



Euxton Primrose Hill

WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

8th July 2026



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"Together We Will Make A Difference."

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Chair of Governors

I hope you have had the opportunity to read the letter sent out this week from our Chair of Governors, Mr Andy Oddy. Mr Oddy has served on the Governing Board for over 20 years and has seen many changes in education, our school and the local community. He reflects on these openly and honestly in his letter, if you haven't already done so, I would encourage you to take a few moments to read it.

At our Full Governing Board meeting this week, Mrs Danielle Smith and Mrs Joanna Potter were elected as Co-Chairs of Governors and will lead our Governing Board into its next chapter. Both Mrs Potter and Mrs Smith are existing governors and bring a wealth of experience from both education and human resources.

I'm sure you will join me in thanking Mr Oddy for his many years of dedication and service to our school, and in welcoming Mrs Smith and Mrs Potter to their new roles.

Parking Reminder – Keeping Our Children Safe

The safety of our children, families and local residents is our highest priority.

Please **do not stop or park on the yellow lines or school zig-zag markings**, even for a few moments. These restrictions are in place to keep sightlines clear and ensure children can cross the road safely.

We know many parents share our concerns about unsafe parking. In the past, members of staff have spoken to motorists about their parking; however, unfortunately, some have received verbal abuse. We have also been advised by the Civil Enforcement Officers that enforcing parking restrictions on the public highway is not the responsibility of school staff.

If you witness unsafe or inconsiderate parking, please report it directly to Lancashire County Council by clicking the link below:

[REPORT PARKING PROBLEM](#)

We will continue to work closely with Lancashire County Council's Road Safety Team and Civil Enforcement Officers to encourage safer parking around the school.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

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Attendance & Absence

We strongly encourage good attendance to support your child's learning and progress.

• If your child is unwell, please contact the school office by 9:00am on each day of absence.

☎ 01257 276688

✉ office@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk

• Be specific:

It's important to give a clear reason – for example:

✓ "Tonsillitis" or "Sickness and temperature"

✗ Not just "unwell" or "poorly".

This helps us meet safeguarding and health requirements



Communicating with Us

If you need to get in touch, please email the school office in the first instance:

✉ office@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk

Your message will be passed on to the relevant member of staff.

We aim to respond as soon as we can, but please allow up to 48 hours for a reply during term time.

For urgent matters during the school day, please phone the school office directly on: 01257 276688



If You're Concerned About Something...

We want to work in partnership with you.

If you're ever worried or unhappy about a situation, please follow this order of contact, via the school office:

• **Class Teacher** – your first point of contact

• **Phase Leader** – if further support is needed:

EYFS & Year 1 - Mr Danny Tooby

Year 2 – Miss Amie Dobbs

Years 3/4 – Mr Lloyd Davies

Years 5/6 – Miss Molly Burns

• **Assistant Headteacher** – Miss Amie Dobbs

• **Deputy Headteacher** – Mrs Emma Swinburn

Headteacher – Mrs Claire Jones

We're here to help and will always do our best to resolve any concerns quickly and fairly.



Jewellery & Appearance

To keep everyone safe and focused on learning:

• **No jewellery** – including earrings (studs/spacers), rings, bracelets, necklaces, loom bands, or wristbands

• **No earrings or spacers** – these are a safety risk, especially during play and PE

• **No nail varnish or make-up** – children should come to school with natural nails and faces

Thank you for your support!

Tel: 01257 276688 (8:15am-3:45pm)

Email: office@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk

Out of school Club, please contact Sarah Collison 07548 944202 or s.collison@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk



HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE CONT'D

Year 6 - Peter Pan

Last night, our Year 6 children took to the stage to perform their end-of-year production of 'Peter Pan', and what a performance it was! It was clear to see how much every child enjoyed their role, with each and every one giving their absolute best. We are incredibly fortunate to have such talented children at Primrose, and that talent certainly shone through on stage.

We are all immensely proud of Year 6 and can only imagine how proud you must have felt watching them perform.

A huge thank you to Miss Burns, Mrs Brockie, Mrs Jeal, Mrs Holt and Mrs Mansley for the enormous amount of time and hard work they put into the production. I know you will all agree that the scenery, props and overall performance were fantastic.

