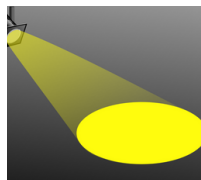




BALSHAW LANE NEWSLETTER



Spotlight this week on History and Geography.

Reception: In history reception have been looking at homes from the past and comparing them to our homes. In geography we have been looking at maps and looking at our way around by drawing our own maps.

Year 1: We have been looking at William Claxton and the printing press in history.

Year 2: In geography we have been exploring what the climate is like close to the equator and making dioramas. We are really excited next week to have a visitor to talk to us about polar climates!

Year 3: In history we have been learning about primary and secondary sources and how these can lead to different versions of events.

Year 4: In geography we have been looking at the city of Rio de Janeiro and have been considering disadvantages and advantages of living in different parts of the city.

Year 5: In geography we have begun our European contrast study by comparing Greater Manchester and Paris by locating countries around the world using digimaps and atlases.

Year 6: In geography we have been learning about North America – specifically capital cities and how they are all different.

Assembly this week...



In our assembly this week we focused on our School Value of Gratitude. We shared the story “Gratitude is My Superpower.” The story built on the concept that when we remember what we are grateful for it changes our negative mindset into a more positive one. The character held a gratitude stone to help her to remember to be grateful for everything she has rather than focusing on the things she doesn’t have.

In Mrs Ashworth’s KS1 and Mr Woodrow’s KS2 Picture News assembly the children explored the question:



Messages

Parking

Please can all parents and carers remember to park safely and not park on double yellow lines. Please also remember that we currently don't have a crossing patrol so we need to keep all children safe when crossing the roads into school.

Book donations

Thank you so much for your kind donations of books for our book swap next Friday. We really appreciate your generosity.

Thank
You!

Well-being Week

This week we have focused on:

Wellbeing Wednesday

Be Active: go on a wellbeing walk.

Being outdoors and walking is good for our mental health as well as our physical health!

Where is your favourite place to walk? Who do you walk with and what do you do while you walk?



Team Points

This week our team point winners were:
WIZARDS.



Music appreciation in assembly

Our musical artist for January is Gustav Holst. This week we have enjoyed listening to "The Cloud Messenger."



Headteacher Awards

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

Week beginning 16th January

RA Millie
RH Eric
1A Jack
1T Tristan
2HP Chester
2M Trevor
3B Norah
3J Freddie
4G Roman
4W Joseph
5B Finnley
5H Grace
6C Jacob
6S Toby

Week beginning 23rd January

Ava
Callista
Louise
Joshua
Oliver
Lola
Ivy
Winter
Noah
Amelie
Kelsey
Annabelle
Ethan
Sheldon



Attendance and Punctuality

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

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 S
Attendance for last week	97 %	91 %	96 %	94 %	99 %	99 %	96 %	96 %	90 %	93 %	98 %	93 %	96 %	95 %
Punctuality - how many lates?	2	1	4	1	3	1	1	3	4	1	6	1	1	6

This year is the **National Year of Reading**.

We are excited to take part in National Story Telling Week next week. We have lots of exciting activities planned for the children:

Monday:

Dom Conlon author visit for KS2

Tuesday:

KS1 Building stories through sound with Annemarie - online session

KS2 Exploring stories through rap and rhythm with Alim Kamara - online session

KS2 Jen Carney author visit KS2 interactive assembly with signed books available for sale

Thursday:

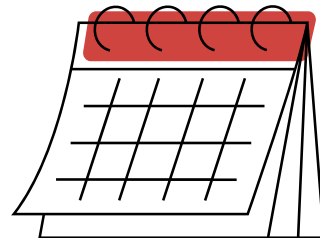
Rec, Y1 and Y2 Phonics Day

Friday:

Book Swap for all children.



Dates for this term



FEBRUARY

Monday 2nd

Thursday 5th

Friday 6th

Tuesday 10th

Wednesday 11th

Thursday 12th

Friday 13th

TUESDAY 24th

Friday 27th

MARCH

Tuesday 3rd

Thursday 5th

Friday 6th

Week beg 9th

Friday 13th

Tuesday 17th

Wednesday 18th

Thursday 26th

Start of National Story Telling Week

KS1 Phonics Day

Y1 assembly at 9:15am

Eco Council running a book swap

Safer Internet Day

4W trip to Helmsore Mill

4G trip to Helmsore Mill

Day off curriculum to promote children's mental health week

PTFA Silent Disco

Young Voices

Reception balance bikes competition

Break up for half term

Children return to school

Playgroup for children and families 0-4 years old 9:30:10:30am

Y2 trip to Martin Mere

World Book Day - option to wear pjs or World Book Day costume

Reading Buddies

Biggest Ever Girls Football Event

Y6 visit Parklands to watch a dance show

Science week

Reception stay and play

Opportunity for parents to view children's work 8:40-9:00am

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Parents' Afternoon/Evening

Y4 assembly

PTFA bingo

PTFA News

Cut-off date for Valentine's silent disco:
Midnight on Monday 9th February

Cut-off date for our world book day event
(in school hours)
Midnight on Monday 2nd March

