

Our HSA Newsletter

It was good to see so many of you at our
Teacher Info sessions!

Friday 18th September 2026

Autumn 1



Pictures: Year 5 in music and at swimming and Mosaic busy learning!



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YEAR 1

This week in History, Year 1 have been exploring how toys have changed over time. The children looked at a range of toys from the 1950s and really enjoyed comparing them with the toys we play with today. They were fascinated to discover how toys have changed, as well as the similarities that remain!

The children were fascinated to discover how different toys were made and enjoyed sharing their own ideas and experiences.



‘The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future.’ Theodore Roosevelt

The children in 1S and 1H have also enjoyed coming together for their PE lessons, where they have been exploring different ways of moving around and using the space around them.

They have been developing their ability to move safely and confidently in a variety of ways, while having lots of fun and working together as a team.

We are really looking forward to a fantastic year ahead for Year 1!

Regularly check the Schudio app and your emails for messages and information.

MOSAIC

Mosaic Class have had a fantastic start to the term! They have settled back into their classroom routines really well and are confidently accessing the wide range of resources and activities available to them, both indoors and outdoors.

The children have particularly enjoyed singing counting songs and rhymes together. As a result, their counting skills are developing beautifully, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence grow.

Mosaic have also been ‘out and about’ around the academy, visiting other classrooms to see what their friends are learning. They have been highly engaged in these experiences and have really enjoyed exploring the different learning taking place across the academy.

‘Together we can do great things.’ Mother Teresa

Over the next couple of weeks, as they begin their new topic, ‘All About Me’, the children will be learning how to use Makaton to sign the names of different family members.

As always, the Mosaic Class are looking forward to lots of fun, learning and exploring together!

OPEN EVENTS

Does your child start school for the first time in September 2027? Come and visit us on one of the dates below to find out more about our academy and see what we have to offer.

- 30/9/26, 2pm to 3pm
- 9/10/26 9:30am to 10:30am
- 19/10/26, 5pm to 6pm
- 7/11/26, 10am to 12 midday

Our Values Nominations are in!

RECIPIENTS OF VALUES CERTIFICATES

KS1: Kiearna, Loki and Bella

KS2: James, Ellie-Mai, Stanley and Rylen

Celebrating Punctuality & Attendance

The class with the best *attendance* this week is **5H with 99.6%**. Whole Academy Attendance 95.9%

The class with the *best punctuality* was **6H**.

Quick links:

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*Been to an event at Hawes Side?
Your feedback is valuable to us!*

Recent letters/info home
Please check your emails and your child's school bag

Information for Families
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Clubs
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Pictures: Year 4 at Upbeat and can you spot who our pupils met?

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UPBEAT

4H had an absolute ball at Upbeat this week! Everyone had the chance to play the drums and piano.

Mrs Randles said it was an honour to see the amazing talent in 4H and how confidently the children played their instruments.

‘Where words fail music speaks.’ Hans Christian Andersen

Class 4H are still deciding which tune they would like to play later this year, but Mrs Randles has no doubt it will be absolutely brilliant!

ROYAL VISIT

We are so proud of our Pupil Leadership Team and OPAL Ambassadors, who took part in the Stanley Park Centenary celebrations.

Accompanied by Mrs Boothroyd, Mrs Foxton and Mr Crouch, they proudly waved their handmade Union Jacks as they waited to be part of this special occasion and welcome a very special visitor!

Flying in by helicopter, His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh arrived to meet the children and other dignitaries and explore our wonderful Stanley Park.



Our children, along with others, had the wonderful opportunity to meet him and even enjoy a quick chat.

Everyone was thrilled to meet him, and it was wonderful to see how engaged he was with everyone he met and with the celebrations. It was certainly an experience that none of us will forget and one that will go down in our academy's history!



We've put together a photo album of the day, plus some other links to the day too. Click the links below to see some highlights from this very special event.

- [Photo Album](#)
- [The helicopter!](#)
- [Meeting Royalty](#)

OPAL

To help our children enjoy playtimes throughout the year and make the most of all our different play areas and activities, please ensure they bring a named coat to keep warm and dry.

Children can also bring in a **pair of wellies** to keep at school and change into during break times.

We would also really appreciate your help with donations of **UNO cards or child-friendly playing cards**. These resources help us create even more exciting play opportunities for our children.

As always, thank you for your continued support!

Open Event

ST GEORGES

St Georges has asked us to share information about their **Annual Open Event on 24th September**. Why not go along and find out more about what they have to offer?

Booking Information: To ensure the best possible experience and safely manage visitor numbers, all visitors are asked to book a timed guided session. Families can choose from one of three arrival slots:

- 4:30 PM
- 5:00 PM
- 5:30 PM

Each session includes a presentation from the Headteacher, followed by a guided tour with their student leaders.

Places are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Families can reserve their tickets via Eventbrite using the link below:

[Click here to book](#)

Other News

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL

Zoom in to find out more!

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2027

PRIMARY APPLICATIONS

If your child was born between **1st September 2022** and **31st August 2023**, you must apply for a Primary School Reception place for September 2027. **(Applications are required for all children with a 4th birthday between 1st September 2026 and 31st August 2027).**

SECONDARY APPLICATIONS

If your child is in the final year of primary education (Year 6), you must apply for a Secondary School Year 7 place for September 2027. **(Applications are required for all children who are in their final year at a primary school).**

If you live in Blackpool (pay council tax to Blackpool) –

APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE ON-LINE AT:
www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Before you complete and submit your application you are advised to read Blackpool Council's guide for parents at: www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The on-line system offers a quick and secure means of applying for places. Paper applications and information booklets are available from schoolaccess@blackpool.gov.uk or telephone 01253 476637.

CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2027

PRIMARY APPLICATIONS – BY 15TH JANUARY 2027

SECONDARY APPLICATIONS – BY 31ST OCTOBER 2026

Applications received after the closing dates will be processed after all those which are received on time. If you apply late this may reduce your chances of an offer for one of your preferred schools.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!

If you pay your council tax to Wyre or Fylde then you will need to access Lancashire's on-line application system at www.lancashire.gov.uk. You can still express preferences for Blackpool schools on Lancashire's application system.

www.blackpool.gov.uk
Blackpool Council



A message from our Principal, Mrs Boothroyd

What a wonderful week we have had!

Our staff would like to thank all the families who attended our Information Sessions. It was lovely to have the opportunity to meet with you face to face, share important information and continue to develop our positive relationships with you. Please remember, if you ever have any questions or need any support, we are always here to help.

I also had a fabulous time on Tuesday with our Pupil Leadership Team as they had the very special opportunity to meet Prince Edward. The children were brilliant and demonstrated our academy values to such a high standard. Their first official duty in their new roles was certainly one to remember!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely and well-deserved weekend, and we look forward to another exciting week together on Monday.