

# FRIDAY



# LETTER

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024



**VALUE FOCUS** - This half-term our value focus is **Empathy**. We are challenging all the children to ensure:

- ✓ Everyone in our school treats each other with care and compassion.
- ✓ We listen to each other and show kindness.
- ✓ We offer support to each other.
- ✓ We are committed to promoting positive mental health and well-being for everyone.



## 'Star of the Week' Awards

Reception – Bryanny B & Kate C



Year 1 – Jake P & Alfie R



Year 2 – Elektra N & Lacey L



Year 3 – Shannon P & Isabelle M

Year 4 – Seth L & Marnee C



Year 5 – Finn S & Poppy B

Year 6 – Cemil O & Elissia M

## This Week's Best Attendance

Year 3 – 98.89%



Red Panda Team	1071
Lion Team	1403
Blue Whale Team	1381
Green Turtle Team	1733

**House Team Competition:**

Each week in the 'Friday Celebration Assembly' we have been checking the totals of the house points...

The **Green Turtle Team** maintain their lead!

**Reading Rewards....** We want our children to read at home at least three times per week. To reward the children who regularly read at home and have their reading record signed, we have introduced a bronze, silver and gold reward system! To achieve the bronze award pin badge the children need to earn 60 reading points, silver 200 reading points and gold 300 reading points. Well done to the children below for achieving an award this week...

**Bronze Award:**

Reception	Hudson J, Jack O, Isabella S & Frankie S
Year 1	Macy M
Year 2	Amelia M
Year 6	Darcie B, Elliott H & Parker H



**Year 2:** In maths, Year 2 have been using base 10 to add and subtract numbers together. We also took a trip to Northbrook Museum this week!



**EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performances:** Well done to the EYFS and KS1 team, you simple smashed it! The two performances of the NPA Nativity have been simply superb. We are super proud! Thank you also to the parents and families that attended and supported our amazing children. Your enthusiasm, encouragement and warmth allowed them to perform at their best.



**KS2 Performances:** Well done to the KS2 children who performed brilliantly on Thursday! They spoke with confidence, sang with enthusiasm and smiled the whole time through! Thank you also to the parents and families who supported their children to return to school and perform for the second time in one day! Fantastic to see so many supporting each other as a one large team!



## Friendly Reminders

**Extra-Curricular Clubs:** Please be reminded that this half-term's extra-curricular clubs have now finished. There will be no extra-curricular clubs on after school week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> December.

**End of Term Early Closure:** School closes at the slightly earlier time of 2:10/2:15pm on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.** There will no After School Club Provision on this day. Children return to school at 8:45am on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.



**Christmas Party Day & Christmas Dinner:** We will be hosting our Christmas Parties on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** as well as our whole school Christmas dinner. On this day children will be able to attend school in non-uniform. If they wish, the children can come to school dressed in Christmas jumpers, Christmas themed clothes, or clothes in the traditional Christmas colours to make their party day especially festive. We will be raising money for 'Save the Children' and from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December, we will be adding a

£1 voluntary donation item on ParentPay. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have their party after lunch and Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will have their party before lunch. At lunchtime, we will be serving Christmas lunch for all our children and staff. There will be no other choice of meals for children on this day apart from a vegetarian Christmas lunch option (for children entitled to benefit tested free school meals, there will be a small selection of sandwiches. Please inform the office if you would like your child to have a sandwich instead). The alternative is for children to bring in their own packed lunch from home. Thank you in advance of your co-operation.



**School admissions:** Please use the link below to apply for a reception place for September 2024: [Starting primary school \(reception\) – Lancashire County Council.](#)

**The closing date for applications is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

School places will be offered to parents on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025.**



**Attendance Matters...** On Monday we will be writing to all parents to inform them of their child's percentage attendance for the autumn term (Term 1). Our aspirational target for all children is that they achieve 96% attendance for the academic year. We understand that there are times when children are unfit to attend school, however, this should be rare (unless there are exceptional individual circumstances). We closely track attendance data and work with families to support when we can. Our school has always been proud to have attendance figures above the national averages but more recently we have found that attendance has dipped and this is especially true for boys.

We know that attendance percentages usually rise through the year and current figures can be impacted by a prolonged illness. We also know the vast majority of our children have very good attendance.

**What does good attendance really mean?**

- 100%-95% attendance gives your child the best start in life ...
- 94%-90% attendance makes it harder to learn and progress to your child's full ability...
- 90%-85% attendance is regarded as being persistently absent and negatively impacts progress...
- 85% attendance and below seriously affects your child's learning and development...

