

# Balshaw's Bulletin



4<sup>th</sup> May – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Theme: John 6:60-71: Following Jesus

Words of the Week: "Where else shall we go Lord? You have the words of eternal life" – John 6:68

## Upcoming Events

More information [here](#)

29/04/2026 – 07/04/2026

- GCSE Languages Speaking Examinations

04/05/2026

- May Bank Holiday – School Closed

05/05/2026

- Year 10 Preston College Taster Day

06/05/2026

- Balshaw's PTA Meeting (7.30pm-9.00pm)

09/05/2026

- Balshaw's PTA Car Boot Sale (10.00am-12.00 noon)

## Top 3 Tutor group attendance last week

(27/04/26-01/05/26):

1. 9FN5 (99.1%)
2. 10CU7 (99%)
3. 10FN7 (98.7%)

## Whole School Attendance last week

(27/04/26-01/05/26):

93.8%

## Upcoming Events:

Here

## GCSE Exams:

[Here](#)

## Reminder of the week:

The school grounds are closed to vehicles between 8.30am – 8.45am and 3pm – 3.15pm to safeguard our students when entering and leaving the school.

## Next week's fixtures:

Monday:

- May Bank Holiday – School Closed

Tuesday:

- Year 11 South Ribble Cup Football VS Leyland St Mary's (Home)
- Under 14's Girls Lancashire Cup Semi-Final at Lostock Hall Academy (Away)

Wednesday:

- No fixtures today

Thursday:

- Under 13 Boys Cricket Lancashire Cup VS Bluecoat (Away at Fox Lane Cricket Club)

Friday:

- No fixtures today





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## Club rota:

Please note this information is correct at time of publishing but is subject to change. Please check X (Twitter) for any daily updates.

Day	Break/Lunch Clubs	Afterschool Clubs
Mon	All Years – Culture Club - Lunch Year 7-9 – Football (3G) – Lunch Year 10-11 – GCSE PE Table Tennis – Lunch	All Years – Athletics (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 7-8 – Drama Club (3.20pm-4.10pm) – CANCELLED (Until further notice) due to school production Year 7-10 – Mary Poppins Rehearsals (3.10pm-4.30pm) See notices below for further information.
Tues	All Years - Young Writers' Club – Lunch All Years – Knitting Club – Lunch All Years – Faith Club – Lunch Year 7 & 11 – Table Tennis – Lunch Year 8 - 10 – Football (3G) – Lunch	All Years – Home Learning Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) All Years – Warhammer Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 7-8 – STEM Club (3.10pm-4pm) Year 7-9 (Boys) – Rugby (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 7-10 – Mary Poppins Rehearsals (3.10pm-4.30pm) See notices below for further information. Year 7,9 and 10 (Girls) – Rounders (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 8-10 – Rotary Youth Speaks Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 10 – Duke of Edinburgh (3.10pm-4.10pm)
Wed	All Years – Balshaw's Archivists Year 7, 8 & GCSE – Table Tennis – Lunch Year 9 - 11 – Football (3G) – Lunch	All Years – Home Learning Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) All Years – Debate Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) All Years – Darts Club (3.10pm-4.00pm) (Week B Only) Year 9-10 (Boys) – Cricket (3.10pm-4.10pm)
Thurs	All Years – Eco Council – Lunch Year 7, 10 & 11 – Football (3G) – Lunch Year 8, 9 & GCSE – Table Tennis – Lunch	All Years – Home Learning Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 7-10 (Girls) – Tournament Thursday (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 8 (Girls) – Rounders (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 9-11 – English Speaking Union Public Speaking Practice (3.10pm-4.10pm)
Fri	All Years – The Listening Club – Lunch Year 7, 8 & 11 Football (3G) – Lunch Year 9, 10 & GCSE – Table Tennis – Lunch Year 11 – GCSE French Revision - Lunch	Year 7-8 (Boys) – Cricket (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 7-10 (Girls) – Fitness Suite (3.10pm-4.10pm)



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## Teacher Notices – All Years:

### School Day Timetable for GCSE Exam Period 2026

Please note that the school day timetable will change, for the whole school, from Thursday 7th May 2026 until Friday 12th June, for the GCSE exams. For More information click [here](#).

### Attendance reminders ...

1. School should be provided with a copy of medical appointment confirmations for any medical appointments that are made during school time, if this has not been provided you may be asked to upload a copy of the appointment text/letter/email to your child's synergy account or email a copy to [attendance@balshaws.org.uk](mailto:attendance@balshaws.org.uk). Wherever possible please try to organise medical, routine dental or ophthalmic appointments outside of school hours.
2. If your child has been absent for 3 days or more, school may need to complete a welfare check. If you do not wish for us to visit your child at home to complete this the welfare check can be completed in your car in the school car park if this is more convenient.

Thank you, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Leyland

### Appointments in school

If you would like to meet with a Pastoral member of staff to discuss a Pastoral issue, please contact the school office or the staff member directly to arrange in advance. Unfortunately, we cannot facilitate meetings for any Parents who arrive without an appointment. This is due staff availability, teaching timetables, existing commitments and pre arranged meetings. Thank you for your support on this.



**PTA Car Boot Sales at Balshaw's**

**EVERY SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH:**

**SATURDAY 9TH MAY**  
**SATURDAY 13TH JUNE**  
**SATURDAY 11TH JULY**

**10AM TO 12 NOON**

£10 PER CAR AND SPACE FOR 1 TABLE)  
(vendors are asked to provide their own table)

**GATES OPEN AT 10AM FOR BUYERS - ENTRY IS FREE!**

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

\* VENDORS CAN ARRIVE FROM 9AM TO ALLOW TIME TO SET UP - GATES WILL CLOSE AT 9.45AM \*

\* PARKING FOR VENDORS ONLY ON SITE \*

**\* NO COMMERCIAL VENDORS \* NO VANS \* NO TRAILERS \***

## Teacher Notices – All Years:



**YOUR VOICE YOUR FUTURE**

Are you 16 or 17?  
You can register to vote NOW!  
Shape your world before you turn 18

It's quick, easy and your first step to making a difference

Don't wait - get on the register today!  
[southribble.gov.uk/register tovot](http://southribble.gov.uk/register tovot)

South Ribble

## Teacher Notices – Year 7:

No new notices this week.

## Teacher Notices – Year 8:

No new notices this week.

## Teacher Notices – Year 9:

No new notices this week.

## Teacher Notices – Year 10:

No new notices this week.

## Teacher Notices – Year 11:

**The Revision Support and Study Skills timetable** is live on our Website and can be found [here](#). The information will be regularly updated as the sessions are planned.



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## Careers Notices – Years 9-10:

**NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience session -** Sunday 3rd May. It's a fantastic opportunity for students in year 10 and 11 who are considering a career in healthcare. Students are awarded a Work Experience Certificate for every session they complete. Those who complete the full 6-month programme will be awarded a Highly Commended Reference from the Presidents of Allied Healthcare Mentor. These are fantastic additions to their CVs!

We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible. Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs.

Registration Link: [Here](#)

We are pleased to invite your Year 10 and Year 11 students to attend taster sessions at Bolton College on Tuesday 12th May. These sessions provide an excellent opportunity for learners to explore potential career paths and experience college life first-hand.

Students can book up to **two sessions** per person:

- **Session 1:** 5:00pm - 6:00pm
- **Session 2:** 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Please use the following booking link to reserve places:

<https://www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/year-10-year-11-taster-sessions/>



Career Opportunities & Apprenticeship Event —  
Runshaw College

## Mary Poppins Rehearsals – Years 7-10:

All rehearsals until 4.30pm	Dancing-Dance Studio/ Hall	Singing Room 14	Acting Room 60
Tuesday 5th	NO DANCING	MARY, BERT and CHILDREN	<b>Page 30-36</b> Mrs Brill, Winifred, Robertson Ay, Jane, Michael, Mary Poppins, Mrs and Mrs Banks