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Dear Parent

END OF TERM

May we take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support in what has been another challenging year.

Nursery will finish tomorrow at 11.30am and school will finish tomorrow at **1.30pm**.

We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Wednesday 2 September at 8.45am and nursery from 8.30am.

We would like to wish our Year 6 children the best of luck in their new schools and a huge welcome to our new reception starters.

STAFF NEWS/CHANGES

As the end of the school year comes to a close we are saying a fond farewell and a huge thank you to five members of Wensley Fold staff who are off to pastures new. We would like to thank each and every one of them for all that they have done for the whole school community. They will all be missed very much.

Mrs Hussain has been at the school for an incredible 26 years and through that time has worked in every class in school and the impact on the lives of the children she has worked with immeasurable.

Mrs Hussain is off for a new life in Qatar with her family, joining her son who is a pilot there and her daughter who is starting medical school there.

We wish you all the very best Mrs Hussain.

Miss Dornan is another longstanding member of staff who has had a huge impact on the lives of many children in the 12 years she has been at the school, working across Key Stage 2 and leading on Forest Schools.

Miss Dornan is off on new adventures and we wish her all the very best.

Mrs Blezard and **Mrs Morrisey** have been with us for a year covering Year 1 and Year 4. They have become valued members of the staff team and we would like to wish them all the best as they move on to teaching roles in other schools.

Adam Desai has been our school IT technician for over 3 years. He works in the background as part of Crystal computing support to keep our school computer systems running! Thank you and good luck in your new schools Adam.

Mr Karolia – We are delighted to share with you that Mr Karolia is getting married in the summer holidays. We would like to wish him and his fiancé all the very best for their wedding day and their wonderful future life together.

BREAKFAST CLUB CHANGES

As you know, we have been trialling an earlier start for breakfast club. Unfortunately the 7.30am start has not proven popular and we will be unable to offer this from September. We are also looking at subsidising the cost of running breakfast club to ensure it is accessible to as many families as possible who would like to use it.

From September we will be trialling the new arrangements and prices for breakfast club.

7.45am – 8.45am – £3.00 per session

8.00am – 8.45am - £2.50 per session (previously £3.00)

Please book in August using Parent pay for the first week back. Thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS

PE Kit:

Please see letter below regarding rules for PE Kit from September 2026.

School Uniform:

When preparing for the new school year, please may we remind you about school uniform:

Grey trousers (not wide leg/jersey/yoga style) or Skirt/Pinafore Dress
Royal Blue Sweatshirt with school logo – must be correct size (not oversized)
Pale Blue Polo shirt with school logo
Grey tights - winter, White leggings - summer
Black/grey/white socks
Black shoes (not trainers)

MEDICATION

Please can parents arrange to collect all medication from the office by 1.30pm tomorrow. Any medication not collected will be disposed of by school.

During the holidays, if your child has asthma, you will need to make an appointment with the surgery to renew the asthma care plan. If your child has allergies, you will need to provide evidence of these allergies. If medication is required, or if your child has a care plan of any type, you will need to ensure the paperwork is checked and updated before returning it to school in September. Medication and up to date paperwork are required in order to comply with safe administration procedures and if we do not receive these we will assume they are no longer relevant. Thank you for your support in ensuring all medication is administered at home wherever possible.

LOST PROPERTY/BELONGINGS

Please can all lost property be claimed and any belongings taken home by 1.30pm tomorrow. Thank you.

NEW YEAR 3 DINNER ARRANGEMENTS SEPTEMBER

Please can parents be aware that if their child was on school dinners in Year 2 these now become chargeable from September, the cost is £13.25 per week. There is no need to let the office know as you can now book lunches on a day-by-day basis on ParentPay. However you must remember to book a meal as your child won't receive their first choice if you forget to book. Thank you.

PARENTPAY

Please can all dinner money debt be cleared before the end of next week, in particular Y6 children and can we remind parents to book their lunches for the beginning of the new term.

