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Dear Parent

HOT WEATHER ARRANGEMENTS

We have followed all guidance from the DFE and put all recommended measures in place in school during the hot weather. Here is what we are doing:



The DFE recommend: During hot weather, we don't normally advise schools to close.

At Wensley Fold: We remain open and ensure we have all measures in place.

The DFE recommend: In most cases, schools are the safest place for children during hot weather, as staff can actively monitor pupils, ensure regular hydration, and make adjustments to keep them cool. Children may also not be any cooler at home than in school.

At Wensley Fold: We are actively monitoring the measures in place and ensuring children are safe and comfortable in the heat. We let parents know if we have concerns and are listening to parent's views.

The DFE recommend: Schools could consider relaxing uniform rules during hot weather to make sure pupils are comfortable.

At Wensley Fold: We recommend PE kit with a light, white t-shirt and light fabric shorts as everyday uniform. No vests under the t-shirt to ensure maximum comfort

The DFE recommend: Children should wear loose, light-coloured clothing to help keep cool and sunhats with wide brims.

At Wensley Fold: We recommend children bring a sun hat to wear outside at all times.

The DFE recommend: When outdoors, encourage children to stay in the shade as much as possible.

At Wensley Fold: We are offering the choice of staying in the hall which is one of our coolest rooms in school or going outside where we are lucky to have lots of shaded areas like the woodland walk or under the trees around the field. All staff are being vigilant at asking children to move into the shade if they are not there already.

The DFE recommend: Teachers should also encourage children to take off their jumpers.

At Wensley Fold: We are vigilant at ensuring no child has their jumper on. We encourage parents not to send children in with a jumper, gilet or coat in this weather.

The DFE recommend: Sunscreen with high sun protection factors should be used to protect skin.

At Wensley Fold: We ask parents to apply this before school each day.

The DFE recommend: Schools are encouraged to adapt lessons for hot weather when sedentary activities are more appropriate.

At Wensley Fold: We are constantly evaluating and adapting what we teach to match the weather and how the children are feeling.

The DFE recommend: If possible, open classroom doors as well as windows to encourage cross ventilation in the single sided classrooms.

At Wensley Fold: We ensure all windows and doors are open from when school opens at 7am until 6pm to keep as cool as possible.

The DFE recommend: Electric lighting should be kept to a minimum and as this generates heat. Mechanical fans can be used to increase air movement if temperatures are below 35°C.

At Wensley Fold: We have lights off where possible and fans in the hottest places to ease temperatures.

The DFE recommend: Provide and encourage children to drink more water than usual in hot weather.

At Wensley Fold: We encourage children to bring and use water bottles throughout the day. We have water dispensers around the school which dispense chilled water

The DFE recommend: When in school, teachers, assistants, school nurses and all child carers can look out for signs of heat stress, heat exhaustion and heatstroke

At Wensley Fold: We are vigilant about watching carefully and ensuring no child is showing signs of distress. If we have any concerns we will call parents immediately.

NEW SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS

Please note our school email address has now changed to office@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk

Please use this email address going forward for any correspondence to school.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY

Free School Meals (FSM) is changing from September 2026.

Under the updated criteria, only families in receipt of **Universal Credit** will be eligible. For further information and how to apply, please see email sent to parents last week.

Please note that pupils who are currently eligible for FSM, or who have been eligible previously, will **no longer be protected** under transitional arrangements. All families will be required to submit a **new application**, as transitional protections will cease at the end of the **2025/26 academic year**.

Universal Free School meals will continue for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

SUMMER ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

For every full week your child attends school every week, they will earn an attendance ticket – The ticket will be placed into a prize draw to win an Amazon Fire Tablet. The draw will take place in the last week of term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Monday 29 June	KS2 Sports Day
Tuesday 30 June	'Raise the Roof' singing event
Tuesday 30 June	Y6G Houses of Parliament
Tuesday 30 June	Nursery Sports Day – AM and PM
Wednesday 1 July	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day
Wednesday 1 July	Y3 Lake District
W/C 6 July	Themed week – World Cup
Monday 6 July	New Reception parents meeting at 5.00pm
Wednesday 8 July	Y6HW Houses of Parliament
Thursday 9 July	Y6 Gulliver's World
Thursday 9 July	Y1 Blackpool Zoo
Thursday 9 July	World Cup Themed lunch
Friday 10 July	End of themed week celebration – Parents invited 11.30 – more details to follow
Tuesday 14 July	Achievement assembly (End of year awards) at 9.00am - parents of winners will be notified
Wednesday 15 July	The Big Picnic – more details to follow