Thank you, too, to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for the hampers. Together we raised an incredible £289.10 for our PTA, which is wonderful.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Leavers' Service next Thursday.

Ice-Cream

We would all like to say a very big thank you to one of our parents, Mr Grimshaw, who very generously donated enough Wallings ice cream, cones and sprinkles for every child and member of staff to enjoy an ice cream today.

It was wonderful to see the excitement on the children's faces when they realised they were all having a special treat. A little kindness really does go a long way – thank you!

End of Year Reports

A reminder that your child's end-of-year report, along with details of their class teacher for September, will be sent home this Friday 10th July. We hope you enjoy reading about your child's achievements and celebrating all they have accomplished this year.

Meet the Teacher

On Monday evening we will be holding our Meet the Teacher sessions. Each class teacher will deliver two identical sessions, one at 3.30pm and the second at 4.00pm.

For our current EYFS parents, there will be a separate meeting at 6.00pm in the Upper Hall, where we will share information about the transition from EYFS into Year 1 and what you can expect from the Year 1 curriculum.

We look forward to welcoming you all.

Best wishes,

Mrs Claire Jones
Headteacher

£1 IN A BOX WINNERS

We are pleased to announce the winners of the £1 in a Box Competition:-

1st Place - Seb H - Y2 Elm who has won **£58.80**

2nd Place - Abby H - Y1 Ash - who has won **£39.20**

Congratulations to you both!

Please collect your cheques from the office.



TABLE TOP BOOK SALE - THURSDAY 9TH JULY 2026

After school on Thursday 9th July, we will be holding a tabletop book sale outside the library in exchange for donations.

Our books may be pre-loved, but they still have plenty of stories to share! We would be grateful for any donation you are able to make, no matter how small.

All funds raised will go towards continuing to improve our library, helping us create the calm, cosy and welcoming space our pupils deserve.

We hope to see you there!

LIBRARY BOOKS - REMINDER



Please could we ask that **all library books** are returned to school by the **end of term on Friday 17 July 2026**.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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QUAD KIDS

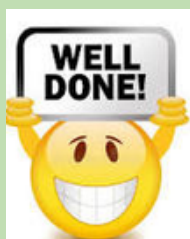
Year 2 were fantastic throughout the Quad Kids event, showing great enthusiasm, determination, and teamwork in all four activities. They worked incredibly hard in every event and represented the school brilliantly.

A special congratulations goes to Izabella F, who finished as the 3rd overall girl – a fantastic achievement that we are all very proud of!

Well done to everyone for their excellent effort and for making the school proud.



Y5 MATHS CHALLENGE



A huge congratulations to our amazing Year 5 pupils for winning the Maths Challenge at Southlands High School last night!

We are incredibly proud of your hard work, determination, and teamwork. A fantastic achievement—well done to everyone involved!



LAUNCH OF YAKKERTY YAK CLUB



We're excited to launch **Yakkerty Yak Club**, our new debating club for **Years 5 & 6!** Through fun games and lively debates, children will build confidence, communication and teamwork skills in a friendly, supportive environment.

No experience is needed, and children are **never forced to speak**—they can join in at their own pace. Whether they're confident speakers or looking to build confidence, **every voice matters at Yakkerty Yak Club!**

Please have a look at the attached flyer for more information. You'll be able to sign up for the club from **September** onwards. We look forward to welcoming you!

MEDICATION COLLECTION REMINDER



Please could we ask that any medication held in school for your child is collected on/or before **Thursday 16th July 2026**.

Any medication that has not been collected by this date will be disposed of in line with our school procedures.

Thank you for your co-operation.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY



The final deadline for uploading all evidence to Showbie and handing in passports is **Friday 10th July 2026** for pupils from EYFS to Year 5.

For **Year 2 pupils only**, please include learning credits from May half term onwards, as earlier credits were counted towards the graduation.

Many thanks.

Mrs Brockie

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FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child is already receiving Free School Meals and is in Years 3–11, there is nothing you need to do. The Local Authority already holds your information and will automatically check your child's eligibility ahead of their return to school in September 2026.

