

# FRIDAY



# LETTER

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## VALUE FOCUS



This half-term our value focus is **Happiness**. We are challenging all the children to:

- ✓ Work together so that we can all be happy, safe and secure.
- ✓ Care about each other so we create a positive learning environment.
- ✓ Show smiling faces, use good manners and offer a warm welcome to all our visitors.
- ✓ Value and celebrate all success.

## 'Star of the Week' Awards

Reception – Albie J & Isabella S



Year 1 – Harry S & Darcey B



Year 2 – Liam W & Ollie DF

Year 3 – Isabelle F & Noah H



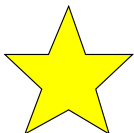
Year 4 – Eddie M & Millie H

Year 5 – Charles S & Jessica O

Year 6 – India N & Parker H



## This Week's Best Attendance Reception – 97.8%



Red Team	474
Yellow Team	478
Blue Team	439
Green Team	501

**House Team Competition:** Each week in the 'Friday Celebration Assembly' we have been checking the totals of the house points....



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



**Extra-Curricular Clubs Cancellation:** Due to Parent's Evening being held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Choir Club and Invasion Games Club are cancelled on this date. The Football Competition at St Mary's High School is still going ahead.

**Tots on Tyres & Scoot Safe:** Reception children are taking part in their second Tots on Tyres session on Monday morning in school – please bring a helmet for your child if they have one. Year 3 children are taking part in a Scoot Safe session in school in the afternoon – please bring a scooter and helmet into school in the morning if you have them. Scooters can be brought to the

## TOTS ON TYRES

*Tots On Tyres is a cycle training programme for Reception class pupils to learn to ride a balance bike and progress on to a bike with pedals. Your child is invited to take part in the free course available on:*

Monday September 9th - PM  
Monday September 30th & October 7th - AM

The three week programme is about learning to make the bike move by themselves, lifting their feet in the air to balance, steering and braking. Once your child is able to balance, they will move on to a pedal bike, learning how to use the correct pedal motion and set off unaided.

Bikes are provided. Please bring a helmet.

If you or your child wishes to progress their skills even further in a supportive family environment, we have teamed up with Ribble Valley Juniors Cycling Club to offer led rides and training. For more information, please contact [sec@rvjuniors.co.uk](mailto:sec@rvjuniors.co.uk)

"Most of the children can now cycle. They have all grown in confidence."

"Parents have all been amazed by the progress of the children."

"The children really enjoyed the sessions and definitely grew in confidence"

## SCOOT SAFE

*Scoot Safe is a safety training programme for scooter riders, made fun. Your child is invited to take part in the free session on:*

Monday September 30th - PM

The training is delivered partly in the classroom and partly on the playground. The classroom section involves discussions about road safety plus demonstrations on how to carry out a scooter and helmet safety check.

The aim of the playground section is to improve your child's confidence and stability on their scooter by practicing safe skills to work on balance and control whilst having fun.

"This is great for those who haven't had much experience scooting."

"It was really fun, I loved it."

"The pupils all learnt something and really enjoyed it."

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<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

**Year 2:** In Year 2's English this week we have been putting on our 'teacher eyes' and looking for key information about wolves to create a fact file.



**Year 4:** This week, Year 4 have been using an Atlas' to locate cities in Europe.



**Year 6:** We are very proud of Year 6 who have persevered and showed great resilience in completing their Bike-ability sessions. The instructors were very complementary about the attitude, behaviour and engagement of all of the children in the sessions and I was impressed by the class and their 'can-do' attitude, especially this week in the rain!! Well done Year 6!





**Northbrook Primary Academy**  
**OPEN DAY**

Tuesday 15th October 2024  
1.30pm-2.30pm and 6pm-7pm

Wednesday 20th November 2024  
9.30am-10.30am and 6pm-7pm

“A nurturing environment where every child is supported to achieve their full potential.”

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**School admissions** are open for children due to start primary or secondary school in September 2025. Please use the link here to apply and find out further information: [Starting primary school \(reception\) - Lancashire County Council](#)

The arrangements for the admission of pupils to primary schools in September 2025:

- **Sunday 1 September 2024** - Apply from this date
- **Wednesday 15 January 2025** - National closing date for primary applications
- **Wednesday 16 April 2025** - Offers issued to parents



**OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITIES**

21 October - 25 October, 2024

**HAF Plus**

Fun activities and healthy food for children on Free School Meals during the October Half Term, funded by South Ribble Borough Council.

- FREE Activities for all children on free school meals
- FREE Food with every session
- Activities include Gymnastics, Tennis, Dodgeball, Dance, Football

For children age 4-16. If your child does not qualify for Free School Meals but would like to join in, please see the website for details.

**October Half Term Holiday Camps:** As part of the Council's commitment to reducing inequalities in community, the Council has funded holiday camps during October Half Term delivered by Active Health and South Ribble Leisure. Children who attend will receive fun and safe physical activity along with a healthy lunch. Follow the link below for more information about the scheme and whether your child is eligible.

[www.southribble.gov.uk/haf](http://www.southribble.gov.uk/haf)



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

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Tots on Tyres & Scootsfae with SRBC Active Travel Team
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Y3/4 Inclusion Festival
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – National Poetry Day
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Parents' Evening
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Tots on Tyres with SRBC Active Travel Team
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Y5/6 Mixed Football Finals
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Open Day 2pm and 6pm
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – INSET Day (school closes to children)
- **Half-term Holidays Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – School reopens to all children
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Secondary School Applications Deadline (Year 7 September 2025)



**Balshaw's**  
Church of England High School

**Our Open Evening**

will take place on Thursday 3rd October 2024  
from 5.30pm to 8.30pm.

*Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path (Psalm 119, vs 105)*  
Lighting the path to excellence through Christian vision and values

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!**