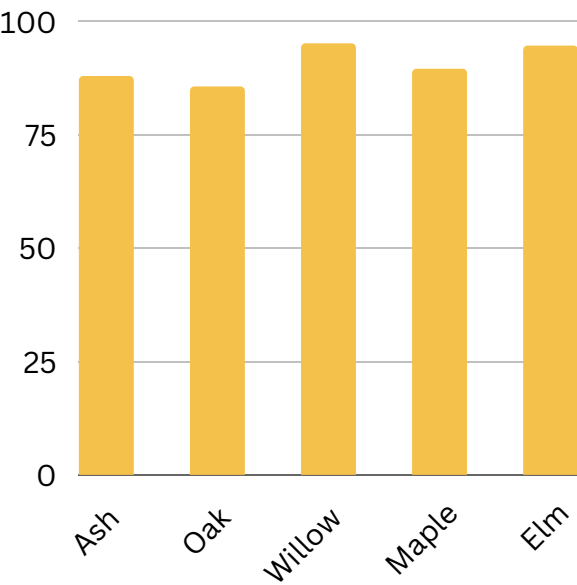




Newsletter



Attendance



Our whole school attendance for week 4 (26th - 30th September) was **90.46%**.

The class with the highest attendance was Willow (for the **third** week running) with 95%, closely followed by Elm with 94.5%.

Highlights

- This week our football team won their match against Thornton Primary School, 3-2! Well done to the team and thank you to the parents and Miss Brakewell for transporting them.
- School is looking fabulous! We have been busy preparing for our open sessions which start on Saturday. Spread the word if you know anyone with babies or toddlers.
- Outstanding homework – this week, some Year 6 pupils brought in models of Anderson shelters they had made as part of their World War 2 topic. We now have an outstanding homework Class Dojo award.



Workshops for parents

We are thinking about delivering some workshops for parents in school. Potential topics could be helping your child with phonics; online safety; supporting your child with learning to read or understanding how we teach maths. If there is something you would like us to deliver or if you are interested in one of the above, please let us know through this link to the online questionnaire - <https://forms.office.com/r/T55ZUBCwuF>

Lunches

Please complete the lunch form for ALL pupils in school

<https://forms.office.com/r/exTQMjtn>
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Christmas activities

We have listened to parents and due to so many activities being missed during lockdown, we have decided to have a change this year. Our Pre-School and Reception pupils will be taking part in their own short nativity. Years 1,2, and 3 will be performing in a Christmas production, with Year 4 pupils supporting as a choir and all KS2 pupils will be part of the Christingle Service. Dates and times for the performances have yet to be confirmed. The Christingle Service will be at St. Oswald's Church on Tuesday 13th December at 6:00pm. Pupils in KS2 are expected to attend.

We will also be hosting a Christmas Fair in school on Thursday 1st December, 3pm-5pm, more details to follow. If you would like a craft stall or would like to help by running a stall or game, please let us know.

Our school choir has already been booked for some Christmas events: carol singing at Knott-End Library and the Knott-End and Preesall Christmas lights switch-on on Saturday 3rd December.



“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

EPHESIANS 4:32



Dance Festival – Tuesday 15th November – Winter Gardens

Tickets for this event are now on sale from the Box Office. It is usually a sell-out so if you want to watch the show, get your tickets booked! Just make sure you book tickets for the Wyre and Fylde Dance Festival and not the Blackpool one which is in the same week. Our pupils are working hard with Miss Gemma on their Peter Pan themed routine. Tickets available through this link, but be quick! -

<https://www.wintergardensblackpool.co.uk/events/once-upon-a-dance/>



Parents' Evening – Tuesday 1st November (2-6pm)

The booking form for you to select a time will be sent out next week. If you are unable to attend in person, you can arrange with the class teachers to have a phone or online meeting. Class teachers will be freed up from 2:00pm in case anyone is able to attend before the end of the school day.

Film Night – Thursday 13th October 3:30-6pm

We are hosting a Film Night in After-School Club next week. Pupils must be booked on by Tuesday 11th October. Miss Gemma's dance festival rehearsal will take place earlier in the afternoon to allow pupils to attend film night.

Price £7.50 per child to include hot dog, drink and snacks.

Maple Class Worship

On Thursday 20th October at 9:15am, Maple Class will be leading a whole school worship linked to our core Christian values for this half-term. Parents of pupils in Maple Class are welcome to attend. It will be followed by our end of half-term Celebration Worship. If your child has been awarded any certificates outside school, please send them in.

