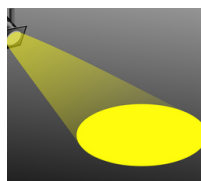




BALSHAW LANE NEWSLETTER



Spotlight this week on reading.

Reception: We have been reading Elmer as our key text and other related stories.

Year 1: We have been listening to and reciting rhymes including Hickory Dickory Dock and Windmill in Old Amsterdam.

Year 2: We have been using marbles to vote for our end of the day story time book.

Year 3: We have been reading "The Stolen Spear" which is linked to our Connected Curriculum 'Rock On.'

Year 4: We have been reading different texts about the Loch Ness monster. We have been making key notes and exploring new vocabulary.

Year 5: We have been reading "The Boy in the Back of the Class" which is about a child who is a Syrian refugee named Ahmet who joins a new class in London. We are learning new vocabulary and have all been enjoying the book.

Year 6: We are reading "Journey Back to Freedom", which is the story of Olaudah Equiano, who was enslaved as a child. We are learning lots of new vocabulary linked to the historical setting and using it to help inspire our own written pieces.

Assembly this week...

In assembly this week we have explored our School Value "Respect." We thought about what respect means:

You accept somebody for who they are, even when they're different from you or you don't agree with them.

Respect is needed in all relationships.

Respect in our friendship builds feelings of trust, safety, and wellbeing.



Elections

Congratulations to our newly elected councillors:

School Council

Eco Council

1A Josh
1T Ellen
2HP Hughey
2M Harper
3B Jensen
3J Winter
4W Scott
4G Joey
5H Rupert
5B George
6C Teddy
6S Marshall

Seb
Vinnie
Diana
Robyn
Asher
Matthew R
Amelie
Rowan
Tiana
Freya
Molly H
Archie

Congratulations!



Messages

Parking: Please can we ask our parents and carers not to turn round on Mallom Ave at the end of the day to avoid the queue of the one way system. Please also respect our neighbours and refrain from using their drives to turn.

We have been getting a lot of items dropped off in the office which the children have forgotten. We are encouraging our children to remember all their items to prevent classrooms and the offices being disturbed.

Please remember the 48 hour rule for sickness and diarrhoea.

All children must have a coat on showery days as we aim for them all to get some fresh air.

Many thanks for your support.

Well-being Week

This week we have focused on:

Wellbeing Wednesday

Connect: spread a smile!

How do we feel when someone smiles at us?
How could we help to 'spread a smile' around our school today?



Curriculum Information

Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend the Curriculum Workshops on Monday. We hope you found it useful and informative. The presentations have been emailed out now and placed on the class pages on our school website.

A little plea to any parents who haven't managed to log into our new reading app Boom Reader to do so please. We have lots of children who haven't registered yet. If you have any difficulty please let your child's class teacher know and we can help you.



Team Points

This week our team points winners were:
DRAGONS.



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.

Music appreciation in assembly

Our musical artist for this half term is Abba. This week we have enjoyed listening to "Mamma Mia."



Message for Reception

Reception Elmer Day

Next week we would love to celebrate the learning we have been doing by holding an 'Elmer Day' on Friday 26th September. On this day the children may come to school dressed in a way that expresses who they are: this could be fancy dress, colourful clothes or their favourite outfits. To celebrate we will be taking part in an Elmer craft where each child will need a plastic milk bottle. If possible, over the next week please send in any empty, clean milk bottles you have. Many thanks



Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to all the children who received a Headteacher Award in assembly last week:

RA Lewis

RH Leah

1A Elijah

1T Ellen

2HP Hughey

2M Sienna

3B Jasper

3J Lucy

4G Nelly

4W Paul

5B Zara

5H Poppy

6C Phoebe

6S Noah



Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance for this academic year is: 97.6%. The figures below are for this week.

Congratulations to 1T and 1A for all being punctual. Well done!

Please ensure all children are in school on time so that valuable learning time has not been lost. We will be sending reminders to children's parents / carers who are repeatedly late.

