

# Balshaw's Bulletin



20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Theme: John 6:16-21: Walking on the Waves

Words of the Week: "He said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid'"  
– John 6:20

## Upcoming Events

More information [here](#)

14/04/2026 – 28/04/2026

- Year 10 Mock Examinations

29/04/2026 – 07/04/2026

- GCSE Languages Speaking Examinations

04/05/2026

- May Bank Holiday – School Closed

06/05/2026

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

## Top 3 Tutor group attendance last week

(13/04/26-17/04/26):

1. 10WN8 (99.2%)
2. 10FN7 and 9WN6 (98.7%)
3. 9FN6 (98.6%)

## Whole School Attendance last week (13/04/26-17/04/26):

95%

## Recent Letters and Communications:

[Here](#)

## Safeguarding:

[Here](#)

## Reminder of the week:

Balshaw's is unable to provide students with one-use cups. Drinks are available to purchase from the canteen and students can use the water fountain. Please encourage your student to bring a re-usable water bottle with a label to transport any water from the fountain.

## Next week's fixtures:

Monday:

- Year 7 Girls Lancashire cup VS Lathom (Home)

Tuesday:

- Staff Football (Weather Permitting)

Wednesday:

- Under 15's Girls District Game (Away)

Thursday:

- Year 10 and 11 Girls football at Leyland St Mary's (Away)

Friday:

- Under 15's Girls District Game (Away)





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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	<b>Some clubs are cancelled today due to the Lenten Charity Staff Football match.</b> All Years – Home Learning Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) <b>All Years – Warhammer Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) - CANCELLED</b> <b>Year 7-8 – STEM Club (3.10pm-4pm) - CANCELLED</b> <b>Year 7-9 (Boys) – Rugby (3.10pm-4.10pm) - CANCELLED</b> Year 7-10 – Mary Poppins Rehearsals (3.10pm-4.30pm) See notices below for further information. <b>Year 7,9 and 10 (Girls) – Rounders (3.10pm-4.10pm) - CANCELLED</b> Year 8-10 – Rotary Youth Speaks Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) <b>Year 10 – Duke of Edinburgh (3.10pm-4.10pm) - CANCELLED</b>
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 7-8 – 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) 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) Year 8 (Boys) – Football (3.10pm-4.10pm)



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## Teacher Notices – All Years:

### 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

Calling young people across Lancashire!

Feeling overwhelmed? You're not alone and we're here to help.

Our short video introduces our upcoming Online Worry Management Group, where you'll learn:

- What worry actually is
- Why we all experience it
- Simple, practical tools to manage it when it starts taking over

Whether you're dealing with school stress or just feel like your thoughts are running a bit too fast, this is a calm, supportive space to build confidence and feel more in control.

Watch the video to see if this group feels right for you.  
Watch here <https://youtu.be/mWwWibgFTg>

To join, you'll need to:

- Be able to access sessions online via Microsoft Teams
- Commit to 6 weekly sessions (Monday or Wednesday, 4-5pm)
- Not have accessed 1:1 sessions with us previously

If this sounds like something you'd like to be part of, have a chat with your parent/carer and ask them to complete our online referral form:  
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/PKVaK3FgKY>

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### PARENT & CARER PEER SUPPORT

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

LEYLAND  
14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
April  
12:30 - 2PM

Unit 2, Balfour Court, PR25 2TF

CHORLEY  
SENDIAS & LPOF  
20<sup>th</sup> April  
1 - 2:30PM

Duke St, Family Hub, PR7 3DU

CLAYTON-LE-WOODS  
27<sup>th</sup> April  
1 - 2:30PM

Clayton Library, PR6 7EN

ONLINE TEAMS  
13<sup>th</sup> April  
6pm - 7pm

Email for link.

"Hearing other parent's journeys and things they have found helpful. A safe space to talk that is non-judgemental. I think it has been excellent".

For more information contact [nikh@keycharity.org.uk](mailto:nikh@keycharity.org.uk)

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## Teacher Notices – Year 7:

No new notices this week.

## Teacher Notices – Year 8:

No new notices this week.

## Teacher Notices – Year 9:

The Drama department have organised a trip to Runshaw college to see their production of 'A Little Shop of Horrors.' We have 28 tickets booked for Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May and tickets are £5 per person on a first come first served basis, please complete details on ParentPay.

## Teacher Notices – Year 10:

**Year 10 Mock Examinations** - full details about specific dates and times [here](#).

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## 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.

## 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](#)



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## Mary Poppins Rehearsals – Years 7-10:

All rehearsals until 4.30pm	Dancing-Dance Studio/Hall	Singing Room 14	Acting Room 60
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Mary, Bert, Jane and Michael, Mr and Mrs Banks, Mrs Brill, Robertson Ay  <b>UP TO PAGE 35</b>	Rest of cast in Music room- Spoonful of Sugar	Mary, Bert, Jane and Michael, Mr and Mrs Banks, Mrs Brill, Robertson Ay  <b>UP TO PAGE 35</b>
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>		Mary, Jane and Michael Spoonful of Sugar	