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"Make Each Day Count"

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Merry
Christmas

Dear Parent

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

On behalf of everyone at Wensley Fold we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe, peaceful New Year.

School closes tomorrow (Friday) at **1.30pm** for the Christmas holidays and will reopen on Monday 5 January 2026 at 8.45am.

Nursery will close tomorrow (Friday) 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, tomorrow at 9.15am.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thanks to everyone who has supported our mega raffle and helped raise much needed funds for school. Prizes were drawn today by the children and winners have been notified. Wasay Shah in 3A won the 1st prize of a smart TV! Well done. The full list of winners is available to view in the office.

Thanks in particular go to Crystal AV, Maxi Fire, SJK Electrics, Ewood Florists, Mrs Khansia for her gorgeous cake and all of our other small businesses & parents for their fantastic support.

LOST PROPERTY

Please can all lost property from the Autumn term be collected from the office by the first week of January. Any unclaimed property will be donated to charity. Thank you.

FOREST SCHOOL

Next term, all children in Years 2 and 5 will be taking part in Forest Schools with Miss Dornan. As this is outdoor teaching, children will need an old jumper, old jogging bottoms, warm socks to change into (these will be sent home at the end of the day), wellingtons (which will stay in school) & a waterproof coat with hood and gloves. Please see the timetable below.

Day	Class
Monday	5B
Tuesday	5S
Wednesday	2C
Thursday	2W

15 children from each class will take part in the first half of the term. The remainder of the class will take part in the second half of Spring term.

In Year 2, Squirrels and Hedgehogs will be taking part in the first half of the term.

Year 5 teachers will let the children know.

PE DAY CHANGES

Due to the Forest Schools timetable, PE day will change (for the Spring Term only) for the following classes:

3A – Tuesday, not Monday

5S – Monday, not Tuesday

CLASS OF THE WEEK – WELL DONE CLASS 6HW

Class	Sessions attended	Sessions missed
Rec Q	93.3	20
Rec S	97.3	8
1B	92.0	24
1A	92.0	24
2C	95.7	13
2W	97.3	8
3B	93.3	20
3A	94.3	17
4M	96.8	10
4K	95.3	14
5S	96.7	10
5B	96.0	12

6G	98.0	6
6HW	99.0	3

PARENTS COFFEE MORNING – PINS PROJECT

Please come along to our coffee morning on Tuesday 6 January, 8.45am-9.45am (see poster at the end of the newsletter).

MISSING COAT

Yahya Ahmed in Y6HW is missing a coat, an image of the coat is at the end of this newsletter. Please can you check that your child has not taken home the wrong coat home. It has his name in. 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 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

If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University please note ALL passports have now been returned, so please do look out for them. No responsibility will be held by the school now they have been returned. Please ensure your child does not leave it in their tray and that you check their bag.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT PACKS

If you have ordered a craft pack for your child please note these were handed out earlier this week. If they are a member of Children's University do not forget to send evidence if your child completed any crafts so they can collect some hours in their passport. Send your evidence to Sara burton on 07805929965 or s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY WINTER CHALLENGES

Details have been sent out 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.

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 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 of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for... MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

BUY
MILK

GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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**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
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