



DUKE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

12TH DECEMBER 2025

HEADLINES



READING PERCENTAGES

ACORN: 63%

ROSE: 66%

TULIP: 94%

ACER: 79%

SPRUCE: 63%

REDWOOD: 100%

MAPLE: 50%

BEECH: 60%

ROWAN: 55%

POPLAR: 69%

SYCAMORE: 85%

CHESTNUT: 80%

Is your class percentage
higher or lower from

Acorn class have attended the bowling competition this morning and were split into two teams of four. Out of 15 other primary schools, team 2 secured second place and team 1 were the first place winners!! Team 1 will go on to the finals in March. Mr Reay, Miss Ford, Mrs Dutton and Mr Allen are so proud of their achievements! Well done team Acorn! You wonderful, talented bowlers!



As we enter the final week of the autumn term, we have a few more festive events still to take place next week.

Our Reception and Year 6 buddies will be singing to their families on Monday afternoon. This event starts at 2.30pm.

KS1 children will be performing 'What Christmas means to Us' to families on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. There are still a few tickets available from Mrs Nicholls in the main school office.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

ACORN: 83.6%

ROSE: 91.0%

TULIP: 100%

ACER: 90.0%

REDWOOD: 92.6%

SPRUCE: 81.9%

MAPLE: 95.9

BEECH: 96.0%

ROWAN: 94.2%

POPLAR: 98.9%

SYCAMORE: 90.4%

CHESTNUT: 85.9%

OVERALL: 94.1%

School Target: 96%

Is your class
attendance higher or
lower than last week?

Christmas parties will be taking place on the following days. The children in these year groups can come in their own clothes this day:

Monday - Year 3 and Year 4

Tuesday - Year 5 and Year 6 and Acorn and Seedlings classes

Wednesday - Reception

Friday - Year 1 and Year 2

We also have the West Midlands Theatre Company visiting us again on Thursday morning for our annual pantomime. This year they will be performing 'Rick' Whittington to the whole school.

The Duke Street Pizza Delivery service will be back in action on Tuesday. Pizza parties will be delivered to the KS1 and KS2 classes with the highest attendance this half term. Our half termly House Point lunch celebration will also be taking place on Wednesday for the house with the most points for this half term. Every point collected in the next few days can still make a big difference to who will win.

It looks like it's going to be another busy week!

Award Winners

CLASS	MATHS	ENGLISH	ICARE
Rose	Hayden	Safa	Freddie
Tulip	Laura	Remie	Imogen
Acer	Frankie	Memphys	Grayson
Spruce	Anyia	Jenson	Naomi T
Redwood	Tommy	Elizabeth	Elsie
Acorn	The	Whole	Class
Maple	Sofia	Archie	Lincoln
Beech	Jonathan	Zeynep	Jaxon
Rowan	Theo S	Charles	Theo B
Poplar	Hajra	Kelechi	Mya
Sycamore	Raid	Delta	Oliver
Chestnut	Archie	Mia	Elliot

CLASS	Active Minutes
Acer	545
Redwood	525
Spruce	438
Rowan	416
Poplar	348
Sycamore	325
Chestnut	287
Maple	246
Beech	179

KS1 Numbots Highest Coin Earners

1st: Lincoln in Redwood

2nd: Royal in Spruce



3rd: Faith R in Spruce

KS2 T.T.R.S. Highest Coin Earners

1st: Zenep in Beech

2nd: Mathew in Chestnut



3rd: Nia in Sycamore

SAFEGUARDING/OUTREACH

Lancashire Health Team

New Apps are now available from Lancashire Health Visiting and School Nursing.

Parents/carers and young people in Lancashire can now access trusted health and wellbeing advice through new digital tools. The Lancashire Child and Family Health app is available to download on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. The app provides expert information on child development from before birth to age 19 (SEND 25), including breastfeeding, healthy eating, sleep, vaccinations and support for dads. The Young People tile is full of advice and support for 11-16 & 16-19 yrs relating to emotional health, exam stress, sleep, relationships and lots more. Download the app and search for Lancashire Child and Family or follow this link....