If your child is in Key Stage 1 (Reception to Year 2), they will already have been receiving a free school meal through the universal infant scheme. If you have previously completed a Free School Meal application, so that your child's school can access additional funding, your eligibility will also be automatically checked—so again, you do not need to take any action. If your child has not been receiving a free school meal and you believe your they may be eligible please read the information below.

From September 2026, the Government is extending eligibility for Free School Meals. This means that more families may now qualify for support, even if they have not previously been eligible.

What this means for you

- If your household income is lower, your child may now be entitled to free school meals at school
- Schools receive additional funding (known as Pupil Premium) for every eligible child, which is used to support learning, resources and enrichment opportunities
- Even if your child prefers a packed lunch, applying can still bring valuable benefits to both your child and the school

What you need to do

- If you think you may now be eligible, we strongly encourage you to submit an application before the start of the academic year.
- Applications are quick, confidential and securely processed
- If your child is already receiving Free School Meals, you do not need to reapply

Why it's important to apply

- Ensures your child receives all the support they are entitled to
- Helps the school access additional funding to support pupils
- May provide access to further support, such as help with trips or activities

Please click on the link below and submit your application:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>

We encourage all families to take a few minutes to check their eligibility — this support can make a real difference.

INSPIRE YOUTH ZONE

We are excited to introduce our Inbetweeners session at Inspire Youth Zone – a welcoming, quieter youth session designed specifically for young people in School Years 6, 7 and 8.

This session is primarily aimed at young people who may find our busier universal sessions overwhelming or would benefit from a calmer environment where they can build confidence, make friends and explore new activities at their own pace.

Young people can enjoy a range of activities in smaller groups, including:

- Baking in the kitchen
- Arts and crafts
- STEM activities in our Maker Zone
- Sports in the sports hall and football pitch
- Dance and Music

The session costs just 50p per visit, and there's no need to book – young people can simply turn up and join in.

We would be grateful if you could share this opportunity with young people who you feel would benefit from a quieter youth provision. We believe Inbetweeners offers a fantastic stepping stone for young people to develop confidence, social connections and new skills in a supportive and inclusive environment.

If you would like any further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch and see the attached flyer. We would also be happy to arrange a visit or answer any questions families may have.

Kathryn Lovatt

Youth Work Manager

01257 228888

www.inspireyouthzone.org

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Pupil Achievements and Celebrations

Super Pupils

YEAR 6
Everest -All Y6
K2 - All Y6

EYFS
Beech - Daphne J
Oak - Winnie W

YEAR 5
Mont Blanc - Savannah M
Olympus - Sofia S

YEAR 1
Ash - Albie P
Cedar - Azalea A

YEAR 4
Ben Nevis - Mohamed H
Snowdon - Jenson H

YEAR 2
Maple - Teddy G
Elm - Izabella F

YEAR 3
Pendle - Harry F
Rivington - Edie C

Reading Targets

The Summer term
reading target is 30
reads by 13th July 2026.

House Point Winners

KS1
Red

KS2
Green



The house point winners for the
Summer Term 2025/2026 are:-

KS1 RED TEAM

KS2 GREEN TEAM

Pupils in these house colours can
come to school in non-uniform on
Wednesday 15th July 2026.

Reminders And To Do



We are a **NUT FREE** school. Please **do not** bring any snacks into school which contain nuts, including Nutella, Reese or Kinder Bueno products.

School Notices

Y4 Class Notices

Hothersall Lodge deposit

Dates for the Diary 2025-2026



July 2026

9-10th Y5 Olympus Bikeability
 9th Table Top Book Sale - Outside the Library *
 9th Y4 Snowdon Evacuation Sleepover Night
 9th Y2 Bees Visit in school
 10th Y4 Snowdon Tea Dance - 10am
 13th Summer term reading target - 30 reads
 13th Meet the Teacher Sessions 3.30pm & 4.00pm **
 13th Reception to Year 1 Transition Meeting 6pm
 15th Dress Down Day for House Point Winners
 16th Y6 Leavers Assembly-2pm-Lower Hall
 17th Y6 Visit to 'The Flowerbowl'
 17th Final day of Summer Term - Non Uniform Day
 HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Primrose Hill Clubs 2025-2026

Primrose Hill Clubs 2025-2026 (Summer Term 2)

