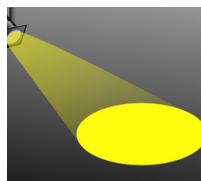




BALSHAW LANE NEWSLETTER



Spotlight this week on Computing

Year 1: We have been using the Bee Bots and learning about algorithms.

Year 2: We have looked at e.safety regarding self image and identity.

Year 3: We have been using the Blue Bots and tactile readers to "de-bug" problems in programming.

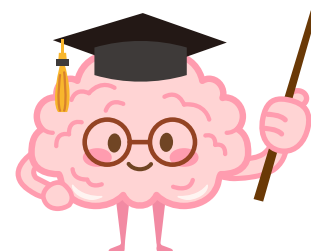
Year 4: We are learning about flow charts and algorithms. We have been creating our own flow charts on Purple Mash.

Year 5: We have been completing our e.safety unit before we start writing our podcasts after half term about life in Anglo-Saxon and Viking Britain.

Year 6: We have been focusing on exploring ways in which we can keep safe online.



Knowledge Quiz



This week was our first Knowledge Quiz where the children across school worked in their team groups to test the knowledge which they have learnt this half term. This will become a half termly event and a great way for the children to recall their newly learnt knowledge. Congratulations to **Dragons** who lifted the Knowledge Trophy for this half term.

Class Assemblies

Well done to year 2 and year 6 for performing wonderful class assemblies this half term showcasing the work they have completed. We were all so impressed with the knowledge shown and beautiful singing. Congratulations to all the children and thanks go to the staff.



Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to all the children who received a Headteacher Award in assembly last week:

RA George
1A Layla
2HP Zac
3B Kitty
4G Luke
5B Baraa
6C Grace

RH Arlo
1T Vinnie
2M Olivia
3J Pippa
4W Ava
5H Layla
6S David



Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance for this academic year is: 96.8%. The figures below are for this week.

Congratulations to 4W for all being punctual. Well done!

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	98 %	95 %	96 %	93 %	93 %	95 %	96 %	91 %	93 %	91 %	94 %	93 %	91 %	91 %
Punctuality - how many lates?	1	1	1	2	2	4	1	1	3	0	3	1	2	2

Dates for your diary

Monday 10th November

Children return to school
Start of Anti-Bullying Week
Children encouraged to wear Odd Socks for the launch.

Tuesday 11th November

Year 2 talk from Chorley Fire and Rescue Services

Wednesday 12th Nov

Year 6 talk from Chorley Fire and Rescue Services

Wednesday 19th Nov

6S Parents' Evening

Thursday 20th Nov

Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics Competition

Wednesday 26th Nov

Y3/4 Christmas Theatre Trip

Thursday 27th Nov

PTFA Movie Night

Friday 28th Nov

Y5/6 Christmas Theatre Trip

Wednesday 3rd December

Infants Panto in school
Y1/2 Christmas Performance

Friday 5th December

Reception Stay and Play

Thursday 11th December

Y5 Christmas Performance

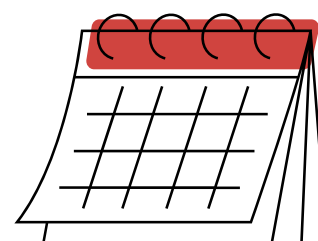
Tuesday 16th December

Y4 Carol Concert

Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Lunch

Dates for the year are on our school website calendar page.



PTFA News

Thank you PTFA

The children had a great time at the Halloween Disco last night. Thank you so much to the PTFA and all the volunteers for running the night. Your support, time and hard work is so appreciated. A massive £1850 profit was raised!

THANK
YOU



Thank you so much for all the kind donations for our Harvest. We were overwhelmed with your generosity.

Messages

Year 6 parents please be aware that the closing date for High School applications is 31st October.

We would like to invite the children to wear **odd socks on the first Monday** we return to school to mark Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-Bullying Week.

Before and After School Club

Please see separate email about a consultation for places for before and after school club care.

Sports Ambassador News

Sports ambassadors met for the first time today and we have discussed and planned our first in school club that we are going to run next half term.

We have also decided that we will hold a competition between teachers and children next half term.

Watch this space! ⚽🏐



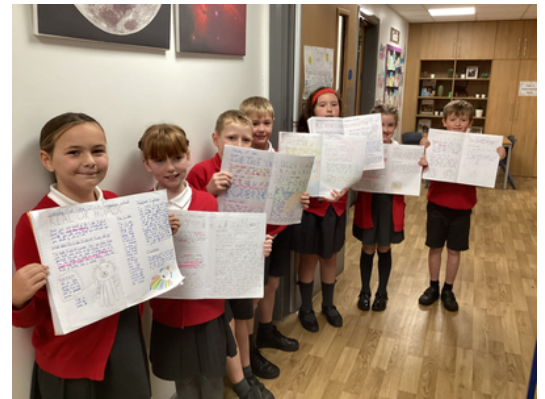
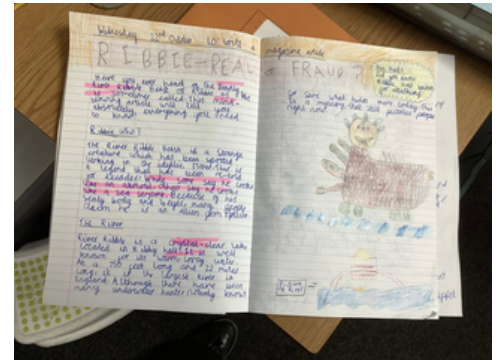


Selection of photos from this week

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



INFORMATION



**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
PRIMARY**

APPLY NOW!

at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

School transport

If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.



CLOSING DATE
15 January 2026

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Balshaw Lane Primary School



OPEN DAYS

Come and see our amazing school in action. There will be a presentation by the headteacher and a full tour of our wonderful learning environment with a chance to meet our dedicated staff and fabulous children.

Tuesday 30th September at 9:15am

Friday 3rd October at 9:15am

Thursday 9th October at 1:15pm

Monday 13th October at 9:15am

Wednesday 22nd October at 9:15am

Wednesday 12th November at 1:15pm

Friday 9th January at 9:15am



We are looking forward to welcoming you to view our warm, friendly and caring school which has **OUTSTANDING** personal development.

Please contact the school office to book on one of our Open Days. Many thanks.

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Have a lovely half term break.

Best wishes,

Mrs Hodgson