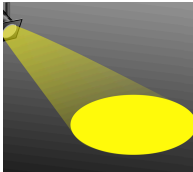




BALSHAW LANE NEWSLETTER

I hope everyone has had a lovely half term break with the gorgeous weather. We have an action packed 8 week half term ahead of us, starting this week with assemblies from year 3 and year 5. Events to look forward to are: Sports Day, Colour Run and our first Balshaw Lane Festival amongst many others. Year 6 have so many exciting activities planned for them including their Leavers' Production, residential at Patterdale and their special Leavers' Assembly. An exciting half term ahead of us!



Spotlight this week on Music.

Reception: We have been creating actions to a song to create body percussion. The children have listened to a range of songs that lend themselves to clapping games.

Year 1: We have been practising a football chant with a clear beat and clapping a rhythm together in time with the chant.

Year 2: We have been looking at the Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich and finding beats in a song.

Year 3: We have been learning all about performance.

Year 4: We have been focusing on learning the pentatonic scale and creating our own jingle with it.

Year 5: We have been rehearsing for our class assembly performing the songs written by Mr Phillips.

Year 6: We have been looking at how musical artists are influenced by many musical genres. The unit is based around the piece Shadows by Lindsey Stirling.

Messages

Wrap Around Care Holiday Club

Dates have been set for our Summer Holiday Club with information sent out to parents Bookings will open this week.

SEND Coffee Morning

We do hope you can join us for our SEND Coffee Morning on Tuesday 16th June from 9am to 10am. It will be an informal session where we will offer parents and carers support for all things SEND with a particular focus on transition. Please remember you don't need to have a child with SEND to attend.

Staying Safe Online

It is such a hard job for parents and carers to keep up to date with all the new apps etc and ensuring that children are kept safe online. This website has lots of useful information and is worth a look for help and advice.

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/>

Spotlight on MUSIC in school

In music we offer so much for the children. This year alone, we have taken over 50 children to perform in the largest choir of school children at Young Voices. We have performed with other schools as part of the Lancashire Sings event, which was spectacular. Along with our new scheme to support the teaching of music, Sing Up, we have also welcomed Rock Steady into our school, offering music and singing lessons, where children can perform as part of a band.

Singing club has run throughout the year, offering a breadth of songs for the children to learn and sing. Miss Hewerdine has offered ukulele lessons and Djembe drum lessons as part of a lunch time club.

We love hearing the hum of singing through our school on a Thursday where we have a singing assembly, where all children have the opportunity to sing their hearts out.

Music continues to be a major part of Balshaw Lane.



Headteacher Awards

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

RH Harley
 1A Ellie G
 1T Kosey
 2HP Charlie
 2M Alice
 3B Leni
 3J George W
 4G Arthur
 4W George F
 5B Alex
 5H Annabelle
 6C Matthew
 6B William



Team Points

We had our end of half term knowledge quiz. We were impressed with the knowledge shown in each class and the winners for last half term were **Wizards**. It was so close with only 2.5 points between 1st and 2nd place.



Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance for this academic year is: 95.6%.

Well done to 1A, 2HP, 2M, 3B, 3J, 4W and 6C for all being on time this week. AMAZING!

This week our attendance figures are much lower than usual due to so many holiday requests.

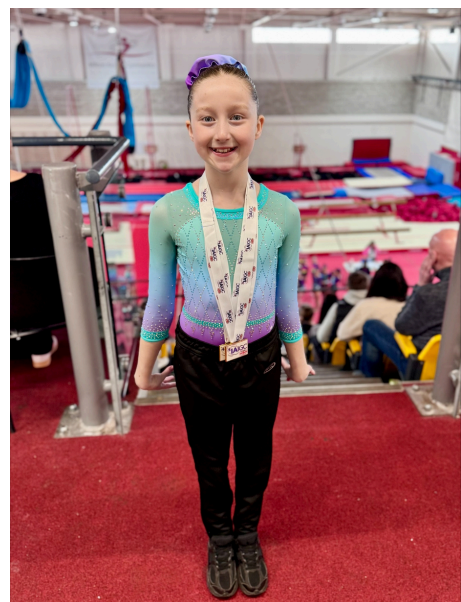
We ask our parents and carers not to request leave in term time.

