

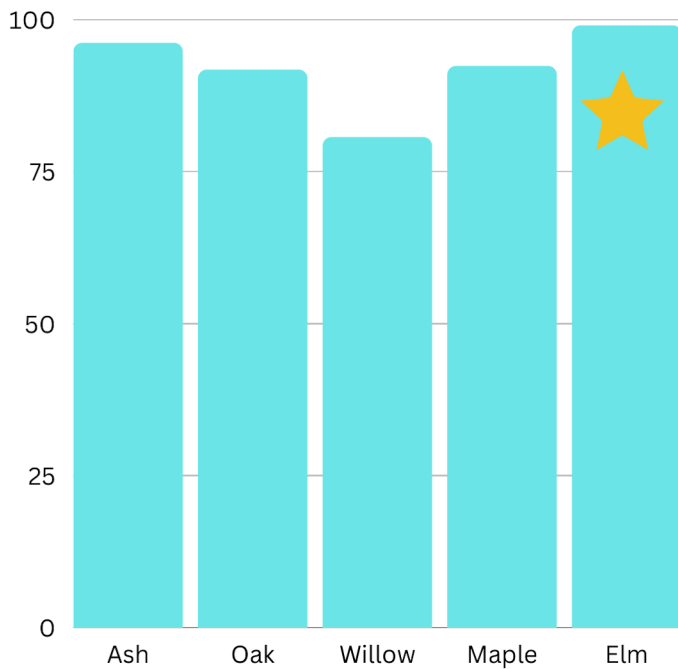
Friday 9th June 2023



Newsletter



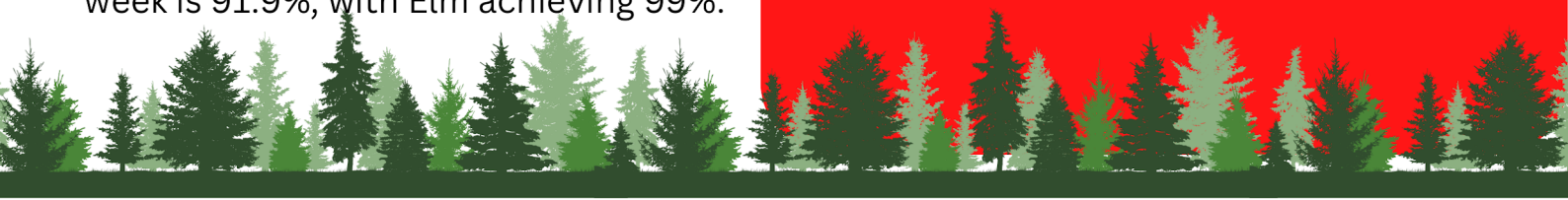
Attendance



The whole school attendance for this week is 91.9%, with Elm achieving 99%.

Highlights

- We are all enjoying the fabulous weather and the opportunities to take learning outside.
- Plans are coming together for the Gala float. The Cheer Club are enjoying learning their routine for Gala Day.
- We have a very busy half term ahead with lots of exciting events and trips.



Public Speaking Competition – Years 2-6:

We have extended the deadline for having talks and slide shows prepared until Monday 19th June. If you do not have access to PowerPoint, it is not a problem. From experience, the talks are more engaging for the audience if there are some visuals or artefacts, but this is not an essential requirement. The purpose of the activity is to develop the skills to talk to an audience.

The children will perform their presentation in front of the class (or a small group) over the next two weeks. Following this, three pupils from each year group will be selected to take part in the final which will be early in July. (Date to be confirmed).

Music Lessons:

Claire Shipway, one of our peripatetic music teachers will be putting on a demonstration of the different instruments we can offer music lessons in on Tuesday 20th June at 9:10am. If you are considering your child learning to play and instrument, please come along. This is particularly suitable for pupils in Years 3-6 from September.

Swimming:

There will be a change to the swimming timetable for the next three weeks.

Wednesday 14th June – Year 6 Water Safety session (see letter sent home for details)

Wednesday 21st June – Year 6 assessment

Wednesday 28th June – Year 5 Water Safety session (see letter sent home for details)

In the last two weeks, 5th and 12th July, the group who have been swimming this term will have two final sessions.

