



Newsletter Friday 11th September 2026

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." – Joshua 1:9

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome Back to a New Term!

A huge thank you to everyone for the lovely cards and thoughtful gifts so many of us received before the summer holidays. Your kindness and appreciation meant the world to the whole team.

It has been wonderful welcoming all our families back this week. The children have returned full of enthusiasm and look exceptionally smart in their uniforms—they are a real credit to you all! To help us keep up these high standards, please remember a few quick reminders for the term ahead:

- **School Ties:** Every child needs to wear their tie to school every day as part of their standard uniform.
- **P.E. Kits:** Please ensure full P.E. kits are in school on the correct days so all children can safely take part in their lessons.
- **Home Reading:** Building good habits early makes a massive difference. Reading together for just a few minutes each day helps boost your child's confidence, vocabulary, and love for learning.

Spaces Available: We currently have spaces available in most year groups. If you have any friends, family, or neighbours who are looking for a warm, welcoming, and happy school community for their children, please encourage them to contact the school office. We would love to show them around!

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a fantastic term ahead!

Kind Regards,

Mrs M Underwood



Dates for your diary

Thursday 17th September Year 1 Local Area Walk

Monday 21st September School Picture day

Friday 2nd October Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 22nd October School Closes 3.30pm

Friday 23rd October School Closed INSET

Monday 2nd November School re-opens 8.45am

Don't forget : Starting on **Tuesday 22nd September** - Talk & Tales and Rhyme Time will be running every Tuesday at 3pm for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Breakfast & After School Sessions Available

Our new breakfast and after-school sessions are now up and running, hosted on-site by the team at PALS. To reserve a spot or learn more, contact PALS directly at support@playandlearnscheme.com or scan the QR code on the newsletter flyer.

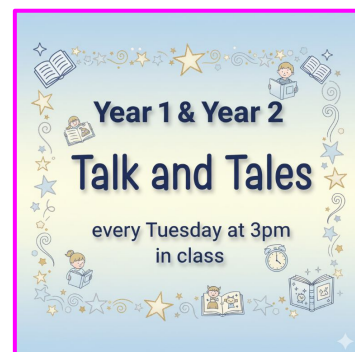
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RHYME TIME



Talk & Tales & Rhyme Time

Get ready for stories, rhymes, and interactive fun! Starting Tuesday, September 22nd, we're hosting weekly sessions every Tuesday at 3:00 PM across Reception, Year 1, and Year 2. Come along and share the magic of storytelling with us!



School Photo Day – Monday, September 21st

The school photographer will be visiting us on Monday, September 21st to take individual portraits. Please ensure your child arrives in full school uniform, including their tie.



Lunch Ordering

Please ensure all school lunches are ordered via the **Arbor app**. We have fully transitioned away from ParentPay following multiple updates sent since late June.

App Access: Arbor is the same platform used for Parents' Evening bookings, so your login details should already be active. If you need a password reset, please contact the school office.

Important Note: The school office cannot select meal choices for pupils, as the system restricts staff from making selections on parents' behalf. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping lunch orders up to date!

PLACES AVAILABLE!

We currently have availability across all year groups. If you or someone you know is new to the area or considering a school transfer, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office directly with any enquiries or to register for a place.



After School Club

for children aged 4-11

We accept childcare
vouchers and Tax Free
Childcare!

**PALS After School Club is Opening:
at Great Marsden St John's, NELSON.**

Times:

8:00am-8:45am
3:30pm - 4:30pm
4:30pm - 5:30pm
3:30pm - 5:30pm
INCLUDES SNACK



Prices:

8:00am-8:45am £3.50
3:30pm - 4:30pm £7.00
4:30pm - 5:30pm £7.00
3:30pm - 5:30pm £10.00

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: FUN MULTI-SPORTS ACTIVITIES, LEGO
WORKSHOPS, CRAZY STEM ACTIVITIES, ERUPTING
VOLCANOES, ARTS AND CRAFTS, BAKING, PLUS MUCH MORE!**

COMPETITION worth £100!

**Register your child's details below and we will pick one
lucky winner to receive £100 worth of PALS vouchers.**

How to book;

Click or visit;

<https://pals.ipalbookings.com>

Click or scan here



Need help with your booking or have a question? Please contact us;



support@playandlearnscheme.com



07930 924993

East Lancashire Young People's Mental Health

**Concerned about your Mental Health?
Are you under 18 or concerned about
someone under 18?**

Advice sessions are available on-line via
'Attend Anywhere'
Delivered by CYPMH East
tinyurl.com/ELCAS-LSCFT



Enter the word "CYPMH East" as the first name and "drop in" as the second name followed by your date of birth.

You will then enter our virtual waiting area where we will collect you.

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Wednesday 9th September 2026

Wednesday 16th September 2026

Wednesday 23rd September 2026

1pm – 3pm

3pm – 5pm

5pm – 7pm

1pm – 3pm



Help our school raise funds—completely free!

Did you know you can support Great Marsden St John's every time you shop online, without it costing you a single penny extra?

Through Easyfundraising, thousands of brands (like Tesco, Asda, shein eBay, Argos, and M&S) will donate to our school when you use their site to shop.

How it works in 3 simple steps:

Click our unique link:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjohnsgmarsden>

Search for your favorite online shop.

Shop as usual! The brand will donate a percentage of your spend to our school—completely free.

It's that simple! Please share this link with family and friends. Every purchase, no matter how small, makes a huge difference for our pupils.

Thank you so much for your continued support!