

THE OSWALDTWISTLE SCHOOL

SUMMER 2026

Welcome

As we reach the end of term and step into the six-week summer holidays, we want to send a warm welcome to everyone reading our very first school newsletter.

This newsletter is all about staying connected and feeling supported, particularly over the summer break. We have links to many local organisations and charities that will be there to help, if you need it.

We're proud of everything our students, staff, and families have accomplished together this year, and we look forward to building on that momentum as we move into a new chapter.

Important Dates

Thursday 16th July
Last Day of Term

Thursday 20th August
GCSE Results Day

Wednesday 2nd September
School Reopens



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As my first term as Headteacher comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership. Although I am still relatively new, I already feel well embedded into the fabric of the school and it has been great getting to know the school community.

Over the past year our students have shared learning experiences to cherish, whether that be through educational visits, employment experiences, reward trips, AP placements. These opportunities can often spark an interest, passion or talent that our students may have never experienced before and that is the role we play in re-engaging and re-focusing them. Last month, our Year 11 students completed their GCSEs with commitment and maturity, and we wish them every success as they await their results and prepare for the next stage of their education or training. They leave with our very best wishes and remain valued members of our school community.

I would also like to pay tribute to our dedicated staff. Their professionalism, care and unwavering commitment ensure that every student is challenged, supported and encouraged to thrive. Their enthusiasm and passion make a lasting difference to the lives of the young people in our care.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we are excited about the opportunities that await. We will build on the successes of this year, further developing our curriculum offer by building new partnerships with AP providers to enhance our qualification offer which will ensure that every student is equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence to achieve their ambitions.

I wish you a safe, happy and relaxing holiday. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting and successful year.

Yours faithfully,



Chris Whittaker
Headteacher



Latest News

This term has brought several exciting staff updates.

We were delighted to welcome Mr Whittaker as he begins his new role as Headteacher, and we are equally pleased to welcome back Mrs Amin-Yasin, Mrs McMullen and Mrs Quinn from maternity leave.

At the same time, we are saying a heartfelt farewell to two valued members of staff. Roisin Whyte, our Forest School Leader, is moving on after almost 20 years of dedicated service to focus full-time on the Nurture Paddocks. We also bid farewell to Sinead Parr, our Maths Lead, who is embarking on an exciting new chapter and pursuing new opportunities.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to both Roisin and Sinead for the tremendous contribution they have made to our school over the years. Their commitment and support have had a lasting impact on our children and wider school community, and we wish them every success in the future.

Looking ahead, we are pleased to welcome Hannah Leyland as our new Maths Lead and Liam Holden as our new Maths Teacher, and we look forward to them joining the team.

Summer Food Parcels

A big thank you to **Tesco Extra Accrington** and **Rhyddings Methodist Church** for their generous donations of food and toiletries.

Their support enabled us to provide summer food parcels to all children who attended school during the final week of term.

We know that times are hard for many families at the moment, and we know how quickly snack cupboards can be emptied when there are teenagers around!
We hope these parcels help a little over the summer holidays.
Thank you for supporting our school community.



Work Place Encounters



Our students took part in several workplace encounters this term, each giving a valuable look into different industries.

At The Senator Group, they explored how furniture is manufactured and learned how the company recycles materials to support sustainability.

A visit to Carvansons introduced students to fragrance creation, including a tour of the shop floor and a fragrance analysis where they examined the oils that make up a single scent.

At MGS Technical Plastics, students discovered different career pathways and saw plastic injection-moulding machinery in action.

A visit to Keepmoat gave students the opportunity to see every stage of the house-building process and gain an understanding of what goes into developing new homes. They were introduced to both the business and construction aspects of the industry.

Finally, a taster day at Accrington & Rossendale College allowed students to try carpentry and creative media, giving them a feel for practical and creative college courses.

New Alternative Provisions

We are excited to be expanding our Alternative Provision offer from September, giving students access to a wider range of engaging, hands-on learning opportunities outside of the traditional classroom environment.

