



Head Lines

READING PERCENTAGES

ACORN: 70%
ROSE: 78%
TULIP: 72%
ACER: 72%
SPRUCE: 70%
REDWOOD: 61%
MAPLE 48%
BEECH: 100%
ROWAN: 66%
POPLAR: 81%
SYCAMORE 100%
CHESTNUT: 36%

Thank you to all the parents who attended this week's parent consultations. We hope it provided you with an opportunity to look at your child's work and discuss the good progress they are making. Chestnut class meetings will take when Mr Mellor-Clark returns to school.

It was lovely to see more parents at this week's reading café which took place with Maple class yesterday. A big thank you goes to Miss Pierce for her continued hard work in leading these popular sessions.

We are seeing amazing results from all the children engaging with TTRS and Numbots. We have even had our first Year 3 pupil reaching 'Rock Hero' status for answering their times tables questions in under a minute! What an amazing achievement. I wonder who will be next? Both these games are accessible at home using your child's individual logins which can be found on their reading planner. Just download the TTRS and Numbots apps.



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

ACORN: 93.8%
ROSE: 95.1%
TULIP: 97.2%
ACER: 86.1%
REDWOOD: 87.5%
SPRUCE: 96.6%
MAPLE: 94.9%
BEECH: 95.6%
ROWAN: 94.9%
POPLAR: 95.2%
SYCAMORE: 94.6%
CHESTNUT: 92.4%
OVERALL: 93.6%
School Target: 96%

Library Visit

Poplar class enjoyed a visit to Chorley library earlier this week. The class now have lots of new library members and enjoyed hearing stories and borrowing lots of books.



Overall school attendance has dipped over the last two weeks with only two classes rolling the Classopoly dice this week. Please continue to support your child to have good attendance.

Class Attendance

96%+ =



Resilience

Empathy

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; [d](#)

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/>

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Outreach Information

Christmas is only 6 weeks away. Family budgets can be stretched and it is easy to over spend at this time.

CAP (Christians Against Poverty) have support services in the Chorley area. They can help with debt crisis and money management.

<https://capuk.org/get-help/cap-debt-help>

On Line Safety

The online world changes so quickly it's hard to keep up. NSPCC online safety guides help you navigate online risks – whether your kids are gaming, chatting, posting or streaming.

Please follow the link [Support & advice for parents | NSPCC](#)



General Reminders

School Times



Reception Children: 8.45 am to 3.05 pm
Yr1 to Yr 6 Children: 8.55 am to 3.15 pm.

Please ensure your child is on time so that they do not miss Early Bird Maths and incur a late mark.

Absence Reporting

To report your child's absence please ring school (239950) and select Option 1 to leave a message, clearly stating your child's name, class and reason for absence. Do not select Option 1 to speak to the Office staff as the mornings are very busy. The absence needs to be done on every morning of the absence unless it is a contagious condition, such as Chicken Pox when we are aware the child needs to be off for a certain period of time. A reminder that if children have Sickness and/or Diarrhoea, they must stay off school for 48 hours from the LAST symptom.

Contacting the Outreach Team

If you wish to speak to Emma or Rachel, please ring 239950, option 3.

Dogs in School



Dogs including puppies either on a lead or being carried are not allowed on the school premises including the playground and inside the fencing.

Mobile Phones



We have noticed an increased number of expensive mobile phones being brought into school, mainly by Year 6 pupils. If it is essential for your child to bring in a phone you will need to send a note on the first day of every half term, or on the first day of bringing it during the term, so that we know that you know your child has a phone with them. Your child must switch their phone off and take it to Mrs Nicholls in the School Office on arrival at school.

Parking



We would really appreciate your co-operation to make arriving at school and leaving at the end of the day, as safe as possible. We are a large school, in a very built-up area, so we know that parking is a challenge. We ask for drivers to be considerate towards pedestrians. The double yellow lines and zig-zag lines are there to protect pedestrians. Parking in these parts of the road endangers the lives of children and adults alike. Parking slightly further away from school, towards the Pall Mall end of Duke Street, or indeed into Brindle Street, will help to keep our children safe and also help you to get more fitness steps in. Thank you in anticipation of your support in this matter.

X (Formally Twitter)

Follow us at @DukeStPrimary to see updates on what the children are doing in school



Smoking/Vaping Please do not smoke or vape on the school premises.



Award Winners

CLASS	MATHS	ENGLISH	ICARE
Acorn	Austin	Olivia	Lexi
Rose	Carter	Hunter	Amal
Tulip	Devontay	Evie	Hugo
Acer	Anyia	Ava	Jenson
Spruce	Penny-Rae	Anthony-James	Emily
Redwood	C.J.	Ibrahim	Darcy
Maple	Joshua	Jake	Emily
Beech	Robbie	Adam	Harrison
Rowan	Jessica	Daisy B	Millie
Poplar	Karim	Harry	Christopher
Sycamore	Jan	Harleigh	Lucy
Chestnut	Joshua	Noah	Jomiya

KS1 Numbots Highest Coin Earners



1st: Paisley from Tulip

2nd: Husna from Spruce

3rd: Mahira from Spruce

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



1st: Ali from Chestnut

2nd: Yasin from Chestnut

3rd: Nia from Rowan

CLASS

OVERALL ACTIVE MINUTES

Spruce	187
Acer	152
Redwood	62
Maple	74
Beech	70
Rowan	129
Poplar	80
Sycamore	95
Chestnut	82

Asda Cash Pot Total

£ 775



Photo Gallery (see X for more pictures)



Spruce Class is full of punctuation princes and princesses

Our first PASTA club, making kebabs



Learning about Bonfire Night in EYFS



PIC•COLLAGE

Poplar class loved their library visit





Our first Year 3 Rock Hero!

Upcoming Reading Café Dates

Beech & Rowan: Thursday, 14th November

Poplar: Thursday, 28th November

Sycamore & Chestnut: Thursday 5th December

Machine of Dreams Winner for 60 Reads

KS1

Jack in Acer

KS2

Lydia in Beech

Harry in Beech

Charles in Sycamore

TERM DATES

Term ends Fri 20th December 2024

Spring Term 2025

Term starts Mon 6th January 2025

Half-term Mon 17th to Fri 21st Feb 2025 (inclusive)

Term ends Fri 4th April 2025

Summer Term 2025

Term starts Tue 22nd April 2025

Bank holiday Mon 5th May 2025

Half-term Mon 26th May to Wed 4th June 2025 (inclusive)

Return after half-term break Thursday 5th June 2025

Term ends Fri 18th July 2025

Diary Dates

Monday 9th December: Breakfast with Santa

Monday 9th December: Y3 Christmas Bingo, 2.15 pm

Tuesday 10th December: Y4 Christmas Crafts, 2.15 pm

Wednesday 11th December: Yr 5 Christmas Decorations, 2.15 pm

Thursday 12th December: Christmas Dinner

Friday 13th December: Enrichment Day

Monday 16th December: Reception and Year 6 buddy songs around the Christmas tree

Wednesday 18th December: KS1 Christmas play performance (pm)

Thursday 19th December: KS1 Christmas play performance (am)