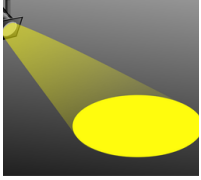




BALSHAW LANE NEWSLETTER



Spotlight this week on English.

Reception: We have been reading "Rosa's Lifecycles" and have been writing facts about frogs.

Year 1: We have been writing facts about animals for David Attenborough.

Year 2: We have been learning about a bird called Piper who was afraid of water and are busy planning to write an independent narrative about his adventure.

Year 3: We have started to plan our adventure story based on the book "The Secret of Black Rock."

Year 4: We have been writing a narrative opening based on our class novel "The Last Bear."

Year 5: We have been learning how to persuade like an estate agent, and also how to build tension in a narrative.

Year 6: We have started to plan and write a newspaper report based on our class novel "The Explorer."

Assembly



In our assembly this week we focused on our school value for this half term: Kindness.

We talked about how kindness matters and that our actions make a difference. Our kindness can lead to something far better happening. Each class has been given a Spring Kindness Challenge where they are asked to capture an act of kindness in their class every single day.

In our Key Stage Assembly this week we talked about the following question:



Messages

Can you help?

We are looking for donations to help some of the children in school. Items required and gratefully received are:

- Skateboard
- Lego
- Geographical jigsaws
- Duplo
- Wooden train track
- Wooden building blocks

Uniform Reminders

PE tracksuit bottoms should be plain and not affiliated to a particular brand or football club. All long hair should be tied up and nail varnish is not allowed.

Parking

There was a near miss this week where a car mounted the pavement and started to drive whilst people, including children were walking. Please remember to all work together to keep our children safe. Thank you.

Chair and Headteacher Surgery

This will be held on Tuesday 24th March at 8:30-9:15am and be held in our meeting room. It is a chance to ask any questions and solve any queries or problems.

Thank you message

Mr Etok would like to thank the kind parents that looked after him this week when he wasn't feeling well. He really appreciated it.

Drop off reminder:

Please remember that parents are responsible for their KS1 and EYFS children until the whistle has blown and the children line up. We seem to have some KS1 children entering the school grounds independently.

PTFA Bingo

Tickets have totally sold out, just a reminder that it is this Thursday. Doors open at 5:45pm with a 6:15pm start.

Team Points

This week our team point winners were:
UNICORNS.



Music appreciation in assembly

Our musical artist for this month is Cartola. We enjoyed listening to "As Rosas Não Falam."

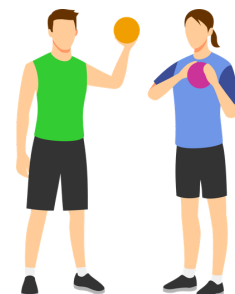


Wrap Around Care

Thank you to everyone who has answered the holiday club questionnaire. This is now closed and we will look at the results and make a decision about what we can offer. Further information will follow next week.

Sports News

Five of our year 6 children demonstrated amazing sportsmanship last night at the SSP dodgeball competition. They were enthusiastic, positive and above all, fair competitors making Balshaw Lane very proud. Thank you Ms Carver for accompanying the children.



Headteacher Awards

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

RA Hazel
RH Maverick
1A Elsie
1T Esme
2HP Harry C
2M Kai
3B Charlotte
4G Kiro
4W Lochie
5B Lily W
5H Una
6C Abbie
6B Demi-Jo



Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance for this academic year is: 95.4%. The figures below are for this week.

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

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 B
Attendance for last week	97 %	85 %	10 0%	94 %	95 %	94 %	95 %	96 %	96 %	99 %	96 %	94 %	98 %	96 %
Punctuality - how many lates?	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	1	0	3	1	0	5

Can you help?

The PTFA are purchasing a shed so that the children can change into and out of their wellies and rain gear much easier as part of our Opal Play. Inside we need some of the following benches and hooks. In order to save money we are looking for someone to be able to help us by building something similar to this picture. We will need a few of them. All wood etc will be purchased. If you can help please let the office or PTFA know. Thank you in advance!



Wellbeing

This week we have focused on:

Wellbeing Wednesday

Connect: play a game with someone.

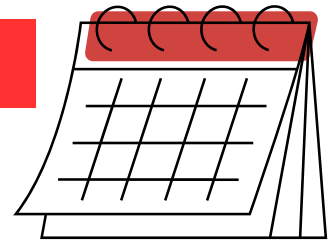
How do you feel when you have no one to play with?

How do you feel when someone asks you to join in with their game?

What games do you know that are really fun to play with others?



Dates for this term and next half term



MARCH

- Tuesday 24th Tempest - individual and family photographs
8:30am Chair and Headteacher Surgery
- Thursday 26th Y4 assembly 9:15am
PTFA bingo
- Friday 27th Playgroup 9:30-10:30am
Y5/6 cricket taster sessions - PE kit needed

APRIL

- Wednesday 1st Y3 Spring Cafe
Easter lunch
- Thursday 2nd Break up for Easter
- Monday 20th Children return to school
- Tuesday 21st Meeting for Y3 parents regarding the residential 3:30pm
- Friday 24th Lancashire Sings
- Tuesday 28th 4G trip to Cuerden Valley
Ancient Egypt workshop for Y3
Y3/4 Invasion Festival CSP
- Wednesday 29th 5H trip to Museum of Lancashire
- Thursday 30th 4W trip to Cuerden Valley
5B to Museum of Lancashire