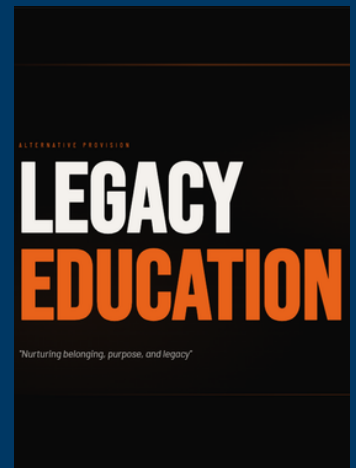
Students will have the opportunity to access Legacy in Burnley, where they can work towards a qualification in Personal Training, gaining valuable knowledge of health, fitness and wellbeing whilst developing industry-specific skills.

We are also excited to partner with Creativity Works in Preston, offering a diverse range of vocational courses including Art & Design, Textiles & Fashion, Sound & Music, Hair & Beauty, Film & Media, Health & Social Care & Childcare, Hospitality & Catering, alongside support in Maths and English.

Further opportunities include Quick Bricks in Bury, where students can gain practical experience in a range of construction trades and develop skills that could lead to apprenticeships and careers within the building industry. We are also pleased to introduce We Are Noise in Blackburn, providing creative and inspiring opportunities for young people interested in music, media and the creative industries.

These exciting new provisions will enable students to learn through real-world experiences, discover their strengths and interests, and develop essential skills for life beyond school. Whether progressing to further education, employment, apprenticeships or specialist training, these programmes open doors to a range of positive future pathways and career opportunities.

We are excited to continue offering 4 Tech Moto and Forest School, opportunities that our students have always thoroughly enjoyed and benefited from.



Useful Numbers & Contacts

Police

Emergency: 999
Non-Emergency: 101
Lancashire Police Prevent Officers:
01282 472329/01282 472324.

Mental Health – Under 18

NHS 111
Samaritans: 116 123
Childline: 0800 1111
SHOUT: Text SHOUT to 85258
HOPELINE247: 0300 102 2470
Kooth: www.kooth.com

Resources

Child Action North West:
www.canw.org.uk

Nest Lancashire:
www.nestlancashire.org

NSPCC: www.nspcc.org.uk

Activities in Lancashire:
Facebook @LancashireLocalOffer

Barnados: www.barnados.org.uk

Lancashire Women:
lancashirewomen.org

Frank (Substance Misuse):
www.talktofrank.com

Mental Health – 18+

NHS 111
Samaritans: 116 123
MIND Support Line: 0300 102 1234.
SANEline: 0300 304 7000
CALM: 0800 58 58 58
SHOUT: Text SHOUT to 85258

Child & Family Wellbeing

Rossendale:
The Maden Centre, Bacup, OL13 9NZ
01772 536873

Hyndburn:
The Park, Church, Accrington, BB5 4RY
01200 420460

Ribble Valley:
Wesleyan Row, Clitheroe, BB7 2JY
01200 420460

Burnley:
33 Brunswick Street, Burnley, BB11 3NY
01282 470707

Pendle:
Maurice Street, Nelson, BB9 7HS
01282 470277

Medical

For any medical needs, contact your GP or visit a local Pharmacy.

Pharmacy First:
www.patient.info/pharmacy-first

Kids Eat Free/For £1



ASDA CAFÉ

Kids eat for £1 all day, every day. No adult spend required.
Locations: Accrington, Burnley, Colne, Rawtenstall



MORRISONS CAFÉ

Kids eat free with an adult meal (£4.50+).
Locations: Great Harwood, Nelson, Burnley, Blackburn



BREWERS FAYRE

Free unlimited breakfast for up to 2 kids per adult.
Locations: Blackburn (Fernhurst), Burnley (Swan & Goose), Clitheroe/Barrow



BELLA ITALIA

Kids eat free all day with an adult main during school holidays.
Locations: Blackburn, Burnley



YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free on selected holiday dates.
Locations: Blackburn, Preston