<b>100% Attendance</b>	0 days missed...
<b>95% Attendance</b>	9 days' absence or 1 week and 4 days of missed learning.
<b>90% Attendance</b>	19 days' absence or 3 weeks and 4 days of missed learning.
<b>85% Attendance</b>	29 days' absence or 5 weeks and 4 days of missed learning. Almost one-half term missed.
<b>80% Attendance</b>	38 days' absence or 7 weeks and 3 days of missed learning.
<b>75% Attendance</b>	48 days' absence or 9 weeks and 6 days of missed learning.

**Did you Know?** 90% attendance, although it sounds really positive, actually means your child will miss the equivalent of a ½ day a week or 19 days a year or 247 days over your child's primary and secondary education (1 year and 10 weeks).



This week in our in-class picture news assemblies, we learned about Karis Musongole who starred in the film, Wicked. We then considered if we would like to be film star and what it might be like to one. We thought about what an actor needs to do, such as getting dressed into different costumes, wear make-up and display the emotions of the characters they are playing. We then

reflected upon the fact that we are all stars in different ways. We recognised that we all have talent and gifts and that it is important to celebrate who we are and what makes us special.

**Individual Liberty**

We have the freedom to choose and pursue the hobbies and interests we enjoy. We respect the choices of others and support them in finding and sharing their talents.

# Magical Moments

Magical Moments welcomes all children 0-5 who have Special Educational Needs or Disabilities or are awaiting assessment and would benefit from our calm and supportive space.

The group offers free and structured play to help with development plus a supportive atmosphere for parents and carers.

Siblings also welcome.

Join us at West Paddock Family Hub & The Zone, West Paddock Leyland PR25 1HR Every Thursday 9.30am—11.30am

FREE Snack provided!



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Domestic Abuse Support Services Lancashire

We are pleased to announce the launch of Domestic Abuse Support Services Lancashire (DASSL)

Partners: **be free**, **FCWA** (FYLDE COAST WOMEN'S AID), **HARV**, **key**, **THE LIBERTY CENTRE**, **Loving Me** (English Biscuit and Cookery Library domestic abuse service), **safenet** (online group service)

The DASSL partnership provides support services and safe accommodation in Lancashire

0300 3033 581 - 24hrs, 365 days

Call us for free non judgemental support and advice  
You can also reach us online at [www.DASSL.org.uk](http://www.DASSL.org.uk) to find out about your local service and our specialist support

Chat available daily at [www.DASSL.org.uk](http://www.DASSL.org.uk) | Interactive service map at [www.DASSL.org.uk](http://www.DASSL.org.uk)

**LANCASHIRE FAMILY HUBS NETWORK**

FREE snack provided

**COLOURFUL FOOTSTEPS**

Every Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30

**FREE GROUP SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN WITH SEND AGED 4-11YRS @ WEST PADDOCK FAMILY HUB**

This group aims to provide a space for children with SEND to develop social and emotional skills along with building their confidence and resilience. The session provides lots of engaging activities both physical and emotional for the children including soft play, games and arts & crafts.




**Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)** is a programme of free activities during the school holidays for eligible families.

HAF vouchers for the Christmas holidays have already been sent out by email to all our families entitled to free school meals (FSM). Check the link opposite for more information.

Guidance around the HAF programme and how families attain their voucher codes, can be found here [Holiday activities and food programme \(HAF\) - Lancashire County Council](#)

### Key Dates for the next half-term:

- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – School visit from well known individual in a red suit!
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party Day (non uniform day and our Christmas Jumper Day supporting ‘Save the Children’)
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Awards Assembly - School closes at 2:10/15pm for children.**
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January is an INSET (School is closed to children)
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January all children return to school. School opens at 8:45am. FREE Breakfast Club opens at 8:30am. (BSC opens at 7:30am for those children booked in to the paid provision).



If you need to contact school please do not hesitate to email [enquiries@northbrookpa.org](mailto:enquiries@northbrookpa.org)  
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**Have a great weekend everyone! See you on Monday. One more week until the Christmas holidays!**

# TAKEHOME

9th - 15th  
December



Should everyone have the opportunity to be a star?

# WICKED



## In the news this week

Wicked, the hugely successful Broadway musical, has recently premiered worldwide as a film. Wicked shares a different perspective of the events in the magical land featured in 'The Wizard of Oz', prior to Dorothy's arrival. It is the story of Elphaba (a misunderstood witch), who later becomes the Wicked Witch of the West, and her friendship with Glinda, who becomes the Good Witch. Karis Musongole, aged 10 from Manchester, plays the young version of Elphaba.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > What have you heard about the film, Wicked? Is it something you have seen or would like to see? Ask someone at home. Are they familiar with the story of The Wizard of Oz?
- > Do you like performing on stage? Do you like other roles or responsibilities in plays or performances? Talk about the importance of each role and how our different strengths can all be celebrated.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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