasty new dishes on offer.



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 YEAR 5S

Class	Sessions attended	Sessions missed
Rec Q	92.6	22
Rec S	98.0	6
1B	90.3	29
1A	95.3	14
2C	93.7	19
2W	95.3	14
3B	96.7	10
3A	97.7	7
4M	92.6	23
4K	96.7	10
5S	99.0	3
5B	94.0	18
6G	88.0	36
6HW	96.3	11

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are still on sale at £2 each or 3 for £5. Prizes include a 43” Smart TV, Ninja Air Fryer ring doorbell, cash prizes, cake, perfumes, beauty/meal vouchers, jewellery and hampers. There are over 30 prizes to be won! The raffle will be drawn at the end of the junior performance on Wednesday. Good luck!

CHRISTMAS PARTY – NON UNIFORM

Next Thursday will be our Christmas party day and **non-uniform day** where children will have the opportunity to dress up in their favourite party/Eid clothes, no football shirts please). They will also have a visit from Santa!

NURSERY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AND CRAFT SESSION

We will be hosting a ‘Christmas Celebration’ in our nursery which we would like to invite parents to – Monday 15 December at 10.00am or Wednesday 17 December at 2.00pm Children will be singing some Christmas songs and will then be able to complete some festive activities with their grown up. This is a lovely opportunity to be able to spend some time with your child in nursery and for them to show you what they do whilst they

are here. To be able to manage the sessions safely we are asking for 1 grown up only per child please. Thank you.

RECEPTION PARTY DAY AND POPCORN PARTY

Next Thursday during party day the children will be offered crisps and cordial and also to celebrate the children's efforts in the Reception Nativity the children will be having a popcorn party on Friday. If you don't want your child to participate please contact the office. Thank you.

YEAR 2 PARTY DAY

Year 2 will be having crisps and biscuits as part of their party games next Thursday.

CHARITY EVENTS

Thank you for the amazing support we have had for all the charity events held in school this month. You have helped to raise the following:

Santa Dash	-	£667
Coffee Morning	-	£397.50
Santa Visit	-	£108

This would not have been possible without everyone's generosity. We look forward to working with you with more events in the new year.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thank you to everyone for all the donations and for the fantastic turnout, helping to raise over £1200 at the school fayre yesterday.

CHRISTMAS PLAYS & CONCERTS

We look forward to welcoming family and friends to the children's Christmas productions which will be taking place next week. 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 next 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

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!**

Closing date: Friday 19 December.

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 next 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!

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY AWARDS – TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER

KS1 Person of the Match	-	Ismail Aadil (1B)
KS2 Person of the Match	-	Mustafa Zaman (5B)
KS1 I ate well today	-	Zaynah Khonat (RQ)
KS2 I ate well today	-	Muhammad-Ibraheem Umerji (6HW)
WF Super Smart Uniform	-	Yusuf Lincoln (4K)
Speaker of the Week	-	Aydin Ali (5B)
	-	Alisha Waris (5S)
	-	Hidayah Ahmed (4M)
	-	Muhammad Musa (3B)
	-	Aydin Ali (5B)
Sport Star	-	Jasmine Ali (1A)
	-	Noor Helal (5B)

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:

15 Jan	-	Let us make friends
22 Jan	-	Small World
29 Jan	-	Posting
05 Feb	-	Valentine - Red

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.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

Please note if you have handed in your child's CU passport to be stamped for the clubs this term please note they will all be returned before the end of term, but no later than next Wednesday 17th December. Please do look out for them as no responsibility will be held by the school once they are returned.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT PACKS

If you have ordered a Christmas craft pack for your child please note these will be sent out THIS Monday 15th December. Please do look out for it. If you do not receive the pack and you have ordered one, please contact Sara Burton straight away on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY WINTER CHALLENGES

Details will be sent out next week for the Children's University winter holiday challenges. 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 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.

WOMEN'S ONLY FITNESS CLASSES – LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP

There will be a new block of women's only fitness classes starting after the holidays at Wensley Fold. 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. The deadline for signing up (if there are still places) is this Sunday.

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

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.

ONLINE FAIR PLAY The Dos and Don'ts of Online Conduct

Alongside individual skill, impressive teamwork and some truly epic matches, one of the most enjoyable things about this summer's European football championships has been the sense of sportsmanship and fair play. Players have competed fiercely, but they've (mostly) remembered that they're representing their country – and that bad behaviour, dangerous play or outright cheating tends to last in people's memories for a long time after tournaments are over. The same is true of how we act online – one error of judgement or loss of control might only take a second, but can have results that are difficult to forget. Instead, just like the heroes of the Euros, we should aim for people to see us and feel proud and inspired. So, in a five-a-side line-up (with five "dos" and five "don'ts"), here are our top tips for playing fair online.

FAIR PLAY

- 1

ORGANISE YOUR DEFENCE

Use strong passwords to protect your personal information, accounts and data. A trusted adult, like a teacher or a relative, can help you choose one that's easy for you to remember but hard for anyone else to guess.
- 2

KEEP POSSESSION

Only share personal information online with people you know well, like friends and family. A trusted adult will be able to help you change your online privacy settings so strangers can't find things out about you.
- 3

USE TEAMWORK

Before you use a device for the first time or download a new app, always check with a trusted adult. They'll be able to check if it's safe for you to use and make sure the privacy settings are right for you.
- 4

BE RESPECTFUL

Treat people online like you would treat them in real life. Remember your manners and be polite and kind in your posts, comments and messages.
- 5

CATCH ATTACKERS OFFSIDE

If someone is trying to bully you online, a trusted adult can help you to gather evidence and report that person to the authorities. You should also tell a trusted adult if you see anything online that makes you feel worried, upset, frightened or sad.

FOUL PLAY

- 1

DON'T IGNORE POSSIBLE DANGER

Never accept a friend request from a stranger. If somebody you don't know tries to contact you online, tell a trusted adult straight away.
- 2

DON'T LOSE CONTROL & RETALIATE

Although it can be tempting, it's best not to respond if someone attempts to bully you online or sends you hurtful messages. Tell a trusted adult what happened, and then block the person from contacting you again in future.
- 3

DON'T HURT PEOPLE DELIBERATELY

It's important to behave online just like you would in real life. Don't post anything that can make you look like a bad person, because the things we put online can stay there for a long time.
- 4

DON'T CHEAT YOUR WAY TO VICTORY

Don't copy another person's work that you found online or pretend that it's yours. This is called plagiarism and can get you into a lot of trouble.
- 5

DON'T PLAY FOR EXTRA TIME

It can be easy to spend too much time online. Instead, take a break to go outside for some fresh air and exercise. Not using your device just before bed will also help you get a good night's sleep so you can be fresh and focused the next day.

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