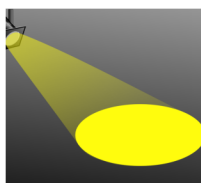




# BALSHAW LANE NEWSLETTER

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter break. It was lovely to see everyone return to school this week looking smart in their summer uniforms and hopefully the sun will continue to shine all term!



## Spotlight this week on Maths.

**Reception:** We have been working on 10 and beyond, looking at how teen numbers are made.

**Year 1:** We have been counting and grouping in 2's, 5's and 10's.

**Year 2:** We have been exploring volume and capacity this week.

**Year 3:** We have been measuring in grams and kilograms and looking at equivalent masses.

**Year 4:** We have been subtracting fractions from whole numbers and mixed numbers.

**Year 5:** We have been reading and interpreting tables, 2 way tables and timetables.

**Year 6:** We have been exploring angles - measuring, estimating and comparing a whole range of angles.

## Assembly

In our assembly this week we focused on our school aspire skill for this half term: **Teamwork and Communication**. We explored why teamwork is really important; how we can solve problems better when working with others; it makes people feel included and a chance to enjoy the community we live in. We also asked the children to work together as a school to help keep our school neat and tidy!

Our school value for this term is Inclusivity.

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



## Messages

### Packed Lunches

We are asking all our children on packed lunches to bring home any uneaten food and rubbish. This is because there is so much rubbish thrown away and we keep finding lots of food on the dining hall floor. It will also help you check what your child has eaten during the day. We appreciate your help and cooperation in this matter.

### Year 3 Residential

Please can all medical forms be returned by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

### Parents reading in school

We had originally planned to invite all our parents in to school to read with their child next Friday. We have postponed this for now and will send out a new date soon.

## PTFA News

SPONSORED BOUNCE - Thursday 7th May  
Proudly sponsored by 1S Electrical and Technical Solutions

It's nearly time to get ready for a fun day of bouncing, climbing and running through our huge bouncy obstacle course!

We've already had sponsorship money coming in to school - a huge thanks! Please can everyone ensure that all sponsorship money is in by Tuesday 5th May. Please send in to school with your child in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class on the front.

We have PRIZES for the class that complete the most laps of the course in a set time and also the class that raises the most sponsorship money. Please also complete the Gift Aid part of the sponsorship form if you are eligible for this - it costs you nothing and we can get an extra 25% of all sponsorship.

Please find attached to the newsletter the sponsored bounce promo and sponsorship form if your child didn't bring it home or it's been lost.

Again, a huge thank you for all your generosity. The funds will be going towards lots of new exciting things happening in school - watch this space!

## Team Points

This week our team point winners were:  
WIZARDS.



## Music appreciation in assembly

Our musical artist for this week is The Beatles. This week we have enjoyed listening to "I want to hold your hand."



## Uniform

Just a reminder that our uniform policy implements the slight change from September where red polo shirts are no longer uniform. White polo shirts only. Also a reminder that socks should be white or grey for girls and grey for boys.

## Wellbeing

This week we have focused on:

### Wellbeing Wednesday

Aspire Skill for this half term:

Communication and Team Work:  
Why is communication important?

What skills and qualities are needed to make a great team?

## Headteacher Awards

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

RA Ruby  
 RH Hollie  
 1A Jak  
 1T Evie-Ann  
 2M Wren  
 2HP Harry M  
 3B Edward  
 3J Oliver  
 4G Clark  
 4W Alex  
 5B Zak  
 5H Sara  
 6B Rupert  
 6C Eva E



## Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance for this academic year is: 95.7%. The figures below are for this week.

Well done to RH, 4G and 4W 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.

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Attendance for last week	99 %	90 %	99 %	95 %	100 %	94 %	98 %	97 %	92 %	95 %	97 %	96 %	97 %	96 %
Punctuality - how many lates?	2	1	0	4	1	1	1	2	0	0	4	4	1	4

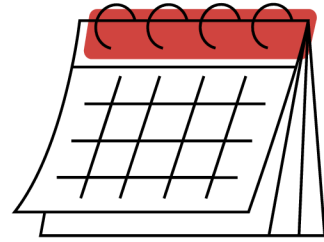
## Dates for this term

### APRIL.

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	4G trip to Cuerden Valley Ancient Egypt workshop for Y3 Y3/4 Invasion Festival CSP
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	5H trip to Museum of Lancashire Faith visitor to visit school
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	4W trip to Cuerden Valley 5B trip to Museum of Lancashire

### MAY

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> / Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Residential
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Matt Goodfellow visit
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Sponsored Bounce
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Trip to Ebb and Flo for winners in Starbooks reading activity
Week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 SATS
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Big School Workout with Joe Wicks
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 trip to Fleetwood Y5/6 Orienteering Comp CSP Induction meeting for new reception parents at 6pm Playgroup in the hall 9:30-10:30am Children break up
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	



### JUNE

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Children return to school
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Tag Rugby Festival CSP Y3 Class Assembly at 9:15am NEW DATE
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 assembly at 9:15am PTFA Colour Run
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day - AM
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Multiplication Check Y1 Phonics Check this week
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Patterdale meetng for parents 3:30pm Y1/2 and Y3/4 Quad Kids Competition
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day - Reserve Day Y3/4 Striking and Fielding Festival
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Stay and Play 9:15am
Week beg 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Week
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	LKS2 Sports Day AM UKS2 Sports Day PM
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Sports Day - Reserve Father's Day PTFA
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Mixed Cricket Competition
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Reception trip
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Girls Cricket Competition
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 MAT Sports Day at Parklands Playgroup in the hall 9:30-10:30am
Wk beg 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Bikeability

### JULY

6 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Residential to Patterdale
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Summer Festival
Wk beginning 13 <sup>th</sup>	Aspirations Week
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Production 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Leavers' Assembly 9:15am



# Selection of photos from this week



Follow us on Facebook.

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



Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Hodgson

# Rainbow Ramble

Join Rainbow Hub for our annual 5 mile walk or run  
**Saturday 9th May 2026**

- Starts & finishes at Bishop Rawstone High School, Croston, PR26 9HH
- Registration opens from 8.45am, Ramble commences at 10am
- Children from £5, adults from £15, please visit our [website for more info](#)
- Entry includes t-shirt and finishing medal
- **FANCY DRESS is optional**

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## Break Time registrations

*Break Time registration is now open*



For more information and to apply please visit  
[www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND)



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