

DUKE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

10TH JANUARY 2025



Head Lines

Welcome Back!

We hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas break.

We have returned to a very wintery start to the term. We are currently experiencing some boiler issues as well as the impact of the snow in the playground. As a result we have had to move some classes to different rooms and have had some indoor break times. The forecast for next week is warmer so we are hopefully over the worst of it. As always, the health and safety of the children is our priority.

We are pleased to be holding a Dragon Drive family event after school on Wednesday 29th January. Tickets for this event are available from Mrs Nicholls in the office. The event will involve a fun family game, Chinese food and a raffle. We would love to see lots of our families there.

We had a final visit from prospective reception parents on Wednesday ahead of the closing date for applications for places for September 2025. A reminder that the application deadline is next Wednesday 15th January. If you have a child who is due to start in September and you require assistance in completing the application, please contact our outreach team who can support you.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

- ACORN: 90.0%**
- ROSE: 93.6%**
- TULIP: 94.6%**
- ACER: 97.5%**
- REDWOOD: 94.6%**
- SPRUCE: 96.9%**
- MAPLE: 95.8%**
- BEECH: 95.5%**
- ROWAN: 94.1%**
- POPLAR: 94.8%**
- SYCAMORE: 89.6%**
- CHESTNUT: 97.9%**
- OVERALL: 93.8%**
- School Target: 96%**

READING PERCENTAGES

We are not collecting reading percentages this week.



Perfect Punctuality

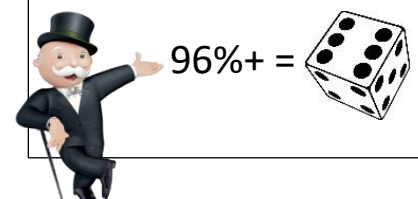
'PERFECT PUNCTUALITY' lettered signs have replaced the 'ATTENDANCE' lettered signs on class noticeboards this term. Each class will now colour in a letter every day when everyone in class is in on time. This is by 8:45am in reception and by 8:55am for the rest of the school.

Amazing Attendance

'Attendance Award Day' will replace 'Punctuality Prize Day' this term. All children who are in school will be given a ticket for the class raffle on the selected day. This will take place on a random day each week in the same way it has done for last term's punctuality prize day.

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

Class Attendance



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/>

Safeguarding/Outreach

Primary School Applications

Wednesday 15 January 2025 is the closing date for primary applications in Lancashire. Applications for Duke Street School for September 2025 must be completed online, even if there are already siblings in school.

If you feel you require any support with this please contact the Outreach Team on 01257 239950 **ext 3**.

Machine of Dreams Winner for 60 Reads

KS1

Bella in Acorn

Penny-Rae in Spruce

KS2

Layla in Poplar

Mia in Poplar

Michael in Poplar

Olivia in Maple



Award Winners

CLASS	MATHS	ENGLISH	ICARE
Acorn	Rida	Bella S	Elizabeth
Rose	Isla	Amal	Marnie
Tulip	Harlie	Paisley	Benjamin
Acer	Aihan	Naomi	Ava-Grace
Spruce	Tyler	Tristan	Frankie
Redwood	Jasmine	Ciara	Harrison
Maple	Mason	Zac	Nathan
Beech	Mia	Oscar	Iqra
Rowan	Grace	English	Mila
Poplar	Annabelle	Thomas	George
Sycamore	Delilah	Lucy	Poppy
Chestnut	Toby	Noah	Charlie

KS1 Numbots Highest Coin Earners

1st: Aydan from Acer



2nd: Heidi from Redwood

3rd: Ibrahim from Redwood

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

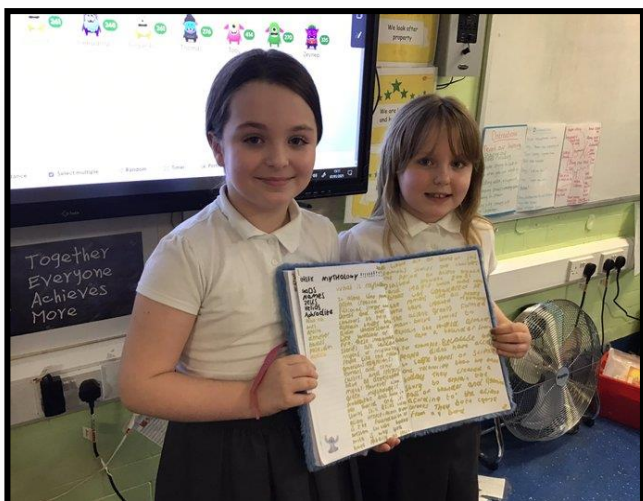
1st: Ali from Chestnut

2nd: Yasin from Chestnut

3rd: Zeynep from Rowan

CLASS	OVERALL ACTIVE MINUTES
Spruce	66
Acer	66
Redwood	45
Maple	35
Beech	50
Rowan	65
Poplar	48
Sycamore	35
Chestnut	50

Photo Gallery (see X for more pictures)



Some great independent learning at home by pupils in Rowan class.

Honey loved her Christmas Present from Elsie!



Poplar class enjoyed observing seasonal change this week..



Reception children had fun painting snow and ice



TERM DATES

Spring Term 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

Reading Café Dates

Please bring your child to their class in the usual way then make your way to the hall, (Acorn will be in the classroom)

Thursday, 23rd January: **Rose and Tulip**

Thursday, 6th February: **Acer**

Thursday, 27th February: **Spruce**

Thursday, 6th March: **Redwood**

Thursday, 13th March: **Acorn**

Thursday, 20th March: **Maple, Beech and Rowan**

Thursday, 27th March: **Poplar, Sycamore and Chestnut**

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 29th January, 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm: Dragon Drive

Friday, 14th February: Closing date for D.S.G.T.

Wednesday 5th March, 9.10 am: Redwood Class Assembly

Tuesday 11th March, 9.10 am: Spruce Class Assembly

Wednesday 19th March, 9.10 am: Acer Class Assembly

Tuesday 25th March, 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm: Parents Consultations

Wednesday 26th March, 9.10 am: Reception Class Assembly

Tuesday 1st April, 9.10 am: Maple Class Assembly

Thursday 3rd April: D.S.G.T. The Final.

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.

