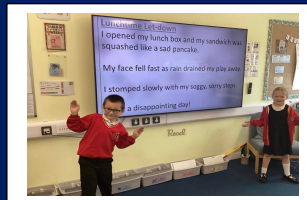
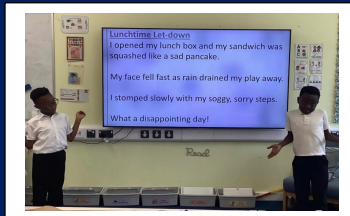


Our HSA Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2026

Autumn 1



Pictures: Year 2 in action and year 3 busy in class!



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YEAR 2

It has only been a few weeks, but 'wow' have year 2 been busy!

In PE, the children have been practising their listening and reaction skills by responding to traffic light signals - get ready, GO!

Year 2 have also been discussing what it means to be 'alive'. A BIG question with lots of answers, and they were enthusiastic to discover more about the concept of life in their science lessons.

We are a generation of technology now, and year 2, as part of their Information Technology studies, have been finding out about the purpose of IT within our academy. They have been discovering the wide range of technology we use, whether it be phones, TVs, iPads and so much more!

They have also been explorers in geography, recapping their knowledge of our very own United Kingdom. Whether it was Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland or England, they had great fun recalling the 'United Kingdom' song!

'Great things have small beginnings.' Frances Drake

On the theme of music, the children in year 2 have been listening to a wide range of pop music from across the decades, developing their understanding of beat and rhythm while learning about different artists along the way. It certainly has been a very tuneful class indeed!

Keep it up, year 2 - your passion for learning is infectious!

It has been wonderful to see so much interest for wider opportunities.

If you have recently submitted your interest for your child to join a extra-curricular club, check your emails to see if they have been randomly selected!

THE WIDER COMMUNITY

We would like to ask for your support in reminding children about the importance of being respectful members of our local community when travelling to and from school. Please encourage your child to stay on public pathways, respect private property, and be considerate of our neighbours at all times.

In addition, we ask that you are mindful of where and how you park on the neighbouring streets, showing consideration and respect for local residents and other road users.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain positive relationships and a respectful community around our school.

CAR PARK

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all families that the car park is designated for staff and Nursery access only.

As the gates have remained open to allow planned transport services access, we have noticed an increase in families using the car park during busy arrival and collection times. As space is limited, this can make it more difficult to ensure everyone's safety, particularly when children are present.

To help keep all members of our school community safe, we kindly ask that:

Children are closely supervised when near the car park.

Vehicles are driven slowly and with extra care.

Drivers avoid stopping or parking in a way that may obstruct access for other vehicles, including emergency services.

We greatly appreciate your support and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for all our children, families and staff.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Our Values Nominations are in!

RECIPIENTS OF VALUES CERTIFICATES

KS1: Myla, Luna, Kurtis and Abigail

KS2: Noah, Vincent, Mia, Lucia, Mckayla and Daisy

Celebrating Punctuality & Attendance

The class with the best *attendance* this week is **2H** with **99.6%**. Whole Academy Attendance 94.7%

The class with the *best punctuality* was **5S**.

Quick links:

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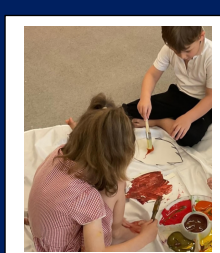
[Event Feedback](#)

*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
[Raring2Go](#)

Clubs
Check your emails for info/confirmation about Sports Clubs



Pictures: Learning in our academy

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PERCUSSION DAY

Lancashire Music Service are hosting a 'Percussion day' for young players aged 18 years and under. The event is on Sunday 11th October. [Click here to find out more.](#)

PERCUSSION DAY 2026

SIGN UP!

VENUE
ST CHRISTOPHERS CE HIGH SCHOOL, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, ACCRINGTON, BB5 4AY

WHEN
SUNDAY 11th OCT 2026 | 10AM-3:30PM

SPECIAL GUEST
SIMONE REBELLO & BACK BEAT

£7.50 PER YOUNG PERSON

YAMAHA Make Waves

FIVE FIVE MUSIC

Lancashire Music Service

KINSHIP

Did you know 5th to 11th October is Kinship Care Week? It is a chance to shine a light on the vital role of kinship carers. Relatives and friends who 'step up' to raise a child.

[You can find out more about what kinship is by clicking here.](#)

We are looking forward to a community drop in coffee event soon where we can get together, chat, and meet and support each other. This event will be open to all our families - watch this space!

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

PRIMARY MENTAL HEALTH

The Primary Mental Health worker is in the academy on the 4th November 2026. If you would like to 'drop in' for a session, please get in touch with Miss Ward or Mrs Fleckney via the academy office.

PHONICS

Foundation Stage families are invited into the academy on the 1st October for a Phonic Workshop. It is a wonderful opportunity to find out more about phonics and how you can support your child's learning at home, working together to develop their confidence and skills.

[Click here](#) to find out about the Phonic Workshop for Foundation Stage families.

Don't forget INSET day Monday 5th October. The academy is closed to pupils for one day

Open Events SECONDARY SCHOOLS

South Shore Academy have shared their Open Evening as 30th September at 4:30pm to 7:30pm. You can also visit for morning tours too.

SOUTH SHORE ACADEMY

AMBITION PURPOSE ACHIEVEMENT

SAME COMMUNITY. NEW ERA.

You may think you know South Shore Academy. It's time to take another look.

OPEN EVENING
Wednesday 30 September
4.30pm - 7.30pm

Meet our staff, explore our facilities and see our new era for yourself!

MORNING TOURS
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
8.30am - 9.30am

See our school in person during a normal school day. Our SENDCo is available on Tuesdays.

BOOK YOUR FREE TICKET

Most Improved | Sustained Progress | High Expectations | Learning Comes First | Respect Matters

AMBITION • PURPOSE • ACHIEVEMENT

Armfield Academy are hosting their Open Event on the 8th October at 5pm to 8pm. [Click here to find out more.](#)

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

It is hard to believe that we are already a few weeks into the new school year! It has been wonderful to see the children settle into their new routines, embrace new challenges and begin their learning journeys with such enthusiasm.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our families for your continued support. We truly value the partnership we have with you, as working together enables us to provide our children with the care, encouragement and opportunities they need to succeed.

A strong relationship between home and school makes such a difference to our children. Your support, whether through encouraging learning at home, attending school events, supporting our expectations or simply talking to your child about their day, helps us to build confident, happy and successful learners.

We look forward to all that the year ahead will bring and to continuing to work together to make it a positive and memorable year for every child. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community.