Thursday 16 July	Year 6 leavers assembly at 9.15am – Y6 Parents invited (2 tickets only)
Thursday 16 July	Year 6 leavers prom 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Friday 17 July	Break Up 1.30pm

WENSLEY FOLD BIG PICNIC

As a celebration of another successful year in school we have decided to end the school year with a huge picnic on the school field on Wednesday 15 July (weather permitting!). More details to follow – watch out for information in the newsletter.

KS2 SPORTS DAY

Please note our annual sports day for all the children in KS2 (Years 3-6) will take place next Monday 29 June at 1.15pm (weather permitting).

SUMMER SINGING EVENT AT BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL

Our school choir is thrilled to be attending the 'Raise the Roof' event, proudly hosted by the Bolton and Blackburn with Darwen Music Service!

Join us for a spectacular evening of music as we perform alongside other local school choirs next Tuesday 30th June at Blackburn Cathedral.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting boltonmusicservice.com/events

If your child is in the school choir, please complete the consent form on ParentPay by tomorrow (Friday). Thank you.

NURSERY SPORTS DAY

Please note our annual sports day for all the children in Nursery will take place next Tuesday 30 June (weather permitting):

10.30am - AM children
2.00pm - PM and ALL day children

EYFS & KS1 SPORTS DAY

Our annual sports day for all the children in EYFS (Reception) and Key Stage 1 (Years 1-2) will take place on Wednesday 1 July at 1.15pm (weather permitting).

Parents are invited to come along and sit on the banking on the field to watch their child/ren (chairs and blankets are welcome) but please do not bring any drinks/snacks for the children.

Please also refrain from taking videos/photos during the afternoon as the class teachers will take lots of photos and share on Facebook. Thank you.

YEAR 6 HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Year **6G** will be visiting **next Tuesday 30 June** – Parents must drop their child off at Preston Railway station for 6.30am and pick up at 6.45pm.

Year **6HW** will be visiting on **Wednesday 8 July** - Parents must drop their child off at Preston Railway station for 6.30am and pick up at 6.45pm.

Two packed lunches will required one of which they will eat on the train home, ideally these should be in a SMALL rucksack, as they will be carrying it around all day. Children should wear their full school uniform. Thank you.

RECEPTION WITTON PARK

Reception will be visiting Witton Park next Tuesday 30 June for the day to continue their topic work learning about our town and local area. The children will explore the park, have a picnic lunch and then return to school before the end of the day. Children should come to school in PE Kits (we will use forest school kit if the weather is bad). Thank you.

YEAR 3 LAKES

As part of their English and Geography topics, Year 3 will be visiting the Lake District next Wednesday 1 July. The trip consists of a steam train ride throughout the Lake District, a visit to the Lakeside Aquarium and a boat trip across Lake Windermere so it is a fun filled, busy, educational experience.

Please note the children must be in school for 8.30am and will return at approximately 4.00pm. Thank you.

YEAR 1 BLACKPOOL ZOO

As part of their Science topic on animals, Year 1 will be visiting Blackpool Zoo on Thursday 9 July. The cost of this visit is £19, which includes coach travel and the entrance fee. Children should wear their school uniform. Please log on to ParentPay for further details and complete the consent and payment by Friday 3 July. Thank you.

YEAR 4 MANCHESTER SCIENCE & INDUSTRY MUSEUM

As part of their Science and ICT topics on STEM and coding, Year 4 will be visiting Manchester Science and Industry museum on Tuesday 7 July. The children will be taking part in a variety of workshops – designing, writing and debugging programs. The cost of the visit is £10.50 which includes coach travel. Children should wear their school uniform. Please pay on ParentPay on Friday 3 July. Thank you.

YEAR 5 BLACKBURN MUSEUM

As part of their history topic on industrial revolution, Year 5 will be visiting Blackburn museum next Thursday 2 July. They will be looking at the development of Blackburn in the 1800's.

