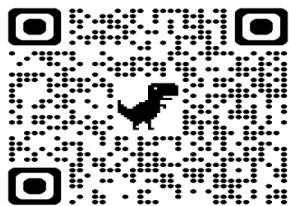


READING
PERCENTAGES

No reading
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Happy New Year Everyone!

Welcome back to the start of another busy term.

There is a buzz about the building today as posters for this year's Duke Street's Got Talent have gone up on display. For those of you who are new to the school, this is one of the school's biggest annual events and provides a great opportunity for children to showcase their individuality and talents. All children in school are invited to apply to take part. Application forms are available from class teachers. Those children who would like to apply to take part will need to complete an application form outlining their talent so an audition can be arranged. The closing date for applications is **Friday 6th February** and we are hoping to complete auditions the following week, before the half term break. After auditions have been completed, a selection of acts will be put through to final. This will take place after school on Thursday 26th March. Tickets for the final will be available from Mrs Nicholls in the main school office nearer the time. Good Luck everyone! We are looking forward to seeing your amazing talents.



Reception 2026

A reminder that the deadline for applications to the local authority for reception places for September 2026 is Thursday 15th January. <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/>

WEEKLY

ATTENDANCE

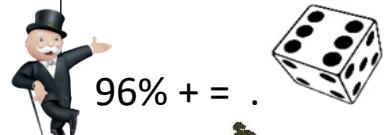
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ROSE:	92.4%	↑
TULIP:	94.8%	↓
ACER:	95.6%	↑
REDWOOD:	94.8%	↑
SPRUCE:	93.3%	→
MAPLE:	93.4%	↓
BEECH:	93.3%	↓
ROWAN:	93.9%	↑
POPLAR:	97.9%	↑
SYCAMORE:	93.6%	→
CHESTNUT:	92.4%	↑
OVERALL:	93.7%	↓

School Target: 96%

Is your class
attendance higher or
lower than last week?

We would love to
see every class
rolling the
Classopoly dice
next week!

Class Attendance



Award Winners

CLASS	MATHS	ENGLISH	ICARE
Rose	Kenzo	Raif	Gracie
Tulip	Aria	Laura	Lilah
Acer	Brooklyn	Heaven	Bobby
Spruce	Lottie	Ryder	Naomi N
Redwood	Darcy	Ethan	Cleo
Acorn	Indie	Jadon	Noah
Maple	Oscar	Mia	Husna
Beech	Leo	Sofia	Zeynep
Rowan	Theo S	Phillip	Xander
Poplar	Tiarna	Mikey	Matilda
Sycamore	Annabelle	Delta	Layla S
Chestnut	Marwan	Martha	Jaylen

KS1 Numbots Highest Coin Earners

CLASS	Active Minutes
Redwood	115
Sycamore	105
Acer	60
Poplar	60
Maple	57
Spruce	45
Rowan	35
Beech	35
Chestnut	30



1st: Royal in Spruce

2nd: Zayaan in Spruce

3rd: Faith R in Spruce

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



1st: Nia in Sycamore

2nd: Zeynep in Beech

3rd: Emily in Beech

MACHINE OF DREAMS

Sara in Rowan

Soma in Poplar

At just 9 years old, after growing it for years, Annabelle has decided to make a very brave and selfless choice – to cut her hair and donate it to The Little Princess Trust, helping children and young people who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses.

Annabelle wanted her hair to help someone else feel confident and special during a really difficult time. We are incredibly proud of her kindness, courage, and big heart at such a young age.

If you would like to make a donation to the charity and support Annabelle, you can do so here:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/annabelle-lpt?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Thank you so much for supporting Annabelle and this amazing charity - every donation, no matter the size, makes a difference!



Safeguarding/Outreach (239950 option 3)

We are in need of pre-loved uniform.

Please send in your clean items to the school office.

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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ESSENTIAL ONLINE SAFETY

Children and young people use the internet every day to learn, play, and connect, but the online world is not always safe. For adults, it can be hard to keep up with the risks, including harmful content, cyberbullying and scams. These 10 tips provide clear and practical advice to support safer and healthier digital habits, helping young people to make informed, secure choices when using technology.

1 START EARLY CONVERSATIONS

Begin talking about online behaviour from the moment children start using devices. Use age-appropriate language and revisit topics regularly, making it clear they can speak to you about anything that upsets or confuses them. Keeping these chats open helps build trust, so children are more likely to come to you when needed.

2 PROMOTE SAFER SHARING

Children can overshare without understanding the risks. Remind them that photos, locations, or messages can be copied or shared beyond their intended audience. Explain how even private messages or group chats can be saved and/or misused. Talk about what is appropriate to post, message, and who it's safe to share with.

3 ENCOURAGE DIGITAL BALANCE

Many apps and games are designed to keep users engaged through rewards, likes, or constant updates. These features can make it hard for children to switch off. Talk openly about how these systems work and help children recognise when it's time to take a break. Building in tech-free routines supports a healthier balance and awareness of their screen time.

4 CREATE A SAFE SPACE FOR CONCERN

When children come to you with a concern, respond with interest and care, rather than alarm. Keeping your reaction measured helps them feel safe and supported. This doesn't mean ignoring serious issues; it means showing that you're there to help. When children trust that they can speak openly, they're more likely to feel supported through unpleasant online experiences, and to ask for help in future.

5 STAY INFORMED AND CURRENT

With emerging technologies like AI moving and changing so quickly, it's important to stay updated on how children are using new platforms, apps and games. Ask them to show you what they use and let them take the lead as you explore together. This opens up valuable conversations and helps you stay ahead of emerging risks and trends.

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DIARY DATES

- Thursday, 15th January:** EYFS Reading Café
- Thursday, 22nd January:** Acer Reading Café
- Thursday, 29th January:** Spruce Reading Café
- Thursday, 5th February:** Redwood Reading Café
- Friday, 13th February:** Enrichment Day
- Thursday, 26th February:** Year 3 Reading Café
- Thursday, 26th February:** Acorn Reading Café **(2.30 pm)**
- Thursday, 5th March:** Year 4 Reading Café
- Monday, 9th March:** Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights
- Thursday, 12th March:** Year 5 Reading Café
- Thursday, 19th March:** Year 6 with Buddies Reading Café
- Wednesday, 25th March:** D.S.G.T. Rehearsals
- Thursday, 26th March:** D.S.G.T. Grand Final

For Reading Cafes please drop your child off as usual in the morning and then make your way to the hall.

TERM DATES 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

- INSET DAY: Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Starts: Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- Half term: Monday 26th October to Tuesday, 3rd November 2026 (inclusive)
- Ends: Friday 18th December 2026

Spring Term 2027

- Starts: Monday 4th January 2027
- Half term: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2027 (inclusive)
- Ends: Thursday, 25th March 2027

Summer Term 2027

- Starts: Monday 12th April 2027
- May Day: Monday 3rd May 2027
- Half term: Monday 31st May – Tuesday, 8th June 2027 (inclusive)
- Ends Friday 23rd July 2027