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Dear Parent

THEMED WEEK

Next week we are holding our annual themed week. This year the theme is the World Cup. During the week, the children will be learning about their two world cup teams. They will learn about the geography of the country, the language and songs from their country. They will design and make a T shirt to represent their country, which will be worn on our themed week celebration day on Friday 10 July. They will also be able to taste foods from the countries they have chosen. During the week, football skills lessons have been planned for all of the children to take part in.

To cover the cost of all of the included activities we are asking for a small contribution of £2.50, which includes the children designing and taking their t shirt home, food tasting from the country, a flag and garland for the celebration event. They will also have football skills lessons and an ice-cream at the celebration day.

Please see Parent pay for making the payment towards our themed week. Your support in this ensures that we can continue to provide exciting learning for the children above the usual curriculum offer.

Parents are invited to join us for the end of the themed week celebration on Friday 10 July at 11:30am -12:30pm. This will take place on the school field, weather permitting.

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, 11.45am-1.30pm (weather permitting!).

Please see end of the newsletter for further information.

Tickets will be available to buy from next Monday 13 July.

ENGLAND WORLD CUP MATCH – DELAYED START

We have had requests from a number of parents about the possibility of a later opening on Monday so that their children could stay up a little later to watch England in the Last 16 world Cup Match. We will keep the registers open on Monday until 10.15am. Any child arriving after this will receive an unauthorised absence mark for the morning session. Children can of course come to school at the usual time as school will be open from 8.45am as usual. Thank you

SCHOOL DINNERS FEEDBACK

As we start to plan new school lunch menus for the new school year in September we would like some feedback on what your child likes on the current menus, what they do not like and what they would like to see on future menus.

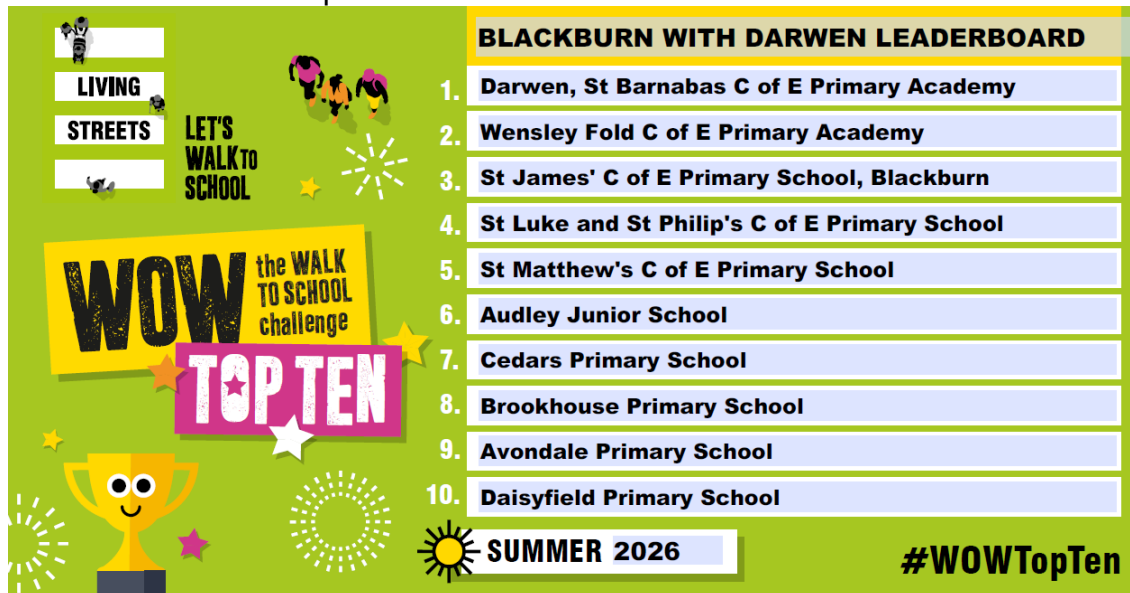
We follow the School Food Agency guidelines on the content of school meals to ensure they are healthy and must plan these very carefully.

If you would like to share your views, please collect a feedback form from the school office and return to the labelled box in the office by next Friday 10 July.

