

Balshaw's Bulletin



23rd – 27th March 2026

Theme: Forgiveness

Words of the Week: "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old things have passed away, and the new things have come" – 2 Corinthians 5:17

Upcoming Events

More information [here](#)

23/03/2026 – 27/03/2026

- Lenten Charity Week

24/03/2026 – 26/03/2026

- Year 10 MFL Speaking Exams

26/03/2026

- KS4 Options Form Deadline

27/03/2026

- Wear your Trainers to School today for Lenten Charity Week
- School Closes for the Easter Holiday (1pm)

Top 3 Tutor group attendance last week

(16/03/26-20/03/26):

1. 9CL6 and 11CL10 (99.1%)
2. 9FN6 (99%)
3. 10CU7 (98.6%)

Whole School Attendance last week (16/03/26-20/03/26):

94.3%

KS4 Options:

[Here](#)

Safeguarding:

[Here](#)

Term Dates:

[Here](#)

Reminder of the week:

Our Parent's Evening booking system is completed via Synergy, only priority one parents can book appointments. Please contact the school office if you are experiencing any issues with your Synergy account.

Next week's fixtures:

Monday:

- Year 7 Netball at All Hallows (Away)

Tuesday:

- Lenten Charity Staff Football

Wednesday:

- Year 7 Boys Indoor Cricket at All Hallows (Away)

Thursday:

- Under 14's Girls South Ribble Cup VS Penwortham Girls' High School (Home)

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	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. Year 7-10 (Boys) – Rugby (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 7-9 (Girls) – Netball (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	Some clubs are cancelled today due to the Lenten Charity Staff Football match. All Years – Home Learning Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) All Years – Darts Club (3.10pm-4.00pm) - CANCELLED All Years – Warhammer Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) - CANCELLED Year 7 (Boys) – Cricket (3.10pm-4.10pm) - CANCELLED 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 8-10 – Rotary Youth Speaks Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 8-11 (Boys) – Fitness Suite (3.10pm-4.10pm) - CANCELLED Year 10 – Duke of Edinburgh (3.10pm-4.10pm) – CANCELLED
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) Year 8-10 (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) All Years (Girls) – Football (3.10pm-4.10pm) All Years (Girls) – Gymnastics (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	All Years (Girls) – Fitness Suite (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 7-9 (Boys) – Basketball (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 8 (Boys) – Football (3.10pm-4.10pm)



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Teacher Notices – All Years:

Lenten Charity Fundraising

Every year during Lent we raise money for charities in school suggested by our students via their House Tutors. At Balshaw's we believe that there is something noble and decent about doing something to help others, often less fortunate than ourselves and we want to give something back to our Community because we get so much.

This year we have a week of fundraising from 23rd - 26th March where tutors will complete fundraising activities with their Tutor groups. On Friday 27th March, the last day of term we have a trainer day where children can pay £1 to wear their trainers to school - see poster below and watch out for the item on ParentPay.



Compass Bloom - Online Worry Management Group

Please also access the video for this event [here](#).



STAFF CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH
TUESDAY 24TH MARCH from 3.30pm to 4.15pm

On Tuesday 24th March, we are hosting another charity staff football fixture as a fundraising event!

- Students wanting to watch must buy a ticket and show this to the members of staff stewarding the event on Tuesday 24th March
- The fixture will start at 3:30pm and will finish for 4:15pm. Any students wanting to watch must inform their families
- Tickets are £1 and can be bought from the PE office at break times and after school - not during lunch as staff are on duty
- Mobile phones **MUST NOT BE USED!** Students who have their phones in their hand will have it confiscated and receive a day in inclusion

We hope that the everyone enjoys the occasion.

A reminder that mobile phones **MUST NOT BE USED AT ALL** during the event. Students caught with using phones will have it confiscated and spend a day in inclusion!

Mr. O'Neill

Teacher Notices – All Years:

Attendance reminders ...

1. End of term attendance letters will be sent out on our Attend platform at the end of term for your child.
2. 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.
3. 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



SIGN UP HERE:



Teacher Notices – Year 7:

No new notices this week.

Teacher Notices – Year 8:

No new notices this week.



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Teacher Notices – Year 9:

Our **KS4 options** is coming to an end. You can see full details about the process, the specific dates and times [here](#).

Teacher Notices – Year 10:

Our **Year 10 Mock Examinations** begin on Tuesday 24th March. You can see full details about specific dates and times [here](#).

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	Dancing	Singing	Acting
Mon 23 rd March	ALL DANCERS ENSEMBLE AND REST OF CAST BIG NUMBERS IN THE HALL.	Spoonful of Sugar Cherry Tree Lane Perfect Nanny Practically Perfect. Jane, Michael, Mary Bert Mrs Brill, Robetson Aye, The Honeybees.	
Tues 24 th March	ALL IN SINGING	WHOLE CAST HALL- ALL BIG NUMBERS.	

Careers Notices – Years 9-10:

Applications for the free National NHS Virtual Work experience programme have now reopened. Virtual work experiences have been accepted by the Medical Schools and Dental Schools Council as valuable alternatives to in-person shadowing.

This programme is brought to you by Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust in collaboration with Medic Mentor, and it is completely free. The opportunity is open to any student across the UK from 14 years old and above.

Students and parents can register for free at these links:

For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates, register [here](#)
Saturday 28th March from 9am - 1:30pm

Free opportunities for those interested in Sports Science, Psychology or Medical Sciences to attend online taster lectures at Bangor University. These could be used to show real interest in a subject, and possibly to add to your CV.

Reserve your place [here](#).