Balshaw's Bulletin

9th – 13th January 2026

Theme: John 5:30-47: Can we trust Jesus?

Words of the Week: "The works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me" – John 5:36b

Upcoming Events

More information here

09/02/2026

- KS4 Options Booklet available online

12/02/2026

- KS4 Options Videos available online

13/02/2026

- School closes for half term at 3.10pm

Next week's fixtures:

Monday:

- Year 7 Netball VS All Hallows (Away)

Tuesday:

- Year 8 Football (Home)
- Under 16's Basketball VS Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School (Away)

Wednesday:

- No fixtures today

Thursday:

- No fixtures today

Friday:

- No fixtures today

Top 3 Tutor group attendance last week

(02/02/2026-06/02/2026):

1. 9CU6 (100%)
2. 7FN2, 9CU5 and 10WN8 (99.2%)
3. 8CU3 (99.1%)

Whole School Attendance last week

(02/02/26-06/02/26):

95.3%

Attendance:

Here

National Year of Reading:

Here

Reminder of the week:

Many unnamed items of lost property will be placed on the table in the corridor outside the Main School Office on Monday and Tuesday this week. If your student believes they have lost any items, please encourage them to visit the lost property table.

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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 – Choir Practice (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 7-8 – Drama Club (3.20pm-4.10pm) – CANCELLED (Until further notice) due to school production Year 7-8 (Girls) – Indoor Athletics (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 7-10 – Mary Poppins Rehearsals (3.10pm-4.30pm) See notices below for further information. Year 7 (Boys) – Indoor Athletics (3.10pm-4.10pm)
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 – Band Practice (3.10pm-4.10pm) All Years – Warhammer Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) All Years (Girls) – Fitness Suite (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 7 and 9 (Girls) – Netball (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 7-8 – STEM Club (3.10pm-4pm) Year 7-10 – Mary Poppins Rehearsals (3.10pm-4.30pm) See notices below for further information. Year 8 (Boys) – Indoor Athletics (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 – Choir Practice (3.10pm-4.10pm) All Years – Debate Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) All Years – Darts Club (3.10pm-4.00pm) All Years – Table Tennis (3.10pm-4.10pm) – UPDATED Year 7-8 (Boys) – Handball (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 7-9 – Table Tennis (3.10pm-4.10pm)
Thurs	All Years – Eco Council – Lunch Year 7-8 – Film Club - Lunch Year 7, 10 & 11 – Football (3G) – Lunch Year 8, 9 & GCSE – Table Tennis – Lunch	All Years – Home Learning Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) All Years – Gymnastics (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 9-11 – English Speaking Union Public Speaking Practice (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 10-11 – Basketball (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 8 (Boys) – Football (3.10pm-4.10pm) - CANCELLED Year 8 (Girls) – Netball (3.10pm-4.10pm)

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Teacher Notices – **All Years**:

Road Safety Concerns

We have had a number of worries raised from concerned members of the public about the risks that Balshaw's students are taking on the road. This is especially true of those who ride bikes. One moment of error can have life-changing consequences. It is sadly the case that students from Balshaw's have been killed or injured on their bikes in the past. There have been a couple of near misses in the last three weeks.

Please remind students of the following:

- Use road crossings
- If you ride a bike, you must obey the rules of the road
- Do not drop off kerbs onto roads
- Do not cut across junctions as you cannot always tell what direction traffic will be coming from

Students must use all the road safety knowledge that they have been taught both at Balshaw's and in their primary schools.

If you child attends a club, please ensure they have signed up for this via their Synergy accounts.

Teacher Notices – **Year 7 - 8**:

1st Clayton Brook Scout Group have been in contact with School. There are a few spaces in the Scout section (10-14 years). If your child is interested in joining, please contact Clare Beard via the Clayton Brook Scout Facebook Group.

Careers Notices – **Year 10 - 11**:

Teacher Notices – **Year 7**:

No new notices this week.

Teacher Notices – **Year 8**:

No new notices this week.

Teacher Notices – **Year 9**:

Our **KS4 options** process has begun. You can see full details about the process, the specific dates and times here.

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.

Teacher Notices – **Year 7 - 10**:

Mary Poppins Rehearsal Schedule:

Date	Acting	Singing	Dancing
Monday 9th Feb	In singing rehearsal	**HALL** Full cast Supercali Jolly Holiday	In singing rehearsal
Tuesday 10th Feb	Mary, Kids and tappers	Feed the Birds and Chim Chimney	Floating between dance and singing