MAY

- Friday 1st Parents invited in to school to read with your child 8:50-9:10am
- Tuesday 5th/ Wed 6th Y3 Residential
- Wed 6th Y5 Matt Goodfellow visit
- Thurs 7th PTFA Sponsored Bounce
- Week beginning 11th Y6 SATS
- Friday 15th Y3 assembly at 9:15am
- Wed 20th Y1 trip to Fleetwood
Y5/6 Orienteering Comp CSP
- Fri 22nd Playgroup in the hall 9:30-10:30am
Children break up

JUNE

- Monday 1st Children return to school
- Tuesday 2nd Induction meeting for new reception parents at 5:30pm
- Thursday 4th KS2 Tag Rugby Festival CSP
- Friday 5th Y5 assembly at 9:15am
PTFA Colour Run
- Monday 8th EYFS and KS1 Sports Day - AM
- Tuesday 9th Y4 Multiplication Check
- Wednesday 10th Y6 Patterdale meeting for parents 3:30pm
- Thursday 11th EYFS and KS1 Sports Day - Reserve Day
- Week beg 15th Sports Week
- Tuesday 16th Reception Stay and Play 9:15am
- Wed 17th LKS2 Sports Day AM
UKS2 Sports Day PM
- Thurs 18th KS2 Sports Day - Reserve
Father's Day PTFA

Community News

Please note that our Easter holiday is different from many other schools so the dates below might not match your needs. Please check. We break up on Thursday 2nd April at 3:20pm and return to school on Monday 20th April.

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

AMAZING LEGO DISPLAYS

NEW & RETIRED LEGO SETS

BUILD CHALLENGES

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

CHARITY TOMBOLA

MILLIONS OF LOOSE BRICKS

PLUS SO MUCH MORE!!

BLACKPOOL BRICK FESTIVAL

25TH APRIL
NORBRECK CASTLE

MORE LEGO THAN YOU CAN DREAM OF

BLACKPOOL BRICK FESTIVAL

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FIRST KICK EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB
MULTI-SPORT & FOOTBALL CAMP

Southlands Secondary School,
Clover Road, Chorley PR7 2NJ

Get ready for an unforgettable Easter at First Kick's OFSTED-registered Holiday Club! Packed with football, dodgeball, dance, NERF Wars, inflatables, FIFA tournaments, and daily prizes - it's non-stop fun in a safe, supportive setting. Smiles guaranteed!

DATES & TIMES	PRICES
WEEK 1 - MON 30 TH MAR - THURS 2 ND APR WEEK 2 - TUES 7 TH APR - FRI 10 TH APR Drop off between 8:00am - 9:30am Collection between 4:00pm - 5:00pm	1 DAY - £25 2 DAYS - £50 3 DAYS - £65 4 DAYS - £90

10% SIBLING DISCOUNT

TAX FREE CHILDCARE
Government Tax-Free Childcare scheme accepted - Check eligibility
URN - 2799706

GOVERNMENT FUNDED SPACES
Free places available for children receiving benefit related Free School Meals.
HAF AM: 8:30AM - 12:30PM
HAF PM: 12:30PM - 4:30PM

EACH DAY MEDALS AND TROPHIES ARE AWARDED FOR GOOD TEAMWORK, BEST ATTITUDE, HARD WORK AND STAR PLAYER.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: BOUNCY CASTLES, DODGEBALL, FOOTBALL, PENALTY SHOOTOUTS, MINI TOURNAMENTS, FIFA, MARIO KART, BADMINTON, TOYS, LEGO, HOCKEY, NETBALL, RUGBY, BASKETBALL, PARACHUTE GAMES, MULTI-SKILLS ACTIVITIES, SPORTS DAY, COLOURING, DANCE AND RAINY DAY ACTIVITIES.

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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.

Choose fun at

fun fest

30th March - 10th April

7:30am - 6:00pm

HOLIDAY CLUB

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A menu of 60+ activities

EASTER

3-12 years

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Book online at www.fun-fest.co.uk

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 £50 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

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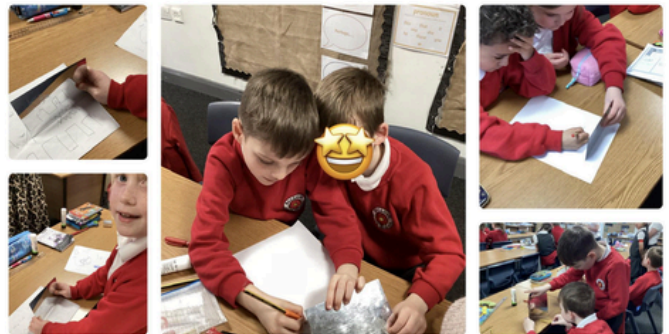
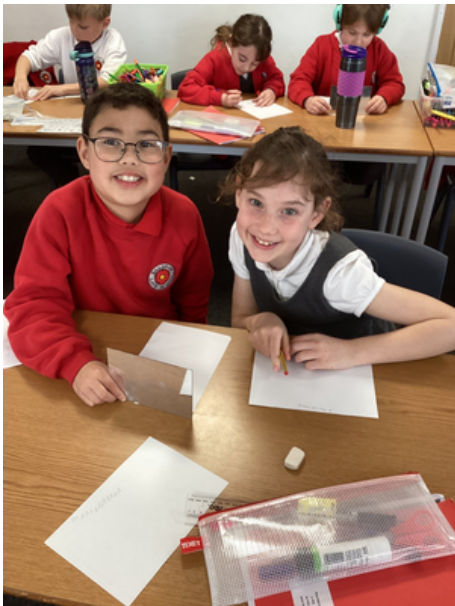
Selection of photos from this week



Follow us on Facebook.

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

Thank you to two of our y6 prefects who were wonderful ambassadors for school at our Parents' Evening. They were so polite and helpful. So proud of you both!



Have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes,
Mrs Hodgson