

Balshaw's Bulletin



27th April – 1st May 2026

Theme: John 6:35-54: The Secret of Eternal Life

Words of the Week: "Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall not thirst'" – John 6:35

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

(20/04/26-24/04/26):

1. 10WN7 and 8CU3 (100%)
2. 10CL8 (99.5%)
3. 7FN1 and 7WN1 (98.6%)

Whole School Attendance last week (20/04/26-24/04/26):

94.8%

Recent Letters and Communications:

[Here](#)

Our Curriculum:

[Here](#)

GCSE Exams:

[Here](#)

Reminder of the week:

Up-to-date information is vital, if you believe any of your details need to be updated please contact the school office via Synergy or enquiries@balshaws.org.uk.

Next week's fixtures:

Monday:

- No fixtures today

Tuesday:

- No fixtures today

Wednesday:

- No fixtures today

Thursday:

- No fixtures today

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) 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. 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.

Teacher Notices – All Years:

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

LEYLAND 14 th & 28 th April 12:30 - 2PM Unit 2, Balfour Court PR25 2TF	CHORLEY SENDIAS & LPCF 20 th April 1 - 2:30PM Duke St. Family Hub PR7 3DU	CLAYTON-LE-WOODS 27 th April 1 - 2:30PM Clayton Library PR6 7EN
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ONLINE TEAMS
13th April
6pm - 7pm
Email for link.

For more information contact nikih@keycharity.org.uk

www.keycharity.org.uk Registered Charity Number 1154772

"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".

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:

Year 10 Mock Examinations - 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.

Drama GCSE revision will not be on Wednesday next week, but will be on Friday 1st May instead. Thank you, Mrs Bache.



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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/>

Careers Notices – Years 9-10:



[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
Monday 27th April	Mary, Jane, Michael, Honeybees, Mrs Brill, Robertson Ay, Winifred, Honeybees Spoonful of Sugar	Brimstone and Treacle	
Tuesday 21st April	Precision and Order- ALL DANCERS		Page 33-36- CAKE SCENE. Mrs Brill, Winifred, Robertson Ay, Jane, Michael, Mary Poppins