One feedback form will be randomly selected from the labelled box to win a prize. Thank you for your help with this

WOW - WALK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE

This term's #WOW TopTen schools in Blackburn with Darwen are:

A graphic for the WOW the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge. It features a green background with a yellow banner at the top that reads "BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN LEADERBOARD". Below this is a list of ten schools. To the left of the list are various icons including a person walking, a trophy, and a sun. At the bottom right is the hashtag #WOWTopTen.

BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN LEADERBOARD	
1.	Darwen, St Barnabas C of E Primary Academy
2.	Wensley Fold C of E Primary Academy
3.	St James' C of E Primary School, Blackburn
4.	St Luke and St Philip's C of E Primary School
5.	St Matthew's C of E Primary School
6.	Audley Junior School
7.	Cedars Primary School
8.	Brookhouse Primary School
9.	Avondale Primary School
10.	Daisyfield Primary School

SUMMER 2026

#WOWTopTen



Well done to every school for taking part, and congratulations to those schools that made the TOP TEN!

RECEPTION CLIMBING FRAME AND PLAY EQUIPMENT AFTER SCHOOL

Following our most recent Health and Safety audit we have been asked that we ensure no children play on the large play equipment outside Reception – specifically the play house and climbing frame – outside of school hours when staff are not present.

When collecting children from school, please ensure that children are not on the equipment. Thank you for your understanding with this.

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.

MEETING FOR NEW RECEPTION PARENTS

There is a meeting for all parents of new Reception children starting in September next Monday 6 July at 5.00pm. Lots of information will be shared at this meeting including which class your child will be in.

YEAR 2 THEMED WEEK

All children Year 2 will be trying different foods from Portugal. Please see the class teacher if you would like further information. Thank you.

YEAR 6HW HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

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 be 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.

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 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 6 GULLIVER'S WORLD

Year 6 will be going to Gulliver's World trip on Thursday 9 July. Children can wear their own clothing. Thank you.

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

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY – TUESDAY 30 JUNE

KS1 Person of the Match	-	Aiza Iqbal (1A)
	-	AqsaDar (1A)
KS2 Person of the Match	-	Moeen Sajjad (5B)
KS1 I ate well today	-	Zaynab Hussain (1B)
	-	Mohammed Saif (RQ)
KS2 I ate well today	-	Mustafa Zaman (5B)
WF Super Smart Slip	-	Yusuf Sultan (1B)
Class of the week	-	RQ

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 THIS week (week ending Friday 3rd July). If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University please make sure their passport posted in the blue CU box by next Tuesday 7th 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.

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 **TONIGHT**, Thursday 2nd July if there are still places.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION

If you have confirmed your child's attendance for this please look out for a reminder letter next week, which will be sent to children via class. If you do have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton on either s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer). Children who cannot attend graduation or have received a bronze or silver award will receive their certificate(s) in an assembly before the end of term.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE – BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN LIBRARIES

Details will be sent out about the Summer Reading Challenge taking place over the summer at Blackburn with Darwen libraries. If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and completes this challenge please remember to bring their certificate and their passport to school in September so it can be stamped with 6 hours for completing. The challenge started this week. Pop down to your nearest library to sign up.

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. Voting ends at the end of July.

FESTIVAL OF MAKING

This weekend is the festival of making in Blackburn Town Centre. This is a fantastic event and there will be something for all the family. Please see the website for all the details: <https://festivalofmaking.co.uk/festival/>. If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and they take part in some activities at the festival they can collect up to 5 CU hours for this. Please ask them to write about what they did and send to Sara Burton (s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or WhatsApp on 07805929965).

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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators MANAGING DIGITAL BOUNDARIES FOR CHILDREN UNDER FIVE

Screens are part of everyday life, but they should not take over early childhood routines. For under-fives, healthy digital habits are built through simple, steady boundaries that protect sleep, play, connection, and development. Current UK guidance advises avoiding screen time for children under two – except for shared activities such as video calls – while children aged two to five should ideally have no more than one hour a day.

1 ASK A GROWN-UP FIRST

For under-fives, autonomy is important, but not when it comes to choosing digital content. Establish an 'ask a grown-up first' rule early, whether at home or in an early years setting. Adults should choose the video, app, or game, therefore helping children avoid unsuitable content and understand that devices are tools to be guided, not toys to control.