PIZZA HUT RESTAURANT

Kids eat free with the app during school holidays.
Locations: Burnley, Preston



BILL'S

Kids eat free Monday to Friday with an adult main.
Location: Preston



ASK ITALIAN

Kids eat free during school holidays.
Locations: Burnley, Preston



CAFÉ ROUGE

Kids eat free 12–4pm with an adult main.
Location: Manchester Trafford Centre



LAS IGUANAS

Kids eat free with the app and an adult main.
Locations: Manchester, Preston (selected dates)



ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids 8 and under eat free 12–5pm.
Location: Manchester

Summer Safety

Please think sensibly and follow the guidance for safety

The direct and indirect effects of hot weather

Increasing temperatures in excess of 25°C are associated with severe illness and excess heat-related deaths in vulnerable people. **Higher temperatures** can affect your health in different ways.

Direct effects



- dehydration
- heat cramps
- heat rash
- dizziness and fainting
- heat exhaustion
- heart attacks
- heatstroke
- increased risk of lung illnesses and other diseases

Indirect effects



- **Increased demand** on healthcare services
- **Power outages**, affecting homes and healthcare services
- **Wildfires**, and by association smoke inhalation

Be Wildfire aware this summer...



Call 999
if you discover a fire

Stay safe, tell Fire Control the location, size and any relevant information.

#LookAfterLancashire



making Lancashire safer

www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk







COLD WATER KILLS

it's more dangerous than it looks

As temperatures rise, it's tempting to cool off with a swim in a river, canal, lake or reservoir. Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service is regularly called to rescue people who have got into trouble in the water.

WHAT ARE THE DANGERS?

- ⚠ There is no supervision.
- ⚠ The cold water temperature can claim your life in minutes - even if you are a strong swimmer.
- ⚠ It's difficult to estimate the depth of the water. It may be much deeper or much shallower than expected.
- ⚠ There are often no suitable places to get out of the water due to steep slimy banks or sides.
- ⚠ There is no way of knowing what lies beneath - there could be weeds, pipes, shopping trolleys, sharp metal or broken bottles.

- ⚠ Swimming in open water can lead to a variety of serious illnesses. There may be hidden currents. Flowing water or swimming in the sea can be especially dangerous.
- ⚠ Alcohol and swimming don't mix - perception and capability are both affected by drinking.

Enjoy the water safely this summer



making Lancashire safer

www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk




Young People's Survey

YOUR VOICE, YOUR FUTURE

LANCASHIRE YOUTH OFFER

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SURVEY

Help shape activities and services for young people in Lancashire!

We want to hear from **ALL** young people across Lancashire. Including those with additional needs or disabilities.

Your answers are confidential. You don't need to put your name on this form.

You can answer in a way that works for you. Support can be provided if needed.

THIS IS YOUR FUTURE HELP SHAPE IT!

Scan the QR code to complete the survey online

NEED SUPPORT TO TAKE PART?
Let us know - we're here to help.
✉ youthvoice@lancashire.gov.uk
🌐 lancashire.gov.uk/youth-offer

THANK YOU! Your voice makes a real difference.

Lancashire
County Council

Young people across Lancashire are being invited to share their views as part of the development of a new Lancashire Youth Strategy.

This is a fantastic opportunity for young people to have their voices heard and influence the activities, support, services and opportunities available in the future. Whether it's youth clubs, places to go, support services, local activities or opportunities for education and employment, Lancashire wants to know what matters most to young people.

Share your ideas
Have your voice heard
Help shape future youth services across Lancashire

We would encourage all of our young people to get involved and help create positive change for the future.
Your views matter!

Looking for things to do this Summer?

are you or is your child in receipt of Free School Meals?

Holiday Activity and Food Programme 2026
Summer in Lancashire: Eat, Play, Repeat!



There's so much to do
across Lancashire



Scan me to find out more, or
call in to your local Family Hub.

