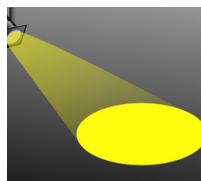




BALSHAW LANE NEWSLETTER



Spotlight this week on PE

Reception: We have been focusing on balancing, climbing and under arm throwing.

Year 1: In dance, we have developed actions to match an animal poem.

Year 2: We have been completing our dance unit looking at different modes of transport and moving our bodies to match. In athletics we have been developing our fundamental skills such as throwing.

Year 3: We have been completing our athletic and handball units, working on throwing, interception and sportsmanship.

Year 4: We have been learning the skills needed for invasion games through netball.

Year 5: We have been working through our units on athletics and creative games.

Year 6: We have been focusing on gymnastics and have created routines showing a number of features.

Assembly this week...

Focused School Character Value: **RESPECT**

In assembly this week we read a picture book called *The Two Monsters* by David McKee and discussed how important it is to show respect to others even when their point of view is different to ours. Across school, all the adults are really focusing the children's minds onto respect at all times - remembering to listen straight away, get ready for learning when the whistle has blown to stop playtime, showing lovely manners around school and being respectful to all grownups and other children.

Character Value	Aspire Skills
Respect	Independence
Honesty	Self-belief
Gratitude	Self-motivation
Kindness	Resilience and determination
Inclusivity	Communication and <u>team work</u>
Humility	Curiosity

In Mrs Ashworth's KS1 and Mr Woodrow's KS2 Picture News assembly the children explored the question:



Let's look at this week's story



This year marks the 80th anniversary of the United Nations (UN), an international organisation founded after the Second World War in 1945, to help countries work together and prevent future conflicts. Today, 193 nations are members, and the UN works on issues like peacekeeping, human rights, health, and climate change. Leaders and communities around the world are reflecting on how important working together is in solving global problems.



Messages

Boom Reader Reminder: We still have children showing on our Boom Reader log that they haven't read at home all half term. This is so important that all children read and we have a log so we can monitor their progress. Please contact your child's teacher if you are having technical difficulties.

Reading is a super power that we want all our children to have. Practise at home is vital. Thank you.

Uniform Reminders

Please check that your child isn't wearing jewellery to school apart from a watch (not smart watches) or stud earrings. But please remember that earrings shouldn't be worn on PE days. We also have some children forgetting to have their long hair tied back and wearing distracting items in their hair. Please help us ensure all the children look smart and are proud of their uniform.

We do have lots of pre-loved uniform, please do ask if you would like any items.



Team Points

This week our team points winners were:
Phoenix.



Well-being Week

This week we have focused on:

Wellbeing Wednesday

Take Notice: gratitude quotes.

Gratitude means being thankful or appreciative for what we have.
What are you grateful for?



Music appreciation in assembly

Our musical artist for October is Jimi Hendrix. This week we have enjoyed listening to "Purple Haze."



Gold stars!

We love rewarding our super behaved children who have followed our 3 golden rules of ready, respectful and safe. I am looking forward to coming round on Monday to celebrate their excellent behaviour.

Congratulations to all the children who receive a golden star!

Please ask your child about their Golden Star!



Today the children who have received ALL their gold stars so far this term received a special reward.

Next week we will be rewarding those who just needed one more.

Well done everyone.

All children will get their reward at some point - nobody is being left out.

Details for viewing children's books and Parents' Afternoon/Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming our parents and carers into school on either Monday or Tuesday morning from 8:40-9:00am. Mr Woodrow, Mrs Ashworth and I will be outside in our usual spots. We ask if parents are coming in to view their child's work that they come on the relevant playground and enter their child's classroom, with your child, through their external class door. The books will be ready for you to share together. If you wish to visit another class, please can you exit back onto the playground and go into the other classroom via the same method. We are not allowing parents to come down the corridors - this is to keep the children safe. All parents will be asked to leave by 9am so the children can be registered. If you are unable to view books, please follow the usual morning routine. Many thanks.

Parents' Afternoon /Evening will be in the hall and parents will enter and exit via the doors onto the front path.

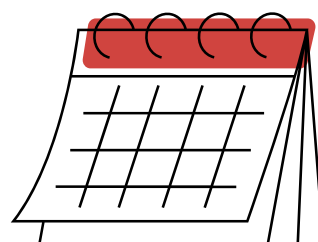
Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance for this academic year is: 97%. The figures below are for this week. Congratulations to 3B for all being punctual. Well done!

	R A	R H	1T	1A	2 H P	2 M	3 B	3J	4 G	4 W	5 B	5 H	6 C	6 S
Attendance for last week	98 %	99 %	95 %	98 %	100 %	97 %	98 %	99 %	98 %	98 %	99 %	97 %	91 %	99 %
Punctuality - how many lates?	3	2	1	1	2	2	0	5	1	1	5	2	2	4

Dates for your diary

Monday 20th October	Parents invited in to school with their children to view books 8:40am-9:00am
Tuesday 21st October	Parents invited in to school with their children to view books 8:40am-9:00am
Tuesday 21 st October	Harvest Assembly - donations gratefully received.
Wednesday 22nd October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 23rd October	Flu Vaccinations
	PTFA Halloween Disco
Friday 24th October	Year 6 Assembly for Parents and Carers at 9:05am
	Children break up for half term holiday
Monday 10 th November	Children return to school
	Start of Anti-Bullying Week
	Children encouraged to wear Odd Socks for the launch.
Tuesday 11 th November	Year 2 talk from Chorley Fire and Rescue Services
Wednesday 12 th Nov	Year 6 talk from Chorley Fire and Rescue Services
Thursday 20 th Nov	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics Competition
Wednesday 26 th Nov	Y3/4 Christmas Theatre Trip
Thursday 27 th Nov	PTFA Movie Night
Friday 28 th Nov	Y5/6 Christmas Theatre Trip
Dates for the year are on our school website calendar page.	



PTFA News

📅 CALENDAR OF EVENTS TILL CHRISTMAS 📅

🎃 Halloween Disco - Thursday 23rd October

Infants: 5:45pm-6:45pm

Juniors: 7:00pm-8:15pm

Entry £3.50 or £5.50 with a Hot Dog 🌭

<https://balshawlaneptfa.sumupstore.com/page/halloween>

Ticket sales close Monday 20th October

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🎬 Film Night - Thursday 27th November

Infants: 3:20pm-4:45pm

Juniors: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Entry including Popcorn and Drink £3.50 or £5.50 to include a Hot Dog as well 🍿🍷🌭

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🎄 Christmas Mini Market - Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th December

★ BRAND NEW EVENT FOR 2025 ★

After feedback from previous years we have decided not to hold a Christmas fair this year, and try something new. We have also took the decision to retire the Christmas biscuits and bring in something new:

👤 More details and sales will be released soon. The new Christmas mini market will run during school hours and there will be a number of activities for the children to be involved in, including;

🦌 Making Reindeer food

❄️ Make your own Snow Globe

🎄 Decorate your own Christmas Bauble

🍀 Christmas Lucky Dip

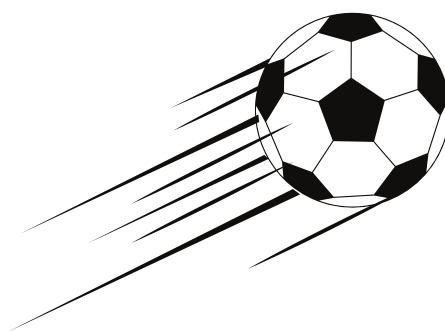
🛒 Elfidges - brand new to Balshaw Lane PTFA. The children will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for a loved one and then wrap it at the mini market to gift to their loved one

**Please can you ensure that
all Christmas card order
forms are sent back to school
by Thursday 23rd October -
thanks 🙏**

Sports News

The mixed football team came second in their group and advanced to the finals. We played some extremely tough opposition but we showed team spirit and courage to finish 10th overall in the district.

Well done!



The girls' football team made it through to the finals on Wednesday night. They lost the first two games to the eventual winner and 2nd place team but then won their third match. The girls showed excellent team spirit and resilience and they all seemed to enjoy the evening after finishing with a win.

Well done team!



Selection of photos from this week

Follow us on Facebook.



Please follow the school page as well as the PTFA page.



What a fabulous day year 6 had visiting The Houses of Parliament this week. After an early train ride to London and negotiating the tubes we had a thrilling time. We explored numerous impressive rooms, had a Q and A with Sir Lindsay Hoyle and listened in at a session in the House of Commons.



Year 5 had an amazing time with our Anglo-Saxon visitor last Thursday! We had the opportunity to dress up in Anglo-Saxon style clothing and handle a HUGE range of artefacts. We learnt so much about life throughout this period.



Reception had a wonderful time at our stay and play this morning. Thank you to all the adults who attended. We hope you had as much fun as the children and enjoyed seeing what they love learning in the classroom.



Our art gallery to celebrate the work produced for Black History Awareness Day.



INFORMATION

**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
PRIMARY**



APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

School transport 

If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.



CLOSING DATE
15 January 2026

lancashire.gov.uk >>>>

Lancashire
County Council 

**Balshaw Lane Primary School**

OPEN DAYS

Come and see our amazing school in action. There will be a presentation by the headteacher and a full tour of our wonderful learning environment with a chance to meet our dedicated staff and fabulous children.

Tuesday 30th September at 9:15am

Friday 3rd October at 9:15am

Thursday 9th October at 1:15pm

Monday 13th October at 9:15am

Wednesday 22nd October at 9:15am

Wednesday 12th November at 1:15pm

Friday 9th January at 9:15am



We are looking forward to welcoming you to view our warm, friendly and caring school which has **OUTSTANDING** personal development.

Please contact the school office to book on one of our Open Days. Many thanks.

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On Saturday, members of our school ukulele club and drum circle had a wonderful afternoon meeting local ceilidh band, The Chorley Cakes. The Chorley Cakes (who had previously very generously donated money to enable us to buy ukuleles for the school club) had invited the children along to experience the fun of this traditional folk music. They got to hear lots of interesting instruments, and even joined in playing a couple of tunes with the band! There was also plenty of dancing (not to mention, plenty of biscuits!). Thank you so much to The Chorley Cakes for this fantastic experience! The children absolutely loved it!



Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Mrs Hodgson