

Balshaw's Bulletin



18th May – 22nd May 2026

Theme: John 8:12: The Light of the World

Words of the Week: "Again Jesus spoken to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life'" – John 8:12

Upcoming Events

More information [here](#)

08/05/2026 – 17/06/2026

- GCSE Examinations

18/05/2026 – 22/05/2026

- Year 7 Exams Week

19/05/2026

- Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

22/05/2026

- School closes at 3.10pm for May Half Term Holiday

Top 3 Tutor group attendance last week

(11/05/26-15/05/26):

1. 9WN6 (100%)
2. 8CU3 and 10FN7 (98.9%)
3. 9CU5 (97.9%)

Whole School Attendance last week

(11/05/26-15/05/26):

94.2%

GCSE Exams:

[Here](#)

Safeguarding:

[Here](#)

Next week's fixtures:

Monday:

- Year 7 Girl's Football at Leyland, St Mary's (Away)
- Year 8/9 Boys Rugby VS All Hallows (Home)

Tuesday:

- Year 7 Rugby VS Academy@Worden (Home)

Wednesday:

- Under 13's Girl's Lancashire Cup Final at Darwen FC, proposed 5pm kick-off (Away)

Thursday:

- Under 15's Cricket VS Marsden Height, proposed 1pm kick-off (Away)

Friday:

- No fixtures today

Reminder of the week:

Please ensure all items of Uniform, PE kit and Equipment are labelled. We have an increase in lost items that we cannot reunite with their owners. Please ask your child/children to visit the main school office if they have lost any items.





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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)

Parent Survey. Please use this form to give us your feedback about our school



“Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path” Psalm 119, Verse 105



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Teacher Notices – All Years:

School Day Timetable for GCSE Exam Period 2026

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. 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 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:

Please see below this month's **Parent & Carer Peer Support Groups and new Workshops**, delivered by Key. The sessions offer friendly, informal support for parents and carers — a space to connect, share experiences, and access practical guidance around children's wellbeing, mental health, and additional needs. All sessions are free, welcoming, and open to any parent or carer, with no referral needed.

Thank you, Mrs Rogerson.



PATH
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

PARENT & CARER WORKSHOPS
With Primary Mental Health Worker - CAMHS

Free workshops supporting children & young people's mental health

Tuesday 26 May **Mental Health & Wellbeing Drop-in**
12:30pm-2:00pm
A friendly drop-in session for parents, carers & young people.

Wednesday 17 June **Parenting Strategies Workshop Taster**
12:30pm-2:30pm
Practical ideas to support stronger parent/ carer-child relationships.

Wednesday 8 July **Resilience, Routines & Wellbeing**
12:30pm-2:30pm
Ways to support emotional balance over the holidays.

The Base on Broadfield, 97-99 Bannister Drive, Leyland, PR25 2G0

Scan the QR code to book your place or email nikih@keycharity.org.uk

PARENT & CARER PEER SUPPORT
Supporting YOU to support your Young Person with their Mental Health, Wellbeing & Additional Needs.

ONLINE - TEAMS 11 th May 6pm - 7pm Email for link.	LEYLAND 12 th May 12:30 - 2PM Unit 2, BalFour Court PR25 2TF	CHORLEY SENDIAS & LPCF 18 th May 1 - 2:30PM Duke St. Family Hub PR7 3DU
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NEW Parent & Carer Wellbeing Workshops
Register Interest Here:
With Primary Mental Health Care - CAMHS

For more information contact nikih@keycharity.org.uk

FAMILY HUBS **key** **SPRING NORTH** **M25**
Levenshaye and South Corbridge

www.keycharity.org.uk Registered Charity Number: 154772

All communications are sent via Synergy for current students, we have had reports these are disappearing into Junk/Spam email folders especially for Parents who use Apple products. Please regularly check all email folders for messages if you believe you have missed any communications please contact enquiries@balshaws.org.uk.

If you have a student starting with us in September please regularly check all email folders for emails from admissions@balshaws.org.uk and emails sent from Applicaa. If you believe you have missed any new starter communications please contact admissions@balshaws.org.uk.



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Careers Notices – Years 9-10:

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](#).

Students may enter the restaurant from 8:10am prior to their exams. At 8:30am, students will need to put their belongings in their locker and go to the hall for the 8:35am exam briefing. Any students arriving later than 8:35am will late be to the briefing. They will be admitted to the exam but must wait in the compound until the briefing is over.



We wanted to let you know that booking for Newman Fest is NOW OPEN! This is an event for **Year 11 offer holders**, so anyone who has received a conditional offer from the college. It is a fantastic opportunity for them to try out their subjects and the college before enrolment. They can also make any changes to their application, including courses with the admissions team at this event.

We would advise booking early to avoid disappointment, so students can ensure they are able to try all of the subjects that they want to. This is **not** limited to what they have applied for, so if any student is considering changing to something that they haven't applied for, they may wish to try that out on the day.



Mary Poppins Rehearsals – Years 7-10:

All rehearsals until 4.30pm	Dancing-Dance Studio/Hall	Singing Room 14	Acting Room 60
Monday 18th May	Precision and order All dancers plus clerks and Mr Banks	Feed the birds +Ensemble	
Tuesday 19th May	Full run act one off book.	Full run act one off book.	Full run act one off book.

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.