

HSA NEWS

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Values

Foundation and KS1: Ivy-Willow, Carly, Lottie and Billie

KS2: Ellie N, Keegan, Charlie H, Lily, Ted, Eliza-Rae, Lilly, Bradley and Eliza

Thought of the Week

'Every child has a different learning style and pace. Each child is unique, not only capable of learning but capable of succeeding.'

Sharon McDonnell, Assistant Facilities

Useful links

Dates for diary: [click here](#) for the academy calendar of events

Latest news: [Click here](#) to find out about the latest events and news.

Term dates

In the 'Parents' section of our website you will find the updated page for term dates. We now have the school holidays up to 2028!

Family learning

Year 1 - Free 4 week course starting Wednesday 30th April 2025 1pm until 3pm (your year 1 child joins you for the last hour of each session).

Fun phonic activities with a 'Pirate' theme!
Find out more by [clicking here](#)

Fill in the Family Learning - Blackpool Learning Rooms form by popping this into your web browser <https://bit.ly/FLPhonics25> or try [clicking here](#)



A message from our Principal

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and managed to enjoy some of the sunshine we were treated to—let's hope it's a sign of things to come as we head into the summer term. It's been a real pleasure welcoming the children back; they've settled in beautifully and have quickly got back into the swing of school life.

Just a gentle reminder that toys from home should stay at home. While we understand that children may want to bring in something special to share or play with, personal items can easily become a distraction during learning time and there's always the risk of them being lost or damaged. We want to make sure that everyone can focus and enjoy their day without any unnecessary worry, so we really appreciate your support with this.

We're also looking ahead to Sports Day and are in the process of finalising plans—we'll share the date with you very soon.





Values Winners

The children in class 1H and 3S are the 'values' winners for last half term.

Both classes have been repeatedly using all the academy values and as a reward will have a non-uniform day. Class 3S are celebrating their win on the 2nd May and 1H are 9th May.

Well done 1H and 3S!

Parent/Carer Guidance for Y1 Phonics Check

Zoom in for useful information

The Phonics Screening Check – A guide for Parents

What is the phonics screening check?
The phonics screening check is a short, statutory reading assessment designed to give teachers information about how individual children are progressing in phonics. It is designed to confirm whether pupils have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard.

Who takes the check?
Year 1 children are expected to take the phonics screening check during a specified week in June. Some Year 2 children might also be checked if they didn't achieve the expected standard in Year 1 or if they have not taken the check before.

What happens during the phonics screening check?
The check contains 40 words. Each child sits one to one with a teacher and reads each word aloud. The list of words the children read is a combination of 20 real words and 20 pseudo words (nonsense/alien words). The check takes about 10 minutes but each child can complete it at their own pace.

What are pseudo words (nonsense/alien words)?
Pseudo words are words that are phonically decodable but are not actual words with an associated meaning. Children cannot read these words by using their memory so they have to use their decoding skills. All pseudo words in the check are accompanied by a picture of an imaginary creature so that children recognise these as nonsense or 'alien' words.

How are the results reported?
By the end of the Summer Term, schools will report results of the check to parents and will confirm if children have met the standard threshold.

What happens if a child does not meet the standard?
The screening check will identify children who have phonic decoding skills below the level expected for the end of Year 1 and who therefore need extra help and support. Children who do not achieve the expected level will retake the test when they are in Year 2.

How can I support my child at home?

- Enjoy sharing and reading books as much as possible.
- If your child is struggling to read a word, encourage them to 'sound out' and then blend the sounds together from left to right.
- Talk about the meaning of unfamiliar words.
- Ask your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Useful links
Find further information about phonics and home reading on the FFT Phonics Portal: <https://parents.fft.org.uk/>
The Department for Education (DfE) also publish guidance which you can find here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-information-for-parents>

Don't forget Monday 5th May is Bank Holiday and the academy is closed for one day!

Notices!

Blackpool Central activities for you and your family

1 April to 31 July 2025

All sessions are free to attend unless otherwise stated. See 'Activity Descriptions' pages for more details and booking information.