YEAR 6 GULLIVER'S WORLD – NEW DATE

Due to the high weather temperature today, we had to postpone the Gulliver's World trip for the children in Year 6.

The trip will now take place on Thursday 9 July.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS PROM

To celebrate the end of their time at Wensley Fold, Year 6 will be having a Leavers Prom on Thursday 16 July, from 4.30pm-6.30pm. This will take place in the space hall in school and food (pizza, chips and drinks) will be provided. Children will leave school and return for 4.30pm in their party clothes for a dance, food and making memories. Thank you

SCHOOL PHOTOS – RECEPTION AND YEAR 6 GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS

The deadline to place orders online has been extended to Thursday 2 July. Thank you.

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY – TUESDAY 23 JUNE

KS1 Person of the Match	-	Zaynab Hussain (1B)
KS2 Person of the Match	-	Talal Afzal (5B)
KS1 I ate well today	-	Saffa- Noor Basharat (1B)
KS2 I ate well today	-	Zahra Waseem (4M)
WF Super Smart Slip	-	Fayha Nazir (6HW)

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 have the remaining activity this term:

02 July - Messy Play

RECEPTION & NURSERY FUND

Reception and Nursery fund is now due for the Spring Term. If you have not already paid for the year, please pay £5 at the school office. Thank you.

MILK

Milk money is now overdue 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 of children in Years 1 and 2 pay £12 online for this academic year. Parents of children in both Reception classes – please check with Ms Emam. Thank you.

SCHOOL CLUBS AND CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

Please note all school clubs finish next week (week ending Friday 3 July). If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University please make sure their passport is handed in by Tuesday 7 July. Please note all passports will be returned before the end of term, so please do look out for them. No responsibility will be held by the school once they have been returned.

SCHOOL CLUB PERFORMANCES

Please note the Dance Fusion Club will be performing for parents / carers during the last week of clubs - **next WEDNESDAY 1st July**. Please ensure you arrive at the office for 3.40pm, ready for the performance at **3.45pm**. **We cannot let anyone in once the performance has started.**

BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION

If your child has been invited to the annual graduation for Blackburn Children's University please ensure you complete the online form to confirm their attendance. If you would like to order a photo on the day please make the payment on ParentPay. The deadline for both of these is THIS **Sunday 28 June**. If you do have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with Sara Burton on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer) or s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Please see the letter (<https://tinyurl.com/SummerActivities26WFSS>) about the Summer holiday activities available with Blackburn Children's University. We have a variety of different activities from a visit to a rock-climbing centre, cooking, martial arts, first aid, visits to Canalside Activity Centre, plus lots more. Please see the letter for all the details. Activities are for children in Reception – Year 6. They do not have to be a member of Children's University to attend, however if they are a member they can collect stamps in their passport for attending!

Sign up for the activities must be done on ParentPay and is available now. Places are offered on a first come first serve basis and will be available until Thursday 2 July if there are still places.

SUMMER HOLIDAY TRIPS

Please see the letter for further details (<https://tinyurl.com/FamilyTripsSummer26>). If you would like to register your family for any of these trips you can do so via the links below now. Please note the family trips to Bradford and Todmorden are already full. To sign up for the two other family trips you must do so via these links:

- Train Visit to Bradford – Thursday 30 July 2026 – FULL
- Eureka, Halifax, on the train – Tuesday 4 August 2026 - <https://tinyurl.com/FormEureka26>
- Train Visit to Todmorden – Thursday 6 August 2026 - FULL
- Drayton Manor – Tuesday 18 August 2026 - <https://tinyurl.com/FormDraytonManor26>

Places are limited and will be offered on a first come first serve basis. Once you have registered, please look out for a message about the payment. Your places are not

confirmed until you have made the payment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

TESCO STRONGER STARTS – BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY VOTE

Please remember to pick up a token and vote if you visit a Tesco store! Blackburn Children's University have been successful for the Tesco Stronger Starts Scheme and have been put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores (Blackburn Superstore, Bank Top, Roe Lee, Livesey and Darwen Express). The voting is to help fund Blackburn CU holiday activities including cooking as well as a variety of sport and wellbeing activities so children can have fun and learn new skills.

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

This week's issue has been emailed to parents.