

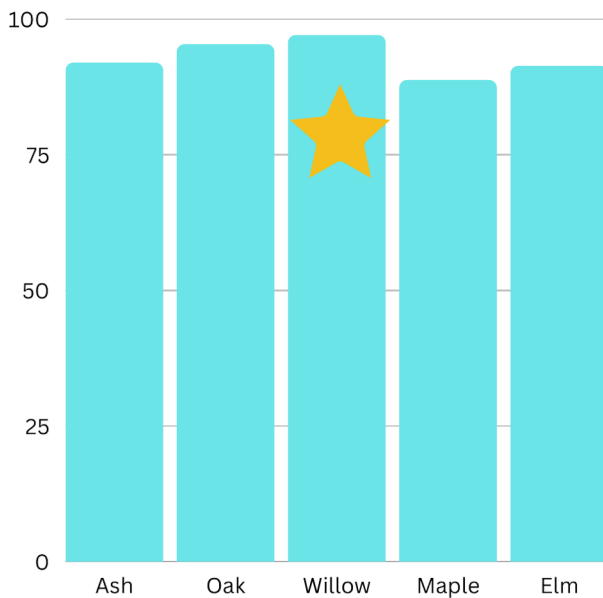
Friday 13th January 2023



# Newsletter



## Attendance



The whole school attendance for this week is 92.8%, with Willow class having 97% attendance this week.

Please ensure all absence is reported to the answerphone before 9am on each day of absence - 01253 810324 option 1

## Highlights

- The extra curricular clubs have started this week, and what a range of clubs we have! Saint Aidan's have been kind enough to allow us to use their Sports Hall for two of the KS2 sports clubs. This has allowed pupils to experience a different range of sports and also gives them a taste of a high school setting. We have clubs for historians, chess players, singers, musical lovers and more!
- Bookings are now open for the Fleetwood Town Community Trust holiday club that will operate from our school in February Half Term. Please follow [this link](#) to secure a place should you need childcare out of term time, or if your child(ren) wish to join in the fun!



# Supporting your child's learning at home

This week I have had meetings with class teachers to look at the progress individual pupils are making in their learning and to discuss the different types of intervention that need to be put in place. The spring term is the term in school when we aim to really accelerate learning and progress in maths and English across school to boost basic skills and build confidence.

The support you give your child at home makes a huge contribution to their rate of progress. We know parents have busy lives but just 10-15 minutes a day of focused support will make a big difference.

Things you can do:

- Listen to your child read at home (Ash and Oak children – daily, if possible, older pupils a couple of times a week)
- Read more complex stories, either with your children – this helps to develop a wider vocabulary, and everyone loves to be read to!
- Practice spelling common words or any words that your child finds tricky
- Play memory games – this is brilliant for helping children to remember important facts
- Support them with tasks on their homework menu – even if they only complete one or two tasks, it will give them a sense of achievement and they will get rewards in school
- Practice mental maths questions – times table facts, addition and subtraction questions, money or time questions

Please share any successes with class teachers or put notes in your child's extended learning book.

*“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”*

**Deuteronomy 31:6**

## Saint Aidan's Temporary Assistant Groundsperson / Site Supervisor

Saint Aidan's are looking for a temporary assistant groundsperson / site supervisor (8.00am – 1.00pm Monday – Friday) to undertake maintenance work within the school site and grounds.

If you are interested, further information and application forms are downloadable from the website – <https://www.st-aidans.lancs.sch.uk/about/vacancies/>

# Chinese NEW YEAR

19th January 2023

Sweet & Sour Chicken  
& Veggie Noodles  
or  
Chinese Quorn Curry with Vegetable Rice  
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Chocolate Rice Crispy Cake



# Lockerbie Trip

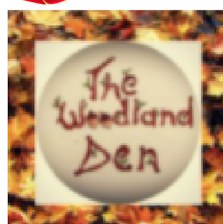
## September 2023

Details have been sent out this week to our current Year 5 about their residential opportunity in September. Please check Class Dojo if your child is in Year 5 – payment details are on ParentPay.



# CHINESE NEW YEAR IN AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

On Monday 23rd January, After School Club will be celebrating Chinese New year with crafts and a buffet of a selection of Chinese foods. Book on through ParentPay - £5 until 4:30pm or £7.50 until 5:30pm.