Eco club (Y2-Y6)	Miss McKinley / Mrs Rigby	Every Thursday	4:30pm	Office
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Sports Clubs Summer Term 1

<u>Name of Club</u>	<u>Run by</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Team Games KS1	Miss Ahmed	Tuesday	4pm	w/c 15/06/26 – w/c 13/07/26
Tennis Club Y3&4	Miss Ahmed	Wednesday	4:30pm	w/c 08/06/26 – w/c 13/07/26
Dance KS1	CSSP	Wednesday	4:15pm	w/c 08/06/26 – 13/07/26
Boys Football Y4&5	Mr Davies	Thursday	4:15pm	w/c 08/06/26 – w/c 06/07/26
Target Games KS2	Miss Ahmed	Friday	4:30pm	w/c 08/06/26 – w/c 06/07/26

*New date added

**Information or date amended



**EUXTON
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Primary School
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Primrose Buds

Free play and stay sessions for children aged 4 and under

Summer session dates

Friday 1st May 2026

Friday 15th May 2026

~~Friday 12th June 2026~~

Friday 10th July 2026

9am - 10.15am in the upper hall

Drinks

Songs

Toys

Stories

Friends

Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider

To book please call: 01257 276688
or scan the QR code



HAVE YOUR SAY. SHARE YOUR IDEAS.
CHANGE MINDS!

YAKKERTY YAK CLUB

SPEAK
OUT!



EVERY CHILD
SHOULD HAVE A
PET DRAGON



THE DEBATE CLUB WHERE
BIG IDEAS COME TO LIFE!

EVERY DAY
SHOULD START
WITH A DANCE



BASKETBALL
IS BETTER THAN
FOOTBALL



SCHOOL SHOULD
START AT 10AM



JOIN US TO:

- ✓ SHARE YOUR OPINIONS
- ✓ BUILD CONFIDENCE
- ✓ THINK CRITICALLY
- ✓ WORK AS A TEAM
- ✓ HAVE FUN!



DEBATE. DISCUSS.
PERSUADE. INSPIRE!

OPEN TO YEAR 5 & YEAR 6

ALL VOICES WELCOME. ALL IDEAS MATTER.

INTERESTED?



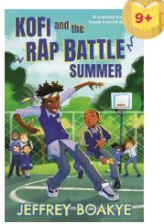
SIGN UP AND BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION!

YAK IT. THINK IT. DEBATE IT.

WHAT TO READ NOW

June-July 2026

Book recommendations for all ages



Kofi and the Rap Battle Summer

by Jeffrey Boakye

Q: What's this book about?
A: A boy called Kofi lives on an estate in 1994. Isn't that great? He gets into trouble, he goes to school, he lives at home with his siblings too. Now, Kofi's got plans and thoughts and big dreams that he wants to come true through money-making schemes... It's funny, tense, gripping, rhythm with a kind of front cover that makes you say buy me. So yeah, welcome to the rap battle summer, a 90s adventure, like no other!

Q: What made you want to write fiction for young people?
A: Everything that ended up going into the Kofi series, for example, were experiences that I had that were just lying dormant in me that I thought would be really good adventures to turn into something for kids. And I also love stories, and I hadn't written stories, and it just so happened that the ones that I wanted to focus on were linked to my own experiences growing up in the 90s, exploring worlds of music, hanging out with my mates.

Q: Did you know Kofi was going to be a trilogy from the outset?
A: My original plan, which I may well stick to, is I wanted to write seven of them. I wanted to take Kofi from the cusp of secondary school all the way through to late adolescence, which would mean coming of age, more or less, in the year 2000.

Listen to the full interview with Jeffrey Boakye here



BOOK PICKS

Book recommendations for all ages



This is Who I Am
by Rashmi Sirdeshpande
Illustrated by Ruchi Mhasane
Discover that we are so much more than where we are from in this beautiful, poetic celebration of children with shared heritage, from a Diverse Book Award-winning team.

When people ask her where she is from, this little girl says she has a foot in two worlds: one in India, the country of her heritage, and one in the land her parents came to on a plane. But she is so much more than that - she is the memories, the music, the tastes, sights and sounds of both of those worlds, she is their shared history, and the people who fought for their freedom... and most of all, she is proud to be herself!