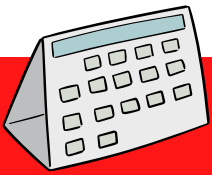
Forest School Day – Friday 14th October

Each class will be getting out in the forest next week to celebrate Forest School Day. Class teachers will post on Class Dojo about when your child's session will be so that you can make sure they come dressed in/bring suitable clothes and footwear. Look out for pictures on Facebook/Instagram.

Life Education

The Life Education team from Coram Education, will be in school on Wednesday and Thursday next week, delivering a workshop to each year group from Reception to Year 6. Some of the topics will include: me and my body, healthy life styles, friendships, dealing with peer pressure and drug education. There will be a session for parents to give you information about the content of the sessions on Wednesday 12th October. from 9-9:20am in school.





Saturday 8/10/22 - Open session for prospective families. 10am - 12pm

Wednesday 12/10/22 & Thursday 13/10/22 - Life Education sessions in school for Rec - Y6

Wednesday 12/10/22 - Open session for prospective families. 1:30 - 3pm

Thursday 13/10/22 - Film Night 3:30 - 6pm.

Friday 14/10/22 - Open session for prospective families. 10 - 11:30am

Friday 14/10/22 - Forest School Day

Friday 21/10/22 - School closes for half term - 3:30pm

Monday 31/10/22 - School opens for all

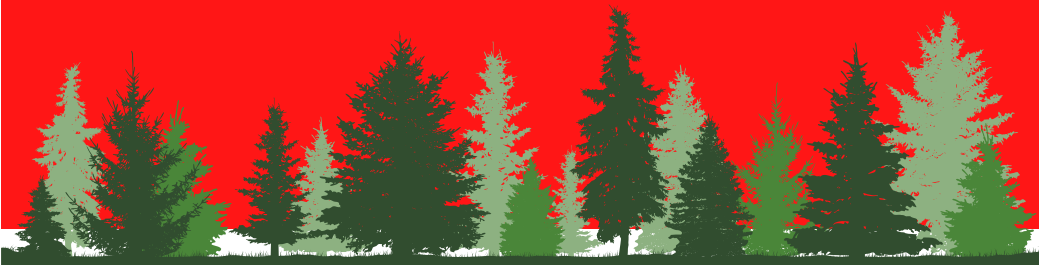
Tuesday 1/11/22 - Parents' Evening

Tuesday 15/11/22 - Dance Festival - Blackpool Winter Gardens

Thursday 1/12/22 - School Christmas Fair

Saturday 3/12/22 - Knott End Christmas Lights Switch On

Tuesday 13/12/22 - Christingle Service at St Oswald's Church - KS2 pupils



Introduction

Due to these unprecedented times, children may be utilising more technology than they otherwise would. Therefore, follow these guidelines to help you make the most out of the world of technology.



A source of entertainment and technology recommendations for families.

www.commonsensemedia.org

Get expert support and practical tips to help children benefit from connected technology and the internet safely and smartly

www.internetmatters.org

A place to find online safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe online.

www.saferinternet.org.uk

EXPLORE TOGETHER



Talk to your child about what the internet is and explore it together so you can show them all the great fun and educational things they can do.

SEARCH SAFELY



Use safe search engines such as swiggle.org.uk or www.kiddle.co. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines, as well as using www.youtube.com/kids/



PARENTAL CONTROLS



Install parental controls on your home broadband. Most Internet-enabled devices also allow you to set parental controls so you can manage what they can see online. For more support go to: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

USE PASSWORDS



Keep your devices out of reach and set passwords on all your internet-enabled devices and don't share them. Use <https://www.dinopass.com/> to show children the importance of creating safe and strong passwords

CHECK IF IT'S SUITABLE



The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. The minimum age limit is 13 for social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram. www.commonsensemedia.org/app-hard-to-separate-fact-from-fiction.

FAKE NEWS, MISINFORMATION AND CORONA-VIRUS



With increasing fake news around coronavirus and levels of reporting causing concern and confusion, children and young people may find it hard to separate fact from fiction. [reviews](#)

- ➔ Check the source of the information.
 - Use fact-checking sites like Full Fact or Snopes
 - Do a search on the author or organisation that it comes from
 - Check if the information comes from a reputable site
 - Check if the web address looks suspicious
- ➔ Don't repost false information
 - It can be tempting to share something that is shocking with others but it may cause more people to be misled into believing something is true when it's not