<https://lancschildandfamily.co.uk>

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) information

For parents/carers of children with SEND or concerned regarding a possible need you can access all relevant information on the following link on our school website;

You can also contact the school office if you wish to make contact with Mr Reay (SENDCo) and an appointment can be made at a convenient time. Additionally the Local Authority have lots of useful information on the following links;

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/>

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/getting-help/send-newsletter/>

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/things-to-do/break-time/>

MACHINE OF DREAMS

KS1

Heaven in Acer

Harlie in Acer

Jasmine in Acer

Bobby in Spruce

Naomi in Spruce

KS2

Hajra in Poplar

Omar in Rowan

Mia in Chestnut

Mikey in Poplar

ON-LINE SAFETY

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TOY SCALPING, FAKES & SCAMS

Online scalping is when individuals or groups use automated software (bots) to bulk-buy high-demand items – such as gaming consoles, concert tickets, limited-edition trainers, or exclusive merchandise – with the intention of reselling them at vastly inflated prices. It's a fast-moving online trend that can frustrate young consumers and expose them to misleading practices or financial harm. As this unethical tactic grows, it's important to help children and young people understand how scalping works and how to navigate it responsibly.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FINANCIAL PRESSURE AND MANIPULATION

Scalpers create artificial scarcity by buying up large quantities of stock before the public has a fair chance to purchase. This drives up demand and pushes prices to extreme levels. Young people may feel intense pressure to spend more than they can afford for fear of missing out entirely.

EXPLOITATION OF FANDOMS

Scalping often targets popular releases with strong fan bases, knowing that loyal followers are emotionally invested. Children and young people may place huge value on owning certain items linked to their favourite artists, sports teams or games, making them more likely to accept unfair prices or questionable sellers.

ACCESSING UNSAFE WEBSITES

In the rush to secure rare items, young people might click through to unverified sellers, online marketplaces with little consumer protection, or even sites designed specifically to harvest personal and financial data. This can expose them to fraud, malware, and identity theft.

NORMALISING UNETHICAL BEHAVIOUR

Some influencers and online communities present scalping as a clever money-making scheme rather than an exploitative one. This can normalise dishonest behaviour and blur the line between legitimate business and opportunistic profiteering for younger audiences.

RISK OF SCAMS OR COUNTERFEIT GOODS

Not every high-priced resale is legitimate. Fraudulent sellers may take payment for goods they never send, or ship counterfeit versions of branded items. In some cases, the product may look authentic in photos but turn out to be of poor quality or completely different from what was advertised.

REINFORCING INEQUALITY

Scalping makes already expensive items even less accessible, particularly for lower-income families. Children may feel excluded from trends or shared experiences with friends if their family cannot meet the inflated prices, which can lead to feelings of isolation and disappointment.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FAIRNESS

Use scalping as an opportunity to discuss fairness, consumer ethics, and how some people exploit markets for profit. Encouraging children to think critically about whether they truly need an item – and at what cost – can help them make more considered decisions.

SUPPORT INFORMED PURCHASING

Show children how to check seller credentials, read independent reviews, and verify whether a site is secure before making any payment. Knowing how to spot red flags, such as unrealistic promises or missing contact details, can prevent costly mistakes.

ENCOURAGE PATIENCE OVER IMPULSE

Teach young people to wait for official restocks or future releases instead of paying over the odds. Many products come back into circulation, and patience can save significant amounts of money while reducing the likelihood of falling victim to scams.

SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Establish clear rules for online spending, including limits on prepaid cards, gaming gift cards, and online wallets. Discuss the real-world value of money spent on digital or collector's items so children understand the long-term impact of their purchases.

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Christmas Market/Fair

What an amazing day we had on Saturday at our Christmas Market/Fair. The weather was reasonably kind to us, only raining towards the end. It was lovely to see so many of our families and members of the community! A big thank you and shout out for making the day such a memorable and successful event goes to:

The Planning Team and school staff for all their hard work on the day and behind the scenes

BDP for the banners

Coppull Primary School

The fabulous Choir

Myhappymind

Tesco

Ainsley for her amazing face painting

Panache Party & Hire for the superb balloon arch

Chorley Council for the Gazebos

... for the use of the large games

School Governors, with special mention to David Unsworth for his donations and input

All the companies/people who donated the amazing raffle prizes

The market stall holders

Inspire

Mrs Macmillan and Ms Casey for running a half marathon and raising £500

Warburtons

Ralph Liveseys

Amber for her lovely singing

SJ Entertainment for the Candy Floss machine

Santa Claus and his helper

All the parents, friends, families and members of the Chorley Community for donations and supporting the event



Xmas Market/Fair Gallery