Mousetache
by Rowboat Watkins
Illustrated by Rowboat Watkins
From the wild imagination of Rowboat Watkins, author of Rude Cakes and Go-Go Guys, comes a riotous read-aloud about every kind of mustache imaginable!

Hip, hip, HOOORAY! -stache!

It's your lucky day -stache!

Join Mouse and Moose in a mustache-mania world packed with silly rhyme and playful illustrations-perfect for building early reading skills, nurturing a love of language, and keeping readers laughing along the way.



The Ministry of Manners
by David Solomons
Illustrated by Hazem Asif
Alfie and Margot Hawthorne have grown up under the Ministry of Manners, where politeness isn't a choice - it's the law. And one wrong word can change your life.

Be quiet. Be polite. Or be silenced.
When the Ministry takes Margot, everything changes. Inside the Manners Retreat, she fights to stay herself in a place built to erase her. Meanwhile, Alfie falls in with the unsilenced - those who still dare to speak. But the Ministry has plans of its own, and if they succeed, rebellion won't just be punished. It'll be impossible.



Impossible Creatures
by Katherine Rundell
Discover the magic of the Archipelago. The Poisoned King is the dazzling second book in Katherine Rundell's epic and bestselling Impossible Creatures series.
When Christopher Forester is unexpectedly taken by a miniature dragon chewing on his face, his heart leaps for joy. For months he's dreamed of returning to the Archipelago - the secret islands where all the creatures of myth still live. But he did not know it would involve a rescue mission on the back of a dragon, or a plan to enter a dragon's lair. Or that it would involve a girl with a flock of birds at her side, and a ravenous hunger for justice.



BOOK PICKS

Book recommendations for all ages



Alex Abbott is [Un]Dead
by Louise Austin
Illustrated by Katie Keir
Despite all the cool powers that come with being undead, accident-prone Alex is not happy. It's hard keeping secrets from his best friends and there's no getting out of school...

Determined to find a cure, Alex blunders into the supernatural world, breaks a centuries-old pact that protects the town and accidentally extinguishes thirty-two tiny fire sprites. It could happen to anyone! Sent on an epic journey to right these wrongs, Alex discovers there might be a way to become human again by making a deal with an ancient fire demon in Sicily...



Michael Rosen's Pocket Shakespeare
by Michael Rosen
Illustrated by Chris Riddell
The ultimate beginner's guide to the magic of Shakespeare, from the award-winning Michael Rosen and Chris Riddell.

Step inside a sparkling celebration of the wonderful words of William Shakespeare. With former Children's Laureate Michael Rosen as your guide, discover how Shakespeare explores love and heartbreak, magic and superstition, jealousy, beauty and much more in a collection of quotes and speeches taken from his plays - plus a selection of Shakespearean insults and one-liners!



This Boy I Hardly Know
by Lisa Heathfield
A heart-breaking love story, road movie, tense police hunt, and hope-filled celebration of sibling bonds and kindness, which shines a light on a failing care sector where a quarter of children are living apart from their siblings.



Best of All Worlds
by Kenneth Oppel
A compelling, genre-twisting sci-fi thriller that will have your heart pounding out of your chest.
When Xavier wakes up on the first morning of an endless family weekend away with his pregnant stepmother and dad, he doesn't recognise where they are - it's as if the house has inexplicably been transported to the set of a video game. Inside an impenetrable dome where the family have been 'donated' chickens, goats, wheat to help them survive. There is no trace of their mysterious captors and no way to escape. Three years later, suddenly another family appears, one with vastly contrasting political ideologies and priorities.



BOOK PICKS

Book recommendations for all ages



Teacher Bookshelf

Make Believe
by Mac Barnett

Make Believe is Barnett's inclusive, intimate, and timely invitation to approach children's literature not only as an art form worthy of deep study and criticism, but as a portal into the lives of the children. And at a time when we are faced with a national literacy crisis, he champions the profound joys of literature and the importance of reading for pleasure.