Class Photographs:

Our school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 13th June to take class photographs. All pupils should be in full school uniform (this can be summer uniform). Class teachers will advise on whether pupils need to bring in PE kit.

Lockerbie Manor Residential

September 2023:

There will be a meeting for parents and pupils in school on Tuesday 4th July at 6pm. Mrs Simpson will provide more details about what pupils need to take with them and you will be able to ask any questions you may have.

Please make sure your payment for the visit is complete by the end of the summer term.

A generous person will prosper;
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.
Proverbs 11:25



End of Year Leavers' Prom and Family Disco – Friday 14th July

This event is always a highlight of the year so please put the date in your diaries. It will take place at St. Oswald's Church Hall from 6pm. There will be a DJ, refreshments, stalls and activities plus a special focus on our Year 6 pupils who will shortly be leaving us. Parents are welcome to bring their own drinks

and picnic. All of our school families are welcome to attend. It is a chance for us to come together to celebrate the end of another successful year.

Class Structure for September:

Details for September will be confirmed in week beginning 26th June. As you are aware, we are currently consulting about reducing the age range of school from 4-11 to 3-11 to enable us to have a dedicated nurse class run by a qualified teacher. Once the consultation ends, we can finalise plans for the new school year.



Day	Club	Time	Open to	Contact
Monday	Gardening Club	3:30pm – 4:30pm	*full*	j.crompton@fleetwoods.lancs.sch.uk
	Cricket	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Y4, 5 & 6	vsimpson@fleetwoods.lancs.sch.uk
Tuesday	Craft Club (until 4th July)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Y3,4 & 5	mmoore@fleetwoods.lancs.sch.uk
Wednesday	Football	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Y1, 2 & 3	vsimpson@fleetwoods.lancs.sch.uk
Thursday	Bowling (until 11th July)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Y4, 5 & 6	j.crompton@fleetwoods.lancs.sch.uk
Friday	Football (team training)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	*full*	cbrakewell@fleetwoods.lancs.sch.uk
	Netball	3:30pm – 4:30pm	*full*	ladams@fleetwoods.lancs.sch.uk

Dates:



Tuesday 13th June - Class photos

Wednesday 14th June – Year 6 Water Safety session

Wednesday 14th June – Year 5 Activity Day at St. Aidan’s High School

Tuesday 20th June – Peripatetic Music Demonstration – 9:10am

Wednesday 21st June – Willow and Maple Class trip to Lancaster

Wednesday 21st June – Year 6 swimming assessment

Monday 26th June - Gala Netball Tournament 4pm at Preesall Sports Hall

Wednesday 28th June – Year 5 Water Safety session

Friday 30th June – Year 6 Transition Day at high school (details will be sent from the high schools)

Gala Football - TBC

Whole School Moving Up Day – Date TBC

Monday 3rd July – Knott-End Library visiting school to share information on Summer Reading Programme

Tuesday 4th July – Parent/Pupil Meeting for Lockerbie Residential 6pm

Friday 7th July – Cat Smith (MP) visiting Year 6

Saturday 8th July - Preesall and Knott End Gala - school float in the procession and Cheer Group walking in the procession/performing on gala field

Wednesday 12th July - Year 6 trip

Thursday 13th July – End of year reports out

Friday 14th July – Whole School Family Disco/Leavers’ Prom at St. Oswald’s 6pm

Monday 17th July – Year 6 Activity Day (details to follow)

Tuesday 18th July – Celebration Day for Mrs Crompton – parents invited from 2pm (this has replaced the summer fair)

Leavers’ Service date and time to be confirmed



Celebrating *Mrs Crompton*

Tuesday 18th July

Families welcome to join us at school from 2pm - 5pm

Celebration assembly - 2pm

Outside activities from 3pm



We are having a day in school to celebrate Mrs Crompton and everything she does within school and pre school prior to her retirement at the end of term. Families are welcome to join us for some forest fun, traditional games and a refreshments tent. We're hoping the ice cream man will pay us a visit too!



