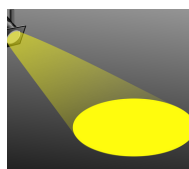




BALSHAW LANE NEWSLETTER

We have had a lovely week with all the children settling well into their new classes. Welcome to all our new reception children and families and other children and families across the school. We are sure your children will have a happy and enjoyable time whilst at Balshaw Lane.



Spotlight this week on “settling into our new classes.”

Reception: We have been super impressed at how well the reception have settled into school. Well done everyone.

Year 1: Staff are extremely impressed with how well the children have settled in. They have shown fabulous teamwork skills and have been flexible when moving through the learning challenges.

Year 2: The staff have been so impressed with how brilliantly our new year 2 children have settled into school this week showing great enthusiasm, kindness and a fantastic attitude to their learning.

Year 3: The staff have been really impressed with how the children have settled into the juniors. They have been listening carefully and worked well through challenges. The staff are excited for the year ahead.

Year 4: The children have worked well as a team when taking part in challenges. They listened well and communicated clearly with each other.

Year 5: The children have settled in really well. We have seen some brilliant team work, wonderful character descriptions and creative artwork. The staff have been really impressed with the way they have started their time in year 5 and are looking forward to getting to know everyone even more.

Year 6: The children have impressed us with their independence and maturity at the start of the year to gain their year 6 standard badges.

Assembly this week...

In assembly this week we focused on “A New Start.” We talked about different new starts, such as a caterpillar turning into a butterfly and a new baby being born before linking this to our brand new school year. The children were asked to think about their new year and how this is going to give them lots of opportunities to do their best, try out new activities and learning and how they had a wealth of opportunity in front of them. I encouraged the children to do their best and have the best possible start to this year’s journey.



In Mr Woodrow’s KS2 Picture News assembly the children explored the question:
“What do you think makes something a Wonder of the World?”



Messages

Please remember that we aim to be a nut free school so please don't send any nut products into school for snack and packed lunches. We have a number of children with severe nut allergies.

We are a healthy school so we ask parents to send healthy snacks in for playtime (children shouldn't be having chocolate or biscuits/crisps) - they should be mainly fruit based. We also ask parents to provide healthy based lunches.

Could we ask parents/carers to inform the office if there are any cases of slapped cheek or chicken pox in the family of children in reception, year 2 and year 4. In these year groups there are vulnerable family members and we need to inform them of any cases.

Many thanks for your support.

Volunteer Readers

Would you like to help the staff hear readers on a regular basis? If so please contact Mrs Hodgson. It would be a great help. The person would need to be DBS cleared and take safeguarding training and we would really appreciate your help.



Well-being Week

This week we have focused on:

Connect: get to know each other!

You may have spent time with your classmates before. Some of them may be close friends, others you might not know that well. But it is never too late to get to know each other better! The start of a new year is a great time to make new connections with each other. How can we do this?



Music appreciation in assembly

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



Gold stars!

We love rewarding our super behaved children who have followed our 3 golden rules of ready, respectful and safe. This year the gold stars will be given out each Monday. Each child will have a special card to collect their stars. Once they have collected 10 stars they will gain a reward. If a child doesn't get a star one week, they will still have chance to gain their 10 stars and collect their reward. I am looking forward to coming round on Monday to celebrate your excellent behaviour.



Safeguarding



We have updated our Safeguarding Policy for this academic year and this can be located on our school website under Key Information, then Safeguarding

Headteacher Awards

We are now presenting Headteacher Awards to one child per class rather than one per year group. Next week we will announce the children who have been chosen in today's assembly.

New APP systems

Packs will be sent out at the start of next week with further information. It is the free version of Class Dojo - please don't think we are asking you to pay to sign up for the Dojo Plus.

Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance for this academic year is: 97.7%. The figures below are for this week.

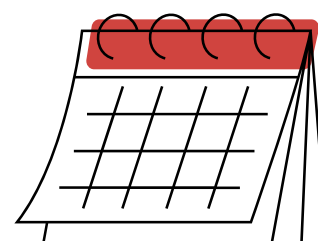
Congratulations to 1T, 1A, 2M, 4G, 4W and 6C or all being punctual. Well done!

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	100 %	100 %	95 %	100 %	93 %	96 %	97 %	98 %	98 %	98 %	98 %	98 %	96 %	96 %
Punctuality - how many lates?	3	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	6

Dates for your diary

Monday 15th September	Curriculum Meeting for all parents at 3:30pm
Friday 19th September	School Council and Eco-Club Elections badges awarded in assembly
Thursday 2nd October	Tempest Photographs - Class and Reception individuals
Friday 10th October	Black History Awareness Day
Friday 17th October	Year 2 Assembly for Parents and Carers at 9:05am
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 (further information will be sent out regarding this)
Wednesday 22nd October	Parents' Evening
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



NOTICE OF MEETINGS

AGM - Annual General Meeting - we are legally obliged to run this annually to comply with the charity commission. This is open to everyone and we encourage as many of you as possible to come to this. Tuesday 23rd September - 3:30pm-4:00pm in school.

The trustees will deliver their annual report and present the previous year's financial statements as well as discuss the direction of travel for the year ahead. You can ask the trustees any questions at this meeting about decision making and the charities policies.

If you would like to stand for a position on the committee, voting will take place at the meeting for the positions. If you would like to stand please message this page to put your name on the vote

Positions available: Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

PTFA Meeting - our general meeting to discuss and plan events. Again, everyone can come to this, if you would like to come and take part, just listen to what's being planned, have ideas or can help at events - we need you!

Monday 15th September - at the Fieldfair pub (next to Tesco) from 7:30pm-9:00pm.

No need to register - just turn up. Remember the more helpers we have the lighter the work load and easier it is.

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.





Selection of photos from this week

Follow us on Facebook.



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



Please help us spread the word about our Open Days for prospective new parents.



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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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.

**CLOSING DATE
15 January 2026**

lancashire.gov.uk >>>>

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.

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- Home Safety
- Relationships
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Chorley
PR7 1BS

**Thursday
11th Sept
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12 noon**

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Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Mrs Hodgson