2 PROTECT SLEEP BUFFERS

Screens can make it harder for young children to wind down, especially when content is bright, noisy, or fast paced. Aim for a screen-free hour before sleep or start with 30 minutes if that feels more realistic. Use this time for calming routines such as stories, bath time, quiet play, or cuddles, helping children recognise that bedtime is approaching.

3 CO-VIEW AND CHAT

Screen time is safer and more meaningful when adults are involved. Sit with children, even briefly, and talk about what they're watching. Ask simple questions like, "What can you see?" or "How does that character feel?" This turns passive viewing into shared interaction, supports language development, and helps adults spot adverts, unsuitable content, or confusing messages.

4 KEEP DEVICES HIDDEN

Young children are more likely to ask for screens when they can see or reach them. Keep devices out of sight when they're not being used, and consider casting content to a shared screen instead of handing over a phone or tablet to a child. This reduces private scrolling, supports shared viewing, and helps adults stay in control of what appears next.

5 PLAN THE TRANSITION

The hardest part of screen time is often stopping. Before the screen goes off, tell the child what's coming next and offer two acceptable choices, such as blocks or drawing. This gives them a sense of agency without removing the boundary. A planned next activity prevents a sudden gap, which can quickly become frustration or distress.

6 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Children notice adult habits long before they understand adult explanations. If they're expected to put their screens away, they need to see adults doing the same thing during meals, play, and conversations. Create a shared 'phone home', such as a basket or shelf, to show that technology has a place in daily life but does not need constant attention.

7 MAKE SCREENS PREDICTABLE

Young children do not always understand minutes, but they quickly learn patterns. When screen time happens at a regular point in the day, it becomes a routine rather than a negotiation. Use the same start and finish signals each time, such as a timer, goodbye wave, or tidy-away moment, so children know what to expect next.

8 CREATE SCREEN ZONES

Physical boundaries help children understand digital boundaries. Keep screens out of bedrooms to protect their sleep and away from tables to preserve mealtime connections. Choose one agreed 'yes space', such as a shared living room area or supervised classroom corner. This makes limits feel less personal and more like a clear family or setting routine.

9 USE SIMPLE SCRIPTS

Transitions are easier when children hear the same calm language each time. Use short, repeatable phrases such as, "First tidy, then tablet," or "When the timer beeps, we stop." Avoid long explanations during emotional moments. Simple scripts reduce negotiation, help adults stay consistent, and give children clear expectations they can gradually understand and follow.

10 PRIORITISE SLOW CONTENT

Not all screen time feels the same to a young child's brain. Fast-paced clips, loud sounds, and rapid scene changes can make it harder for some children to settle down afterwards. Choose slower content with simple stories, gentle voices, and natural pauses. Think of digital content like food: with more calm, nourishing choices than fast-paced, digital 'sugar rushes'.

Meet Our Expert

Neha Agarwal is the founder of Cyber VED Kids, an innovative educational initiative that transforms complex cybersecurity concepts into engaging, age-appropriate adventures for children aged 3-10. With her unique background leading cybersecurity services for corporates and serving as an expert panel advisor on Internet Matters, Neha brings corporate-grade cybersecurity expertise to the early years world.



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The Big Picnic

Wednesday 15th July 2026

11:45 - 1:30

On our school field- weather permitting

Please purchase one ticket per person:

Adults £2

Children under 11 £1

Bring your picnic and enjoy lunch with
your child- all are welcome!

Tickets are available in advance from the office
All proceeds will go to the school's improving the outdoor
environment project.





The Big Picnic

- Please bring a lovely picnic to share with your child on the day.
- All children at Wensley Fold will have the option to order a school picnic on Parentpay.
- Children in Rec/Y1 and Y2 who have an infant free school meal will be given a picnic lunch from school but you can give them a home picnic if you wish.
- On the day you will be able to come to the classroom to collect your child to take them for the picnic. You can exchange your ticket for your child when you collect them from the classroom.
- When you have collected your child from the classroom, the supervision of your child is your responsibility until the end of the picnic where you will need to return them back to class.
- If you are not attending the picnic, the children will have a class picnic outside with their teacher and friends.
- Ice creams and other treats will be available for sale during the picnic.