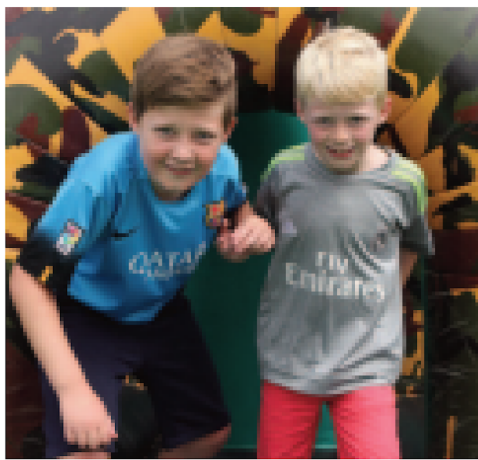


Myerscough
College & University Centre

Open Day and Country Fair

Sunday 11th June 2023

Action packed entertainment and fun for all the family!



Lots to see and do across the entire campus
from the **country fair** to the **sports pitches**



Pilling Methodist Chapel

STALLS 11-3PM
SHORT SERVICE 3PM

find out more on our
Facebook page!

100 YEAR
SUNDAY SCHOOL
ANNIVERSARY

Market Stalls
Chapel Memorabilia
Food & Refreshments
Music
Bouncy Castles
Balloon Modelling
Ice Cream
Soft Play Area



**17TH
JUNE
SAT**



**FAMILY EVENT
ALL ARE WELCOME**

11-3PM

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Snapchat is an instant messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to people in their friends list. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures and messages 'disappear' 24 hours after they've been viewed; however, this content isn't as temporary as many believe - with some users saving screenshots or using another device to take a photo of their screen. This year, Snapchat added 'My AI': a customisable chatbot with which people can chat and share secrets, as well as asking for advice and suggestions of places to visit.



CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

Even if your child only connects with people they know, they may still get friend requests from strangers. The Quick Add option lets users befriend people the app recommends - but these 'friends' are merely a username, which could have anyone behind it. Accepting such requests reveals children's personal information through the Story, SnapMap and Spotlight features, potentially putting them at risk from predators.

EXCESSIVE USE

Snapchat works hard on user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). Spotlight Challenges tempt users into spending time producing content in search of cash prizes and online fame, while it's easy for children to pass hours watching Spotlight's endless scroll of videos.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some videos and posts on Snapchat aren't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people (teens in particular) to share explicit images on impulse - so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beauty' effects on photos can set unrealistic body-image expectations - creating feelings of inadequacy if a young person compares themselves unfavourably with other users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

VISIBLE LOCATION

Snap Map highlights a device's exact position on a virtual map which is visible to other users. There are options to restrict who can see this information: all friends, only you (Ghost Mode) or selected friends. Snapchat also has real-time location sharing, which is intended as a buddy system to ensure friends have reached home safely - but which could also be used to track a young person for more sinister reasons.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TURN OFF QUICK ADD

The Quick Add feature helps people find each other on the app. This function works based on mutual friends or whether someone's number is in your child's contacts list. Explain to your child that this could potentially make their profile visible to strangers. We recommend that your child turns off Quick Add, which can be done in the settings (accessed via the cog icon).



CHOOSE GOOD CONNECTIONS

In 2021, Snapchat rolled out a new safety feature: users can now receive notifications reminding them of the importance of maintaining connections with people they actually know well, as opposed to strangers. This 'Friend Check Up' encourages users to delete connections with users that they rarely communicate with, to maintain their online safety and privacy.



DISCUSS AI

Although My AI's responses can often give the impression that it's a real person, it's essential that young people remember this certainly isn't the case. Encourage your child to think critically about My AI's replies to their questions: are they accurate and reliable? Remind them that My AI shouldn't replace chatting with their real friends, and that it's always better to talk to an actual person in relation to medical matters.



CHAT ABOUT CONTENT

It may feel like an awkward conversation (and one that young people can be reluctant to have) but it's important to talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting. Remind your child that once something's online, the creator loses control over where it ends up - and who else sees it. Likewise, it's vital that children understand that some challenges which become popular on the platform may have potentially harmful consequences.



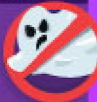
KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Profiles are private by default, but children may make them public to gain more followers. Snap Stories are visible to everyone your child adds, unless they change the settings. On SnapMaps, their location is visible unless Ghost Mode is enabled (again via settings). It's safest not to add people your child doesn't know in real life - especially since the addition of My Places, which allows other Snapchat users to see where your child regularly visits and checks in.



BE READY TO BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with your child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, your child can select the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user (annoying or malicious messages, spam, or masquerading as someone else, for example).



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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