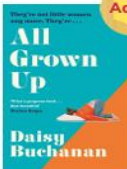


Teacher

Love Reading Book Club Selection

All Grown Up
by Daisy Buchanan

A clever, tender, modern homage to the Little Women's March sisters, set in another world, another time, another universe.
Suddenly, they're back - apparently for good. Meg's second-guessing her marriage. Jo's career hangs in the balance. Amy has inexplicably quit university. None of them empty the dishwasher. Louisa knows it's time for some life lessons. She adores her girls, but if she's ever going to get her (sex) life back, they'll have to grow up - and go. But maybe they're not the only ones with lessons to learn... And Louisa might just discover that her daughters have something to teach her about being an adult too.



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Giveaway

A set of Jeffrey Boakye's books

We have a set of Jeffrey's Kofi books and a copy of Musical World to give away (UK postage only).



WHO WE ARE

Book recommendations for all ages

BOOK CLUBS

IN SCHOOLS

Book Clubs in Schools is a charity. We promote reading for pleasure through school book clubs. We believe passionately that reading can open up opportunities for young people.

Our core purpose is to re-engage pupils in reading for pleasure and the wide benefits it brings. Through book clubs and related activities, our programme increases students' confidence in reading, willingness to read, ability to take part in discussions and provides volunteering and leadership opportunities for older pupils.



A podcast for teachers, librarians, and parents who are passionate about supporting children's and teenagers' reading for pleasure.

We cover the world of children's and YA literature, offering expert book recommendations, engaging author interviews, and practical advice on how to nurture a lifelong love of reading.

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LoveReading4Kids is one of the UK's leading children's book recommendation sites plus an online bookstore with social purpose, using a community-powered funding model to support school libraries, champion reading for pleasure, and create the next generation of readers.

Use the links in this newsletter and 5% of the cover prices will go to the charity Book Clubs in Schools and 25% will go to a school of your choice to help them buy more books for their classrooms and library.



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SCHOOL'S

OUT FOR

SUMMER

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CANDY
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BOUNCY
CASTLE



FRIDAY 17TH JULY - 3PM

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— EUXTON —



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PETTING ZOO



**FREE
ENTRY**

**SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST
1-3PM**

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2-3½ years



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3½ - 5 years



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5-7 Years

Your local weekly classes:

Venue announcement
coming to Buckshaw
village soon....



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E: iaguilar@miniathletics.com



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Free school meals are expanding – what parents need to know



From September 2026, more children will be able to get free school meals. If your family receives Universal Credit, your child will be entitled to a free, nutritious school meal every day.

What do I need to do?

- Check if you receive Universal Credit and whether your child is currently receiving a free school meal. If they are not, please apply.

Have ready:

- the benefit claimant's date of birth and National Insurance Number

Who can get free school meals?

From September 2026, all children whose families receive Universal Credit will be entitled to free school meals. The current £7,400 household income cap is being removed.

When does this start?

The new rules will begin at the start of the 2026/27 school year (September 2026).

How will this help families?

Families who receive Universal Credit could save up to £495 per year for each child on school lunches. For families with more than one child, this can make a real difference to day-to-day household budgets.

Why should I apply?

Applying means your child can receive a free, healthy meal every school day, supporting their health, wellbeing and learning. Even if your child sometimes chooses packed lunches, registering still matters. It helps schools understand what support pupils may need and can unlock other help, such as support with trips or activities.

Will this affect me or my child negatively?

No. Applying for free school meals:

- does not affect your benefits or immigration status
- does not mean your child has to take a school meal if they do not want to
- does not label or single out your child
- does not reduce support for other pupils

Schools treat this information confidentially.

How do I apply?

You will need to apply if your child is not currently receiving free school meals.

Applying usually only takes a few minutes by visiting **lancashire.gov.uk/schools** and clicking on free school meals.

If you need help applying, your school office can support you.





LANCASHIRE
CATERING SERVICE



INBETWEENERS

Years 6,7 and 8

EVERY SATURDAY 6-8.30PM

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- 3D Printing
- Circuitry
- Music
- Football
- Creative Arts
- Beauty
- Sports
- Rec games
- Baking
- And so much more.....

INSPIRE
An OnSide Youth Zone

Be safe this summer

Travelling abroad? Stay safe around animals to protect your family from rabies.



What is rabies?

Rabies is a virus that affects mammals, including dogs and people. It is deadly but preventable.