Here are the fun packed activities planned for next week in the Woodland Den.

Please book on via ParentPay - sessions run until 4:30pm (half session) or 5:30pm (full session), and all children are provided with a drink and a snack. Booking closes 48 in advance online, but contact the office if you need a last minute place in the afterschool club.

Date	Activity	Snack
16/01/23	Craft	Hot chocolate and marshmallows
17/01/23	Decorating biscuits	Biscuits
18/01/23	Colour by numbers	Crackers
19/01/23	Kahoot Quiz	Breadsticks or brioche
20/01/22	Kids choice	Nibbles



# FEBRUARY SPORTS CAMPS

(MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 17th FEBRUARY)



## Carleton Green Primary (FY6 7TF)

**NORMAL DAY (£12.50 PER DAY):**

**TIME: 09:00-16:00**

**LATE PICKUP (+£5 PER DAY):**

**TIME: 16:00-17:30**



## Shakespeare Primary (FY7 7LL)

**NORMAL DAY (£12.50 PER DAY):**

**TIME: 09:00-16:00**

**LATE PICKUP (+£5 PER DAY):**

**TIME: 16:00-17:30**



## Fleetwood's Charity School (FY6 0NN)

**NORMAL DAY (£12.50 PER DAY):**

**TIME: 09:00-16:00**

**LATE PICKUP (+£5 PER DAY):**

**TIME: 16:00-17:30**

## Poolfoot Farm (FY5 4HX)

**NORMAL DAY (£12.50 PER DAY):**

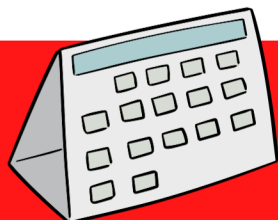
**TIME: 09:00-16:00**

**NO LATE PICKUP**

- Multisports, Games & Activities
- Fun Competitions Every Day
- Weekly Prizes
- Daily Themed Sessions

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE VISIT: [FTCT.EZFACILITY.COM](http://FTCT.EZFACILITY.COM)  
FOR ANY INFORMATION CONTACT: [COMMUNITY@FLEETWOODTOWNFC.COM](mailto:COMMUNITY@FLEETWOODTOWNFC.COM)  
OR CALL: 01253 208 442





**Monday 16/1/23** - Yogi group in school

**Thursday 19/1/23** - Special Chinese New Year lunch  
(booking through lunch form ->)

**Wednesday 25/1/23** - KS2 Author visit

**Friday 27/1/23** - Year 5/6 indoor athletics  
competition @ Mysercsough College

**Thursday 9/2/23** - KS1 Sports Inclusion Festival @  
Millfield

**Friday 10/2/23** - School close for half term (3:30pm)

**Monday 20/2/23** - School opens

**Wednesday 22/2/23 - Tuesday 28/2/23** - Book Fair in  
school

**Thursday 23/2/23** - Parents' Evening in school

**Friday 31/3/23** - School closes for Easter holiday

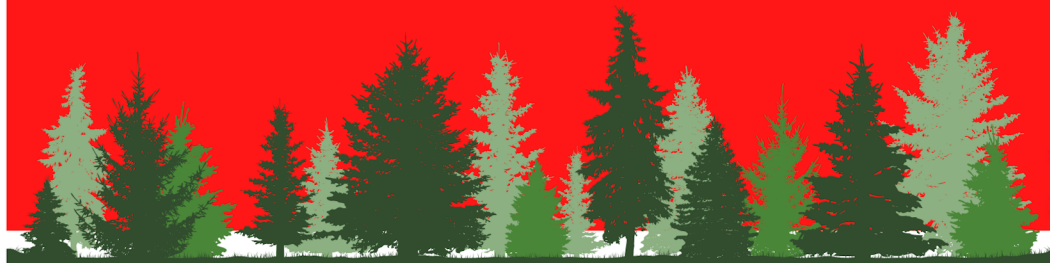
## Lunches

Please complete  
the lunch form for  
ALL pupils in  
school

<https://forms.office.com/r/exTQMjtnLL>



Meet at the park at 8:25am to  
leave at 8:30am





# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

### EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

### SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

### UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

### NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert; potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

### PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

### GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

### AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

### BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

### SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

## Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing Internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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