

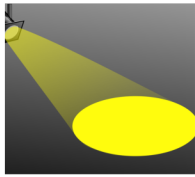


BALSHAW LANE NEWSLETTER

We hope the children enjoyed their Sport and Geography activities last week. They certainly seemed to have great fun.

Well done to all our KS2 children who took part in our Sports Day last week and we hope you enjoyed watching the children participate.

Whilst the weather is hot, please can we remind all parents/carers to ensure their children have suncream on before school and bring a top up if needed which the children can apply themselves. All children should also bring a hat and make sure they have their water bottle so we can keep them hydrated. PE kits all week is an option.



Spotlight this week on Maths

Reception have been looking at more and less.

Year 1 have been exploring position and direction.

Year 2 have been looking at tally charts, tables, block diagrams and pictograms,

Year 3 have been working on telling the time and learning about duration of events.

Year 4 have been exploring angles and deciding whether they are right, obtuse or acute angles.

Year 5 have been adding and subtracting decimals with 3 decimal places.

Year 6 have been busy rehearsing for our Leavers' Production whilst further developing our writing skills.

Messages

Healthy Lunchboxes

If your child is on packed lunches, please ensure they bring healthy food. There should not be any sweets in them and should form part of each child's 5 a day as well as some carbohydrates.

Squishies / sensory toys

There has been an increase in children bringing these into school. Some children are allowed them due to sensory needs but this must be approved by a teacher or be part of their ILP or Passport. No other children should have them. Thank you for your support.

Year 5 Sports Day at Parklands

On Friday the staff will walk the children up to and back from Parklands for their MAT Sports Day. As the weather is due to be hot, we will let you know if our plans need to change. We are currently looking into this with Parklands.

Coffee Morning

We were delighted to welcome parents and carers to our SEND Coffee Morning last week. It was great to see so many people there. Thank you so much for attending and we are already planning our next one in the Autumn Term.

We have decided that we will hold one every half term with a different focus.

Thank you for the lovely feedback:

"Brilliant meeting and very reassuring to know all the efforts the school is making. Would be great to have regular meetings."

"Thank you for sharing the excellent work the whole school are doing to support SEND children in school. Your team are all very knowledgeable, friendly and approachable. Excellent use of resources."

"Very useful."



Headteacher Awards

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

RA Topaz
 RH Eric
 1A Isla
 1T George
 2HP Archie
 2M Teigan
 3B Charlotte
 3J Ariadne
 4G Olivia
 4W Greyson
 5B Lily G
 5H Izzy
 6C Teddy
 6B Mollie



Team Points

The winners last week were:

WIZARDS



Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance for this academic year is: 95.4%.

Well done to 2HP 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 %	94 %	98 %	93 %	98 %	98 %	91 %	93 %	91 %	97 %	92 %	97 %	97 %	94 %
Punctuality - how many lates?	5	3	2	1	0	2	4	4	1	2	1	1	2	2

Dates for this term

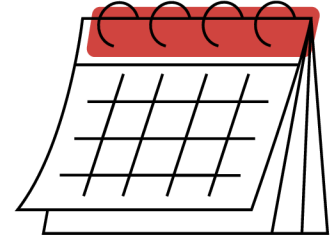
NEW DATES ADDED IN BOLD>

JUNE

Monday 22 nd	Non-uniform Day for PTFA donations for Summer Festival
Tuesday 23 rd	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day
Wed 24 th	Reception trip
Thurs 25 th	Y5/6 Girls Cricket Competition
	Y6 Business and Enterprise Event selling their products
Fri 26 th	Y5 MAT Sports Day at Parklands
	Playgroup in the hall 9:30-10:30am
	Y5 Bikeability
Wk beg 29 th	

JULY

Wed 1 st	Moving Up Day
Thurs 2 nd	Parklands Transition Day
6 th to 8 th	Y6 Residential to Patterdale
Thursday 9 th	NSPCC workshops for Y2/5/6
Friday 10 th	PTFA Summer Festival
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
Tuesday 21 st	Y6 Leavers' Disco
Thursday 23 rd	Leavers' Assembly 9:15am
Friday 24 th	Break up for summer holidays



