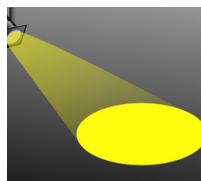
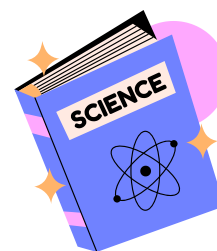




BALSHAW LANE NEWSLETTER



Spotlight this week on science.



Reception: We have looked at the signs of autumn. We have also been comparing African and Asian elephants.

Year 1: We are exploring the 6 basic animal groups and classifying animals into these groups.

Year 2: We are looking at the properties of materials and how suitable materials are for different things.

Year 3: We have been looking at different classification of rocks and their properties.

Year 4: We have been thinking about how materials can change state. We explored melting and freezing and have carried out an investigation to answer the question "What makes ice melt the quickest?"

Year 5: We investigated whether materials are electrical conductors or insulators. The children set up an experiment and recorded their results scientifically.

Year 6: As part of year 6's unit about the circulatory system, we have had some of the children's family members who work in different areas of medicine, come in to talk to us and answer our scientific questions. Next week we will be setting up an experiment to learn more about how our bodies get the nutrients they need.

Assembly this week...

We continued with our **School Value of Respect**.

We explored that we choose how we use our words and how we act towards other people. We reflected how important it is to speak with respect to everyone and that we need to reflect on the times we find it easier or harder to be respectful.



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



Messages

We would like to invite our parents and carers into school on either **Tuesday 14th or Wednesday 15th October (8:40-9:00am) to view your children's books alongside your child.** It will be a chance for them to share the work they have completed so far this year with you and celebrate their achievements. Classrooms will be open from 8:40am until 9:00am so parents/carers can come straight into school at these times. This is instead of the children's books being out on parents evening. It will be lovely for the children to show you their work in their own classroom. Information regarding parents' evening will be sent out next week.

Class Dojo

Please be aware that your child's teacher may not have time to reply to your message but you will know that they have read it, as you can see this on the app.



Missing scooter

We have a scooter missing from the bike rack. Please let the office know, if you are aware of its whereabouts. It is black and green.

Phonics Meeting

Thank you to those who attended this week, we really appreciate your support. Information has been emailed out, but please do come in and ask if you have any questions or need anything clarifying.

Well-being Week

This week we have focused on:

Wellbeing Wednesday

Learn: teach someone else a skill you have.

What skills do you have that you could share?
How might sharing your skills help YOUR wellbeing?



Gold stars!



We love rewarding our super behaved children who have followed our 3 golden rules of ready, respectful and safe. I am looking forward to coming round on Monday to celebrate their excellent behaviour.

Congratulations to all the children who receive a golden star!



Team Points

This week our team points winners were:
DRAGONS.



Sports Ambassadors

Children are being given the opportunity to become a sports ambassador in years 3,4,5 and 6. Two children will be chosen per year group.

To become a sports ambassador, your child will need to write a letter to Miss Baxendale explaining why they would be good for this role. Deadline Monday 6th October.

Year 6 Prefects



Congratulations to all the year 6 children who have been awarded a prefect badge.

Music appreciation in assembly

Our musical artist for this half term is Abba. This week we have enjoyed listening to "Dancing Queen."



Headteacher Awards

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

RA Elias
1A Isla
2HP Bella
3B Leni
4G Rowan
5B Junior
6C Abbie

1T Rosie
2M Teigan
3J Lola
4W Greyson
5H Mabel
6S Chloe



Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance for this academic year is: 97.3%. The figures below are for this week.

Congratulations to 1T and 2HP 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.

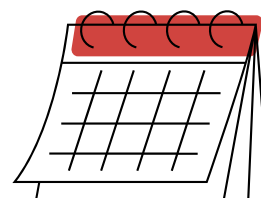
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Attendance for last week	98 %	95 %	99 %	97 %	92 %	99 %	98 %	97 %	96 %	92 %	95 %	96 %	93 %	93 %
Punctuality - how many lates?	2	4	0	1	0	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	4

Dates for your diary

The dates for the whole year are now on our school website. Please take a look.

NEW DATES ADDED HERE IN BLUE

Thursday 2nd October	Tempest Photographs – Class and Reception individuals
Wednesday 8 th October	Mixed Football League Competition World Mental Health Day - children encouraged to wear yellow Girls Football League Competition
Friday 10th October	Black History Awareness Day
Tuesday 14 th October	Year 6 Trip to Parliament, London
Thursday 16 th October	Reception Stay and Play session 9:15-9:45am
Friday 17th October	Year 2 Assembly for Parents and Carers at 9:05am 3:30pm parents/ carers invited in to school to look at the Mental Health and Black History work produced by the children
Monday 20th October	Parents invited in to school with their children to view books 8:40am-9:00am
Tuesday 21st October	Parents invited in to school with their children to view books 8:40am-9:00am
Tuesday 21 st October	Harvest Assembly - donations
Wednesday 22nd October	Parents' Evening and Afternoon
Thursday 23rd October	Flu Vaccinations PTFA Halloween Disco
Friday 24th October	Year 6 Assembly for Parents and Carers at 9:05am Children break up for half term holiday



PTFA News

Thank you to those who were able to attend the PTFA AGM meeting this week.

The staff and I would like to thank our amazing PTFA who raise so much money for school. Their ideas, energy, commitment and efforts are out of this world. Thank you all so very much.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

We are pleased to present our first event of the year, our Halloween spook-tacular disco!

Thursday 23rd October

Infants - 5:45pm-6:45pm

Juniors - 7:00pm-8:15pm

Entry only £3.50 - OR - Entry and Hot Dog £5.50

This is ALWAYS a popular event with most of the school attending. There will be music, party dances and games. Sweet treats and refreshments to purchase and games to play on the night to win prizes. Please send CASH on the night with your child for these.

TO BUY YOUR TICKETS and HOT DOGS - simply click on the link on the PTFA Facebook page or the QR code on the poster here to buy.

PLEASE ensure you add your child's FULL NAME, CLASS and if ordering a Hot Dog any ALLERGIES in the notes section.

Fancy dress encouraged but optional.



Thank you

We would like to say a massive thank you to Mr Warburton for his extremely kind donation of a new music system for the hall. This will greatly improve the whole sound we can offer and also includes microphones. Thank you so much.

Thank you

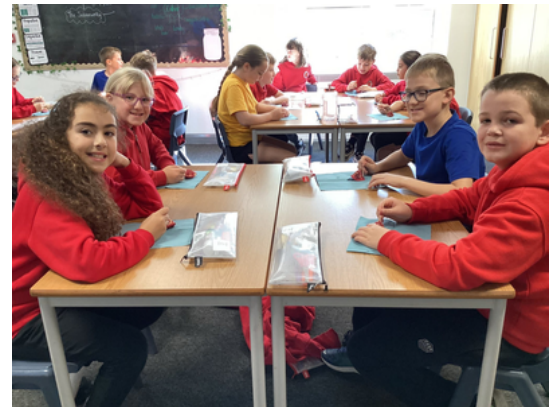


Selection of photos from this week

Follow us on Facebook.



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



INFORMATION



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

lancashire.gov.uk >>>>





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 weekend,

Best wishes,

Mrs Hodgson