Order for both events here:

<https://balshawlaneptfa.sumupstore.com/products>



Community News

QualitySport
Holiday Clubs

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CHORLEY
FEBRUARY HALF TERM
SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB!
Fun Activities for children aged 4-12 years

16-20 FEB 2026

LOCATION: ST GEORGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, CARR LANE, PR7 3JU

TIMES: 8:30am - 5:30pm
9am-1pm OR 12pm-4pm (Funded Session)

BOOKING IS NOW OPEN!

COUNCIL FUNDED PLACES ARE AVAILABLE TO BOOK AT THIS SITE!

BOOK ONLINE TODAY AT:
www.qualitysport.co.uk

BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

Contact Us:
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E: info@qualitysport.co.uk

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Quality Sport Holiday Clubs are a professional holiday club provider serving Greater Manchester and Lancashire. We have been running successful holiday clubs for over 15 years and are extremely passionate about childcare, physical education and the development of children.

Rest assured that our OFSTED registered clubs are led by fully qualified, enhanced DBS checked, paediatric first aid and safeguarding trained professionals.

Some of Our Activities:

- ✓ Gymnastics
- ✓ Airtrack
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Rugby
- ✓ Dodgeball
- ✓ Hockey
- ✓ Athletics
- ✓ Nerf Battles
- ✓ Inflatables
- ✓ Talent Show Performances
- ✓ Tennis
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Baking
- ✓ QFIT
- ✓ Rounders
- ✓ Table Tennis
- ✓ Football Darts

PRICES

Full Day (8:30am-5:30pm)	£28
Activity Day (10am-4pm)	£22
Activity Day & Breakfast Club (8:30am-4pm)	£26
Activity Day & Chill Out Club (10am-5:30pm)	£26

We offer sibling discount which is automatically applied when booking. We accept child care vouchers & tax free childcare. Receipts can also be provided to claim fees back through universal credit too.

We have a convenient online booking system where parents can have access 24/7 and pay by card or childcare vouchers. To pay by childcare vouchers, simply click 'pay by childcare vouchers' on check out then a member of staff will be in touch to arrange payment with your relevant voucher company.

FAMILY WELLBEING PROGRAMME

A free support programme for families living in Places for People communities.

Build healthier habits,
STRONGER RELATIONSHIPS,
and confidence with money.

WHAT YOU'LL GAIN

- Stronger family communication & teamwork
- Better emotional awareness & resilience
- Healthier lifestyle habits & improved wellbeing
- Confidence discussing and managing money
- Budgeting, saving & debt-management basics
- Support from trusted local services

FIRST KICK FOUNDATION
Empowering Communities. Inspiring Futures.

READY TO GET INVOLVED?
Speak to your Places for People neighbourhood officer to register.

Places for People

From Saturday, 14 - Friday, 20 February 2026, The Harris will be hosting a week of engaging family-friendly activities, including Creative Chemistry workshops, Lego and coding sessions, Mad Science shows and immersive planetarium experiences. Many activities are free or low-cost, making them accessible for families, you can find full event details on their website.

Lancashire **SEND** Roadshow

2025/2026

The roadshows are for families and practitioners to find out more about support and services available for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers.

These Roadshows are happening across Lancashire bringing the SEND Local Offer to your area.

The SEND Local Offer brings together all services in Lancashire for children and young people aged 0-25 with SEND, and their families.

Chorley and South Ribble SEND Roadshow
Wednesday 4th February

9.30am until 1pm

Inspire Youth Zone, Chorley PR7 1BS



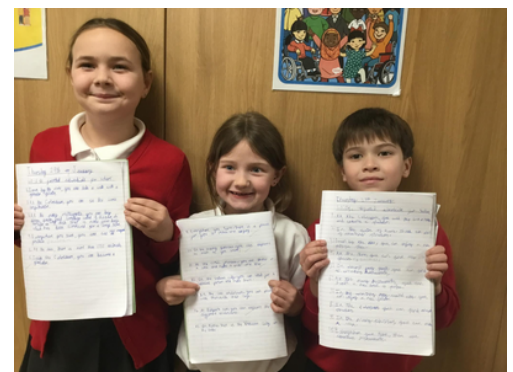


Selection of photos from this week

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



So much great learning in school this week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Mrs Hodgson