How rabies spreads

Rabies is spread in the saliva of infected animals through:



bites



scratches



licks

How to stay safe



Don't touch or approach unknown dogs or cats



Check the rabies risk at your destination and consider pre-travel vaccination



Never disturb dogs when they are eating, sleeping or with their puppies to reduce the risk of bites



Avoid dog bites, scratches and licks

If a dog bites you:

1



Wash

Wash the wound with soap and running water for 15 minutes

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Apply

Apply antiseptic, if available

3



Go

Go to the hospital

Did you know?



Around 59,000

people die from rabies every year worldwide. Children are most at risk.



99%

of human rabies cases are linked to contact with infected dogs

While rabies is rare in the UK, it remains a serious risk in many popular holiday destinations. Mission Rabies works around the world to end rabies through dog vaccination and education.



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

MANAGING DIGITAL BOUNDARIES FOR CHILDREN UNDER FIVE

Screens are part of everyday life, but they should not take over early childhood routines. For under-fives, healthy digital habits are built through simple, steady boundaries that protect sleep, play, connection, and development. Current UK guidance advises avoiding screen time for children under two – except for shared activities such as video calls – while children aged two to five should ideally have no more than one hour a day.

1 ASK A GROWN-UP FIRST

For under-fives, autonomy is important, but not when it comes to choosing digital content. Establish an 'ask a grown-up first' rule early, whether at home or in an early years setting. Adults should choose the video, app, or game, therefore helping children avoid unsuitable content and understand that devices are tools to be guided, not toys to control.

2 PROTECT SLEEP BUFFERS

Screens can make it harder for young children to wind down, especially when content is bright, noisy, or fast paced. Aim for a screen-free hour before sleep or start with 30 minutes if that feels more realistic. Use this time for calming routines such as stories, bath time, quiet play, or cuddles, helping children recognise that bedtime is approaching.

3 CO-VIEW AND CHAT

Screen time is safer and more meaningful when adults are involved. Sit with children, even briefly, and talk about what they're watching. Ask simple questions like, "What can you see?" or "How does that character feel?" This turns passive viewing into shared interaction, supports language development, and helps adults spot adverts, unsuitable content, or confusing messages.

4 KEEP DEVICES HIDDEN

Young children are more likely to ask for screens when they can see or reach them. Keep devices out of sight when they're not being used, and consider casting content to a shared screen instead of handing over a phone or tablet to a child. This reduces private scrolling, supports shared viewing, and helps adults stay in control of what appears next.

5 PLAN THE TRANSITION

The hardest part of screen time is often stopping. Before the screen goes off, tell the child what's coming next and offer two acceptable choices, such as blocks or drawing. This gives them a sense of agency without removing the boundary. A planned next activity prevents a sudden gap, which can quickly become frustration or distress.

6 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Children notice adult habits long before they understand adult explanations. If they're expected to put their screens away, they need to see adults doing the same thing during meals, play, and conversations. Create a shared 'phone home', such as a basket or shelf, to show that technology has a place in daily life but does not need constant attention.

7 MAKE SCREENS PREDICTABLE

Young children do not always understand minutes, but they quickly learn patterns. When screen time happens at a regular point in the day, it becomes a routine rather than a negotiation. Use the same start and finish signals each time, such as a timer, goodbye wave, or tidy-away moment, so children know what to expect next.

8 CREATE SCREEN ZONES

Physical boundaries help children understand digital boundaries. Keep screens out of bedrooms to protect their sleep and away from tables to preserve mealtime connections. Choose one agreed 'yes space', such as a shared living room area or supervised classroom corner. This makes limits feel less personal and more like a clear family or setting routine.

9 USE SIMPLE SCRIPTS

Transitions are easier when children hear the same calm language each time. Use short, repeatable phrases such as, "First tidy, then tablet," or "When the timer beeps, we stop." Avoid long explanations during emotional moments. Simple scripts reduce negotiation, help adults stay consistent, and give children clear expectations they can gradually understand and follow.

10 PRIORITISE SLOW CONTENT

Not all screen time feels the same to a young child's brain. Fast-paced clips, loud sounds, and rapid scene changes can make it harder for some children to settle down afterwards. Choose slower content with simple stories, gentle voices, and natural pauses. Think of digital content like food, with more calm, nourishing choices than fast-paced, digital 'sugar rushes'.

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