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.

WELLINGTONS, KITS & WATER BOTTLES

Please can parents ensure their child takes home their wellingtons/kits/water bottles tomorrow - we do not keep any uniform in school over the summer holidays.

PUDDLESUITS

If any Reception parents have puddlesuits their child no longer wears and would like to donate to school please bring them to the office. Thank you.

SPARE PUMPS

If you have any spare black pumps, please can you send them into school. Thank you.

YEAR 2 SEPTEMBER 2026

All new Year 2 children will be going out of school in September, to take photographs of buildings, as part of their art lessons when they come back to school in September.

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 following activities next term:

10 September	-	Let us make friends
17 September	-	Outdoor Play
24 September	-	Role Play
01 October	-	Posting
08 October	-	Playdough

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

Please note if you have handed your child's passport in to be updated this term all passports **have now been returned**. Please do look out for them as no responsibility will be held by the school once they have been returned.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND TRIPS

If you have signed your child or family up to any of the summer holiday activities or trips please make sure you know when and where they are taking place as additional reminders are not always sent. Please see your confirmation email for all the details. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE – BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN LIBRARIES

Details have been 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.

BLACKBURN CU GRADUATION PHOTOS

There has been a delay in delivery of these photos from the graduation on Saturday. They will be delivered to all children tomorrow (Friday), before the end of term.

TESCO STRONGER STARTS – BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY – LAST CHANCE TO 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.

BLACKBURN CU SUMMER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES

These will be shared before the end of term. If your child completes any of them over the holidays 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 in to school 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.

BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY – NEW MEMBERS

If your child is going into year 1 in September and they would like to join Blackburn CU, there will be a sign up when we return in September. If they do complete the summer reading challenge or attend any activities please keep a note and we will add hours on when they join. Children from other year groups who are not currently members can also join then too!

ACTIVE PASSPORT

The Health and Wellbeing team have produced an active passport for over the summer holidays. Active Passports are FREE and are available to give you and the family ideas on how to have fun while staying active, whether that's indoors or outdoors, rain or shine. The aim is for you and family to complete as many of the activities as possible. Some of these activities can be done in your own time, and others will be part of their Active Summer activities.

If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University they can also collect stamps in their CU passports for attending these activities. You will need to hand in your child's CU Passport, together with the completed 'Active Passport' after the holidays. Please note only organised activities through the Active Summer qualify for hours in your child's CU passport.

To request a FREE active passport to be delivered to your address, please contact the Wellbeing Service on:

- 01254 682037
- Wellbeing@Blackburn.gov.uk
- <https://refreshbwd.com/events/active-seasons/>

BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Please see the link (<https://tinyurl.com/BwDLibrariesSummer26>) for the booklet detailing all the summer holiday activities at Blackburn with Darwen Libraries. If your child attends any of these activities and they are a member of Blackburn Children's University please remember to pick up a slip to show you have attended. Remember to send this to school with your child's CU passport after the holidays.

PE Kit

Dear Parents,

At Wensley Fold, we take immense pride in our work and in our appearance, which is why wearing a smart school uniform every day is vital.

In September, all children must wear black shorts and a white t-shirt for PE lessons to ensure they stay cool, safe, and comfortable while being active.

Children are welcome to wear school jumpers/hoodies and black joggers to school over their kit, but they will be asked to remove these outer layers before their PE lessons begin.

Think of it like a footballer who takes their tracksuit off before playing the match!

On their school PE day children must wear:

- Plain black PE shorts (no logos, cycling shorts, jogger material or cargo style)
- Plain white t-shirt (no logos)
- Plain black jogging bottoms (no logos, wide legged yoga style joggers or leggings)
- Normal school jumper for KS1
- School jumper or school PE hoodie with the school badge for KS2 (school hoodies must be an appropriate size for the children and no larger 'fashion' large fits)
- Black, white or black and white sports trainers (no fashion trainers with sparkle or Astroturf trainers)