	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	99 %	98 %	97 %	100 %	95 %	95 %	95 %	99 %	97 %	97 %	97 %	94 %	92 %	98 %
Punctuality - how many lates?	5	2	0	0	1	2	5	3	1	3	5	2	2	6

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 24th Sept

Phonics Meeting for Parents - Rec and Y1 - optional for Y2 at 5pm

Thursday 2nd October

Tempest Photographs - Class and Reception individuals

Friday 10th October

Black History Awareness Day

Friday 17th October

Year 2 Assembly for Parents and Carers at 9:05am

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 (further information will be sent out regarding this)

Wednesday 22nd October

Parents' Evening

Thursday 23rd October

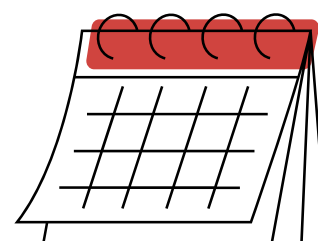
Flu Vaccinations

PTFA Halloween Disco

Friday 24th October

Year 6 Assembly for Parents and Carers at 9:05am

Children break up for half term holiday



PTFA News

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

AGM - Annual General Meeting - we are legally obliged to run this annually to comply with the charity commission. This is open to everyone and we encourage as many of you as possible to come to this.

Tuesday 23rd September - 3:30pm-4:00pm in school.

The trustees will deliver their annual report and present the previous year's financial statements as well as discuss the direction of travel for the year ahead. You can ask the trustees any questions at this meeting about decision making and the charities policies.

If you would like to stand for a position on the committee, voting will take place at the meeting for the positions. If you would like to stand please message this page to put your name on the vote

Positions available: Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary and Treasurer



Sport News



The girls played really well in their football match last night. The girls scored lots of goals and showed great sportsmanship. Keep it up for next week!

Our mixed football team also had a great evening representing school at the Chorley Sports Partnership Competition this week. Well done everyone.



Our year 5 this week have received PALS training from the Chorley Sports Partnership. They worked on team work, how to be a good PAL as well as trialling the planning and delivery of games. All year 5 will receive a certification for participation. If the children would like to be a PAL they need to ensure their class teachers receive their letter by Thursday. Good luck!

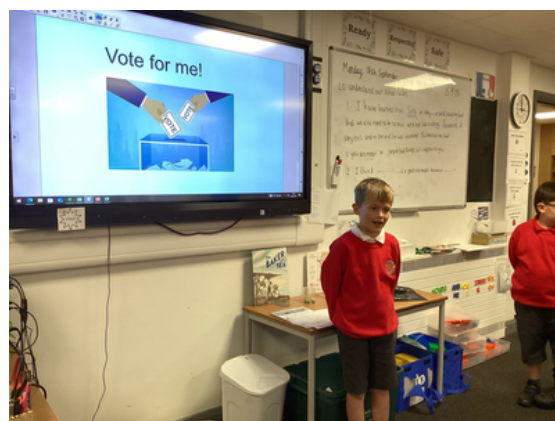
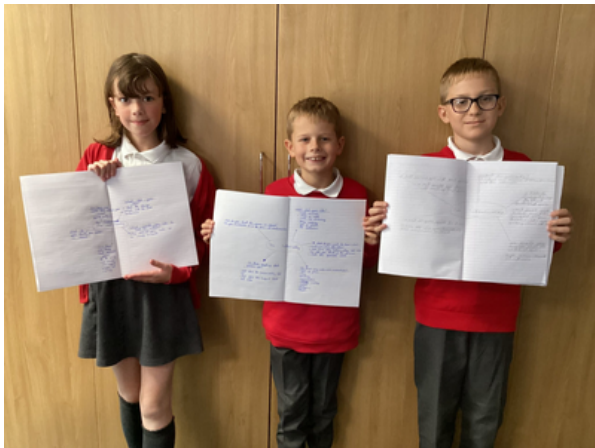


Selection of photos from this week

Follow us on Facebook.



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



INFORMATION

Children's lessons at South Ribble Leisure

Looking for fun, affordable activities to keep your children active, confident and learning new skills? We've got you covered!

Swimming Lessons

📍 Leyland, Bamber Bridge & Penwortham Leisure Centres

Following the Swim England Learn to Swim programme (Stages 1-7 and beyond). Perfect for beginners through to advanced swimmers.

Gymnastics Lessons

📍 South Ribble Tennis & Fitness Centre

From age 3+ up to advanced level, following the National Gymnastics Awards programme. Children can build balance, flexibility and strength and even take part in competitions!

Tennis Lessons

📍 South Ribble Tennis & Fitness Centre

Following the LTA Junior Programme. Kids can learn skills, boost confidence and enter competitions.

Football Lessons

📍 Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre

For ages 7-11, our football coaching develops technical skills in a fun and friendly environment.

Sign up now from £27.70 per month and give your child the chance to shine with South Ribble Leisure! Find out more: <https://southribbleleisure.com/>



**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.

CLOSING DATE
15 January 2026

lancashire.gov.uk >>>>

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.



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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Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Mrs Hodgson