SOUTHLANDS COMMUNITY SPORTS

Summer Sports Camp

£75 FOR THE FULL WEEK

Ages 7-14

📍 **Southlands High School, PR7 2NJ**

Multi sports | Cheer | Football

WEEK 1 – 27TH – 31ST JULY
WEEK 2 – 17TH – 21ST AUGUST

10:00am – 15:00pm

Payment plans available now

- FULLY SUPERVISED BY QUALIFIED STAFF
- SAFE, STRUCTURED DAYS OF SPORT & FUN
- PERFECT FOR AGES 7-14

SCAN TO BOOK

Facebook: Southlands Community Sports
Instagram: @southlandsports
Contact: Southlandscommunitysports@gmail.com

FREE SUMMER COMPUTING HOLIDAY CLUB

Join our Summer Holiday Club for a jam-packed season of awesome activities, the perfect way to make your child's break unforgettable while helping them build valuable digital life skills!

From Minecraft coding to multi-sports, there's something here for every child.

Activities (optional):

- Dive into **Minecraft & coding** masterclasses
- Get creative with **arts & crafts**
- Bring your ideas to life in **animation creation**
- Burn off energy with **football, dodgeball & multi-sports sessions**
- Move and groove in our **dance & yoga sessions**

Massive 20ft Minecraft inflatable!

Don't miss out!

£28 per day or FREE for Pupil Premium families!

10-20 August
ON MONDAYS TO THURSDAYS

FROM **9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

St Gregory's Primary School
EAVES GREEN RD, CHORLEY, PR7 3QG

BOOK A FREE PLACE

This club is FREE for Pupil Premium families, young carers, and children who would benefit from social inclusion during the holidays. A meal is provided at lunchtime for all free places.

[CLICK HERE](#) or scan the QR code to book a FREE place!

BOOK A PAID PLACE

Don't miss out on the fun! If you're not eligible for a free place, you can still join us for a full day at £28.00. Please bring a packed lunch and a water bottle.

[CLICK HERE](#) or scan the QR code to book a PAID place!

For more information, please visit: www.jamcoding.com/lancashire/

"Jam Coding Club is a safe place where he can thrive, build social skills, and experience success in a way that feels both comfortable and exciting for him."

"My son genuinely loved the sessions and was absolutely buzzing each day when I collected him. The staff definitely further ignited a passion for coding/robotics and the sessions were so well put together."

SCAN ME

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NOT SURE IF YOU QUALIFY FOR A FREE PLACE?
 Speak to your school office. They may be able to get a code for you!

Telephone: 01254 480 470
Website: www.jamcoding.com
Email: info@jamcoding.co.uk

Please support if you can - one of our dads is doing an amazing feat.



ONE LEG. 2,517 MILES. NO REST DAYS.

WORLD RECORD ROUTE 66 CYCLE

Former Royal Marines Commando **AARON MOON** will attempt to cycle the entire **Historic Route 66** from Chicago to Santa Monica - over **2,517 miles** across America.

Riding 100+ miles per day with no rest days, Aaron is pushing for a **world endurance cycling record** while raising money for charities supporting veterans and mental health.

-  **2,517 MILES**
Across the USA
-  **CHICAGO → SANTA MONICA**
Historic Route 66
-  **ONE LEG**
Proving what's possible
-  **WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT**
Ultra Endurance Cycling
-  **RAISING MONEY FOR CHARITY**
Veterans | Mental Health

 **SUPPORT THE MISSION**
SCAN TO DONATE

givestar.io/aaron-moon-cycling-route-66-one-leg-no-rest-days

Follow the Journey
 @oneleg87
 rebornmindset.co.uk

"ADVERSITY DOESN'T DEFINE YOU. HOW YOU RESPOND TO IT DOES."
- AARON MOON



THE BIG BALSAM BASH!

2026

CUERDEN VALLEY PARK

PULL IT - SNAP IT - STAMP IT

What is Balsam and why is it a problem?

Himalayan balsam may look pretty with its pink flowers, but it causes real problems for local wildlife, rivers, and community green spaces. It spreads rapidly if not managed.



VARIOUS LOCATIONS

JOIN OUR ORGANISED BALSAM BASHING SESSIONS - FRIDAY AFTERNOONS & SATURDAY MORNINGS

Help us to protect our beautiful park by removing this invasive plant and giving native wildlife the space it needs to thrive.

Email: friends@cuerdenvalleypark.org to find out our meeting points and to let us know you're coming along - or visit our Facebook page for full details (Friends of Cuerden Valley Park)