	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	83 %	88 %	92 %	86 %	86 %	90 %	98 %	98 %	84 %	96 %	92 %	83 %	87 %	93 %
Punctuality - how many lates?	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	2

SHOUT OUT

We are so proud of one of our Year 6 children. She has been on the gymnastics pathway with Chorley Academy of Gymnastics since August last year and has competed in five regional and national qualifiers in order to achieve the score needed to compete in the IAIGC Gymnastics World Championship in June.

We are wishing you lots of luck for the competition in Orlando, Florida. You will be amazing and we are so proud of you! This is such an amazing achievement.

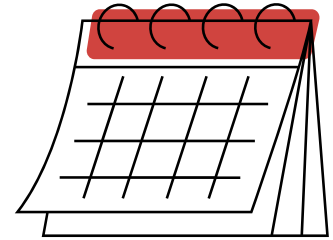


Dates for this term

NEW DATES ADDED IN BOLD

JUNE

Wednesday 3 rd	Euxton Gala Football Tournament
Thursday 4 th	KS2 Tag Rugby Festival CSP Y3 Class Assembly at 9:15am
Friday 5 th	Y5 assembly at 9:15am PTFA Colour Run - 3:30pm
Monday 8 th	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day - AM
Tuesday 9 th	Y4 Multiplication Check Y1 Phonics Check this week
Wednesday 10 th	Y6 Patterdale meeting for parents 3:30pm Y1/2 and Y3/4 Quad Kids Competition
Thursday 11 th	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day - Reserve Day Y3/4 Striking and Fielding Festival
Friday 12 th	Reception Stay and Play 9:15am
Week beg 15 th	Sports Week
Tues 16 th	SEND Coffee Morning 9-10am in the hall
Wed 17 th	LKS2 Sports Day AM UKS2 Sports Day PM
Thurs 18 th	KS2 Sports Day - Reserve Father's Day PTFA
Friday 19 th	Y5/6 Mixed Cricket Competition
Wed 24 th	Reception trip
Thurs 25 th	Y5/6 Girls Cricket Competition
Fri 26 th	Y5 MAT Sports Day at Parklands Playgroup in the hall 9:30-10:30am
Wk beg 29 th	Y5 Bikeability



JULY

Wed 1 st	Moving Up Day
Thurs 2 nd	Parklands Transition Day
6 th to 8 th	Y6 Residential to Patterdale
Friday 10 th	PTFA Summer Festival
Wk beginning 13 th	Aspirations Week
Tuesday 14 th	Y6 Production 2pm and 6pm
Wed 15 th	Rocksteady Concert Wed group
Fri 17 th	Rocksteady Concert Fri group
Tuesday 21st	Y6 Leavers' Disco
Thursday 23 rd	Leavers' Assembly 9:15am
Friday 24 th	Break up for summer holidays

A big shout out of thanks...

To Mr Ripley, Mr Pedley, Mr Reynolds, Mr Jones, Mr Warburton and the PTFA. Thank you for our amazing new changing area. As you know we have Opal Play on the KS1 playground where the children can take part in a wide range of activities at playtime. We want to be able to access the field all year around so we now have our very own changing shed so that the children can get changed into their wellies and waterproofs in a quick and efficient way and they can dry easily. Our PTFA have bought us the shed, Mr Ripley and Mr Pedley have built it for us and Mr Warburton, Mr Jones, Mr Reynolds and Jack have made all the benches. (I hope I haven't missed anyone!) We are thrilled. Thank you all very, very much. It will make such a positive difference to the children.



JOYFUL SUMMER MOMENTS.

GAME BETWEEN OTHERS

Balshaw Lane Summer Holiday CLUB

**AMAZING
ADVENTURES**

FRIENDSHIPS

FUN ACTIVITIES

Holiday Club will operate 08.30am till 4pm
Monday to Thursday.
Weeks beginning 10th August and 17th August.
Booking via Scopay will be available after half term.

Chorley Football Development



At Southlands High School (Sports Hall)
Clover Rd, Chorley, PR7 2NJ
Starting on Thursday 14th May 2026

In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception & Year 1	5:30pm - 6:30pm
School years - Year 2 & Year 3	6:30pm - 7:30pm
School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6	7:30pm - 8:30pm



Dear parents,
Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course every Thursday at Southlands High School, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a ball per player for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports hall so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Preston North End, Blackburn Rovers, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just £6.67 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £30 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £30 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including: Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone:

Daniel
01772 428 086 or 07514 316534
www.firstkick.co.uk



We cannot guarantee that the course will run in consecutive weeks
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked