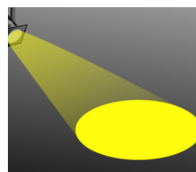




BALSHAW LANE NEWSLETTER

Aspirations Week

We are excited for our Aspirations Week! Thank you so much to all our volunteers who are coming in to talk to the children - we really appreciate it. Our aim for the week is to inspire our children and start to think about their future, raising aspirations and sparking an interest in maybe a career they hadn't thought about.



Spotlight this week on Highlight from the Week

Reception's highlight was having Caitlin from Chorley Council come and teach us about plastic pollution in the ocean. Year 1's highlight was watching the auditions for the Talent Show - a wonderful range of diverse talents on show! Highlight of the week for year 2 has been writing our final narrative based on Aladdin. We are looking forward to publishing them and sharing with parents.

Year 3's highlight was writing an independent police detective report based on The Spider and the Fly.

Highlight for year 4 was their BGT auditions. The children shone and there was such a variety of talents from impersonators to magic tricks and lots of singing and dancing.

Highlight for year 5 has been our Balshaw Lane's Got Talent auditions. So much talent and the courage to get up and have a go. We have also enjoyed all our singing practices.

Year 6's highlight was having a fabulous time at Patterdale on our residential taking part in climbing, archery, paddleboarding, team challenges and gorge scrambling. Throughout the visit the children demonstrated outstanding teamwork, resilience and determination. They embraced new challenges with confidence, encouraged one another every step of the way and pushed themselves outside their comfort zones. We are incredibly proud of them all.

Messages

Uniform Reminder

Just a reminder that all polo shirts should be white from September and only grey or white socks/tights for girls. We do have quite a bit of pre-loved uniform, please let us know if you require anything.

Please ensure children aren't wearing jewellery for school except analogue watches and stud earrings. Trainers should only be worn with PE kits. Thank you.

Year 6 Leavers' Disco

Just a reminder that this is on Tuesday 21st July from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the school hall.

PTFA Festival

We hope you enjoyed our first Balshaw Lane Festival. We owe so much to our incredible PTFA. The time, energy and commitment they give to school is unbelievable. We are so lucky to have them and our children benefit so much from their hard work and efforts.

Thank you to our families for supporting our PTFA - we really do appreciate you all too.

Thank you!



Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to all the children who received a Headteacher Award in assembly.

RA Hazel and Albie

RH Jedidiah

1A Ava L

1T Georgie

2HP Rae

2M Elliott

3B Lily

3J Ethan

4G Olivia

4W Finley

5B Evie C

5H Oliver H

6C Finley

6B Milly



Team Points

The winners last week were:

Phoenix



Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance for this academic year is: 95.7%.

Well done to 1A, 2HP, 3B, 3J and 6B for all being on time this week. AMAZING!

	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 B
Attendance for last week	92 %	95 %	93 %	90 %	98 %	99 %	97 %	99 %	92 %	99 %	98 %	96 %	94 %	98 %
Punctuality - how many lates?	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	1	5	2	0

Balshaw Lane Holiday Club

Places are still available for our very own Holiday Club.

It will be running weeks beginning 10th and 17th of August, Monday to Thursday, from 8:30am until 4:00pm.

High quality care in familiar surroundings with staff who the children know. We have a range of fun and exciting activities designed to meet the children's needs.

Booking are open - please contact the school office if you would like to book a place.

Welcome to new staff

We are delighted to welcome Miss Hutchinson onto our staff team from September. She will be teaching year 3 along with Miss Jones. Miss Hutchinson has already spent some time in school getting to know the children, school routines and staff and she will be visiting this week again



Dates for this term

JULY

Wk beginning 13 th	Aspirations Week
Monday 13 th	Balshaw's Got Talent Final
Tuesday 14 th	Y6 Production 2pm and 6pm
Wed 15 th	Rocksteady Concert Wed group
Fri 17 th	Rocksteady Concert Fri group
	End of year reports to parents sent out
	Non-uniform Day - charity fundraiser NEW EVENT
Monday 20 th	Optional Parents Evening - only for those with questions after reports are sent out.
Tuesday 21 st	Y6 Leavers' Disco
Thursday 23 rd	Leavers' Assembly 9:15am
Friday 24 th	Break up for summer holidays