#HAF2026



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ENQUIRIES? CONTACT
ROSSENDALEGROUPWORK@LANCASHIRE.GOV.UK

PARTY IN THE PARKS SUMMER 2026

23RD JULY - EDGESIDE
PARK, WATERFOOT

30TH JULY - STUBBY LEE PARK,
BACUP

6TH AUGUST - WHITTAKER
PARK, RAWTENSTALL

13TH AUGUST - VICTORIA
PARK, HASLINGDEN

ELIGIBLE
FOR FREE
SCHOOL
MEALS?
BOOK VIA
THIS QR
CODE!



1-4 PM

FAMILY
HUBS
NETWORK



NOT
ELIGIBLE
FOR FREE
SCHOOL
MEALS- NO
WORRIES
BOOK HERE!

SUITABLE FOR 0-11'S WITH
PARENTS & CARERS
AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 12-19 YEARS
(25 WITH SEND)
FUN - GAMES - SPORTS - ACTIVITIES

2026

12-16
YRS

CR8 YOUR HOLIDAY XPERIENCE

ALL CR8
VOUCHERS
SUPPLIED
VIA
SCHOOLS

FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & MEALS

bowling • cinema • golf • swimming & more

For young people eligible for benefits
related free school meals.

Contact your school for more information

BURNLEYHAF.ORG.UK/12-16S



FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & MEALS

For children eligible for benefits
related free school meals.

Take part in sport, music, drama, art, cooking
and much more during the holidays.

Free, nutritious meals will be provided for each session.
Have fun with your friends, learn new skills, gain
confidence and get involved!

Find out more at
www.burnleyhaf.org.uk

Break Time



LANCASHIRE BREAK TIME



SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



MONDAYS
BURNLEY

10AM – 3PM

TUESDAYS
HYNDBURN

10AM – 3PM

WEDNESDAYS
PRESTON

10AM – 3PM

THURSDAYS
ORMSKIRK

10AM – 3PM

FRIDAYS
CHORLEY

10AM – 3PM

Our Break Time holiday sessions are delivered in a small group setting and are very active, with a focus on:



GAMES



SOCIAL
INTERACTION



TEAMWORK



BUILDING
FRIENDSHIPS



TO BOOK

please follow this booking link:

<https://bookwhen.com/sportworksnorthwest>



TO BE ELIGIBLE

must have a current
Break Time membership



FOR MORE INFORMATION

contact rachael.bland@sportworks ltd.co.uk



Sessions are staffed at a **1:4 staff-to-child ratio**, so unfortunately, we are unable to provide 1:1 support during the holiday programme.



We also do not always have care support staff available, which means we may not be able to meet all personal care needs.

> **BE ACTIVE. HAVE FUN. MAKE FRIENDS.** <

Uniform

Pick up free shirts, trousers, and skirts here. You can also donate any old uniforms, to help keep the cycle going.

Oswaldtwistle Hub
Rhyddings
Methodist Church
Chapel St
Oswaldtwistle, BB5 3HH



Accrington Hub
Cambridge St
Methodist Church
32 Lodge St,
Accrington, BB5 6EH

Oswaldtwistle Hub

HIPPINGS	SACRED HEART
ST MARYS	ST NICOLAS
GREEN HAWORTH	ST OSWALDS
WEST END	ST PETERS
MOOREND	
WHITE ASH	
ST ANDREWS	RHYDDINGS
ST PAULS	MOUNT CARMEL
SPRING HILL	

Accrington Hub

PEEL PARK	THE HOLLINS
ST JOHN & ST AUGUSTINE	ACCRINGTON ACADEMY
BENJAMIN HARGREAVES	ST CHRISTOPHER'S
WOODNOOK	HYNDBURN ACADEMY
HYNDBURN PARK	
ST ANNES & ST JOESPHS	
ST MARY MAGDALENE	
HUNCOAT PRIMARY	

CLAYTON, GT. HARWOOD & RISHTON SCHOOLS ALSO AVAILABLE AT OUR
ACCRINGTON HUB

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www.facebook.com/hyndburnuniformhubs
 hyndburnuniformhubs@hotmail.com