Location	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Central Family Hub Gorton Street, Blackpool FY1 3JW T: 01523 951190	Cafe 8.30am to 1pm Midwifery clinic 9am to 5pm Booking essential Well Baby Clinic 9.30am to 11am Blackpool Children and Young Person's Advocacy drop in 28 April 30 June 28 July 9.30am to 11am HENRY Starting Solids workshop 14 April 9.30am to 11.30am Booking essential Cost of living advice drop in 7 April 2 June 7 July 10am to 11am Sip and Share 11am to 12pm Sing and Sign 28 April to 19 May	Cafe 8.30am to 1pm Midwifery clinic 9am to 5pm Booking essential Babbling Babies 22 April to 20 May 10 June to 15 July 10am to 11am Clever Money drop in 8 and 22 April 6 and 20 May 3 and 17 June 8 and 22 July 10am to 1pm Sensory Time from birth to crawling 1pm to 2pm Chatting with Children 23 April to 21 May 11 June to 16 July 1pm to 2.15pm Easter creations For under 5 years 16 April 1pm to 2pm Forward sensory session For under 5 years 4 June 1pm to 2pm Baby Steps 1pm to 3pm	Cafe 8.30am to 1pm Midwifery clinic 9am to 5pm Booking essential Stop Smoking Blackpool Addiction Service 9am to 5pm Booking essential Triple P Parenting Programmes Booking essential Baby Massage 10am to 11.30am Booking essential Chatting with Children 23 April to 21 May 11 June to 16 July 1pm to 2.15pm Easter creations For under 5 years 16 April 1pm to 2pm Forward sensory session For under 5 years 4 June 1pm to 2pm Baby Steps 1pm to 3pm	Cafe 8.30am to 1pm Midwifery clinic 9am to 5pm Booking essential Stop Smoking Service – Blackpool Midwifery 9am to 3pm Booking essential Ready Steady School 24 April to 21 August 10am to 11.30am SENDIASS drop in 26 June 9.30am to 11am HENRY Bears Stay and Play – infant feeding support 1pm to 2.30pm After school fun 24 April to 22 May 12 June to 17 July 3.30pm to 4.45pm Easter creations For 5 years+ 17 April 1pm to 2pm	Cafe 8.30am to 1pm Midwifery clinic 9am to 5pm Booking essential First Stages of Pregnancy 9.30am to 11.30am Booking essential Blackpool Art at the Start 25 April to 23 May 13 June to 18 July 10am to 11am Dance and Move 30 May 10.30am to 11.30am Baby Massage 1pm to 2.30pm Booking essential	Family craft session 12 April 10.30am to 12pm Family Dance and Move 30 May 10.30am to 12pm SEND Saturday For 16 to 25 years 24 May 10.30am to 12pm Family small world session 12 July 10.30am to 12pm Family Lego session 12 July 10.30am to 12pm

Keep up to date with new events and services for families
 We: www.blackpool.gov.uk/FamilyHubs
 Facebook: [BlackpoolFamilyHubs](https://www.facebook.com/BlackpoolFamilyHubs)

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Blackpool Family Hubs

1) We collect surplus food from supermarkets and manufacturers that would have been wasted!

2) We create nutritious parcels consisting of fruits and vegetables, pantry staples, and chilled/frozen foods.

3) We deliver your parcels to The Big Food Truck host venues.

4) You collect your parcels from your local host venue for a fraction of supermarket prices.

Your venues:
 Claremont Park Community Centre (Mondays 13:30 - 14:30)
 Blackpool Football Club (Tuesdays 14:00 - 15:00)
 Layton Methodist Church (Thursdays 14:00-15:00)

JOIN THE BIG FOOD TRUCK MISSION!

Next steps:

- Text your name to 07908663618.
- You will receive a welcome text from us!
- We will then text you at the start of each week to confirm your order.

THE BIG FOOD PROJECT

Get more info: [The Big Food Truck](https://www.facebook.com/TheBigFoodTruck) | lee@thebigfoodtruck.co.uk

1x mixed parcel £5.00
3x parcels £8.00
6x parcels £16.00