Non-uniform Day

On Friday 17th July we are holding a non-uniform day to raise funds for Manchester and Preston Children's Hospital. This is to support one of our families with a child in reception. The family have had to spend a large amount of time at both hospitals with their little girl and would like to give something back. They would like to help the resus and trauma section of the hospitals and help other families when they need to use this facility. I am sure you will agree, this is such a worthwhile cause. Their daughter Ava in reception is needing to undergo further surgery in July so we would like to hold our non-uniform day on Friday 17th July as this is Ava's last day in school before the summer holiday. Ava would like everyone to come in bright colours like the rainbow. We will be taking cash as this raises the most amount of money. All proceeds will be donated to Manchester and Preston Children's Hospitals. Thank you so much if you are able to support.

Amazing News

Congratulations to two of our wonderful children who were presented with an award at the Lancashire Education and Learning Awards - Sporting Prowess Award and Arts Excellence Award. A number of children from Balshaw Lane were nominated for a range of awards - congratulations also to them.

We are so proud of their achievements, resilience and kind, caring nature. 🙌🙌 Well done!



Euxton Library
presents...



Lancashire Library Summer Reading Challenge

Reading Heroes will officially run from
July to 30th September

- to read 5 books and tell us their favourite to be a **READING HERO** – 2 books earns a sticker and inflatable parrot, completing 5 books earns a sticker, certificate and treasure dig kit
- to also complete 3 tasks to become a **READING SUPERHERO** – this enters them into a prize draw for 12 winners to receive a £50 Lego kit of their choice, one winner per district.

Euxton Extra prizes- Must complete Euxton Library

- Highest school with Completions Wins Trophy
- The top 2 Classes That have read the most books get a £20 book voucher for their school library/Class. Children to let staff members know the class they will be in from

September and a list of the books they have read.

Euxton Library events

Thursday 30th July- Having fun with patterns and shapes: Making Bracelets, designing a map and decorating Mosaic designs.

Thursday 6th August- Treasure hunt finding Famous mathematicians to crack a code, making your own pirate code and writing a message and coding colouring sheets.

Friday 14th August- Buccaneer Bingo x games.

Friday 21st August- Making a Pirate Pong and Bowling game, and mixing Pirate potions.

Wednesday 26th August- Paper plate Pirate faces.



EVERY SATURDAY 6-8.30PM

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- 3D Printing
- Circuitry
- Music
- Football
- Creative Arts
- Beauty
- Sports
- Rec games
- Baking
- And so much more.....

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WE CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OR CLOTHING.
PLEASE NOTE PLACES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE ONCE BOOKED.



Holiday Activities and Food Clubs (HAF)

FREE holiday activities and food clubs run across Chorley over the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays for eligible children and families.

Scan this QR code to
see eligibility, activities
and how to book.



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LANCASHIRE BREAK TIME

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
BURNLEY	HYNDBURN	PRESTON	ORMSKIRK	CHORLEY
10AM - 3PM	10AM - 3PM	10AM - 3PM	10AM - 3PM	10AM - 3PM

Our Break Time holiday sessions are delivered in a small group setting and are very active, with a focus on:

- GAMES
- SOCIAL INTERACTION
- TEAMWORK
- BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS

TO BOOK
 please follow this booking link:
<https://bookwhen.com/sportworksnorthwest>

TO BE ELIGIBLE
 must have a current Break Time membership

FOR MORE INFORMATION
 contact rachael.bland@sportworksltd.co.uk

Sessions are staffed at a 1:4 staff-to-child ratio, so unfortunately, we are unable to provide 1:1 support during the holiday programme.

We also do not always have care support staff available, which means we may not be able to meet all personal care needs.

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ART COMPETITION

THE PARK ON A POSTCARD

27TH JUNE TO 10TH AUGUST 2026

Create a postcard sized piece of artwork (6 by 4 inches) inspired by Cuerden Valley Park this season.

Use any media you like; paint, draw, sketch, collage, realistic or abstract.

Whoever you are, whatever your age, we want to see what the park has inspired in you.

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The Talbot

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FREE ENTRY

SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST
1-3PM