

10th October 2025

Newsletter

Successful Learners, Resilient Individuals, Responsible Citizens



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Parent Drop in

Come and meet the Family Team, for a brew and a chat on Friday 7th November 10-11am. The drop in covers a range of issues including child behaviour, well-being, concerns, finances and any other questions or worries you may have.

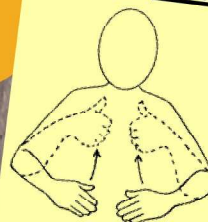


Can we politely ask that there is No smoking or vaping on our school grounds.

CONGRATS!

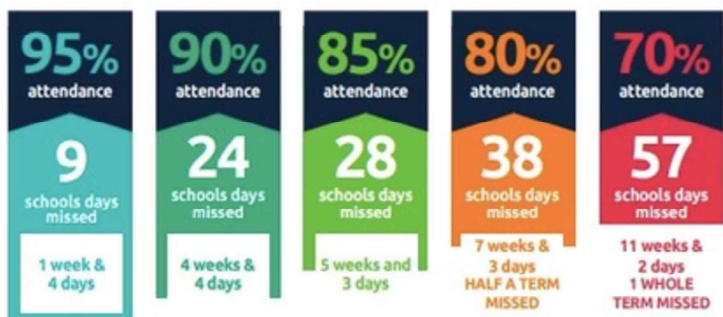
to classes 3J & 3T for 100% attendance this week.
Whole school attendance is 93.2%.

Sign & symbol of the week



How are you?

Every day in school counts...



and every minute counts...



Reminders

Thursday 23rd October - School closes for half term

Monday 3rd October - School opens for term

Friday 7th November - Parent drop in. 10-11am.

Monday 10th November - Anti Bullying Day (Wear odd socks)

Tuesday 11th November - Remembrance Day

Friday 14th November - Children in Need

Friday 19th December - School closes for Christmas at 2pm



Chloe has worked really hard to successfully complete her Independent Travel Training



CONGRATULATIONS



Monkey: free video chat app

The Monkey app is a live video and text-chat platform designed for connecting with strangers worldwide, similar to the defunct Omegle, but with a TikTok-style interface and features like video calls, user profiles, and "moments" (short video posts). While it includes safety features

like reporting and blocking, it lacks age verification, leading to concerns from online safety experts about the potential exposure to harmful content and interaction with underage users. The app is primarily available on Android devices and the web, having been removed from the Apple App Store due to safety issues.

Key features and functions:

Live Video Chat: Users can connect with random strangers from across the globe for one-on-one video calls.

Texting: Direct messaging is available to communicate with friends and other users.

Moments: Similar to TikTok or Instagram, users can post short video clips to their profile, which can be viewed by others.

Swipe to Match: Users can swipe on profiles to match with others, a feature borrowed from dating apps.

HMU (Hit Me Up) Mode: Users can signal that they are available for a chat.



Key concerns and risks:

Lack of Age Verification: The app requires users to claim to be 18 or older but has no system for verifying this, increasing the risk of underage users being exposed to inappropriate content.

Inappropriate Content: Online safety experts have documented significant amounts of disturbing, explicit, and harmful content, including pornography and inappropriate requests, despite user reporting features.

Privacy Concerns: The app collects personal data, IP addresses, and usage statistics without using end-to-end encryption, raising questions about the security of uploaded photos and videos.

Targeted at Teens: Despite the 18+ age requirement, the app's interface and features are marketed towards and popular with teens and young adults.

Removal from Apple App Store: Apple removed the Monkey app from its app store due to safety concerns, though it remains available on Google Play and web browsers.

Lightpool Festival 2025

Blackpool's renowned and award-winning Lightpool Festival is making a highly anticipated return this October half-term with a truly extraordinary array of free entertainment that promises to delight attendees of all ages. This year two classes from PCA are also involved 4M and 4T Please come along and support our film!

The exciting programme, which will run from 15th October to 1st November, features a spectacular mix of stunning light installations, captivating live performances, and mesmerising 3D projection shows. This vibrant festival, which is completely free to access, is staged across a diverse range of both indoor and outdoor venues, allowing visitors to experience the magic of light in various engaging settings throughout the town.



Lightbox

Artist: The Old Electric

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Crafted by local families, schools, and community groups in a series of hands-on workshops, these magical shadow stories will be projected larger-than-life into the windows of 4 Edward Street.

Live performance 17-19 October
5pm - 10pm

Location: Edward Street

Star of the week

**1B - Hela for trying and liking new food at lunchtime.
We are so proud of you.**

**1M - Lucius for getting it right during his transitions
when arriving to and from school. We are super proud,
well done!**

**1W - Hugo-Bobby for joining in regularly at circle
times, well done!**

**1N - Dennis for his fantastic Maths work, subitising and
adding numbers within 20. Well done!**

**2E - Brooke for always making us smile and being a kind friend
to everyone**

**2M - Dominic for his fantastic reading during his phonic
sessions!**

2W - Kai for his brilliant efforts in our Gruffalo themed lessons.

2P - Reggie for throwing a basket ball into a net during PE.

**2R - Jake for sitting with his friends and reading a story to
them.**

2G - Tyler-John for his fabulous, independent Maths work.

2B - Harry for being such a hard worker and a great friend!

Achiever of the week

KS3

3H - Isabella for working independently during English and producing some wonderful work!

3B - Daisy for her wonderful digital art in Computing.

3T - Sofia for her excellent Phonics work.

3R - Joseph and Jack for their outstanding behaviour and keeping their room very neat on their trip to York.

3P - Connor for brilliantly representing 3P and PCA at the Red Card event.

3W - Tyler for contributing to classroom discussions in History linked to WW1 with interest.

3J - Victoria for asking for help when needed!

3L - Violet for producing some beautiful marbling work during her Art lesson.

3C - Tyler for showing excellent focus and independence during his Maths lessons this week.

KS4

4M - Jake for consistently showing a positive mature attitude.

4S - Bella for celebrating other people's achievements.

4T - Chloey for showing resilience and a mature attitude

4H - Chloe for her growing independence and now being an independent traveler.

4W - Darren for demonstrating a mature attitude and being resilient, modeling the PCA way all week.

KS5

5M - Jacob for his outstanding 'can do' attitude.

5J - Sophie for adapting to our room change even though she found it difficult.

5B - Louis for demonstrating excellent life skills in washing up all week.

5I - Jamie for being mature, helpful and having a really positive week

Fast Food Italian style

We made a delicious Carbonara, all you need is 5 simple ingredients. This is my favourite meal so far, try it at home definitely. It beats any jar of sauce.
Top tip -you've got to be quick, don't scramble your eggs, toss them in the pasta.



Ingredients

- 400g Spaghetti
- 175g Smoked pancetta, rind removed
- 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 3 Garlic cloves
- 3 Large free-range eggs, beaten
- 50g Pecorino finely grated
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper



Method

1. Bring 4.5 litres Water to the boil in a large saucepan with 8 teaspoons of salt.
2. Add the spaghetti and cook for 9 minutes.
3. Heat a large, deep frying pan over a medium-high heat, add the oil and the pancetta and fry until lightly golden.
4. Add the garlic and cook for a few seconds, then remove from the heat and set aside.
5. Drain the spaghetti well and tip into the frying pan with the pancetta and garlic.
6. Add the beaten eggs and half of the cheese and toss together well.
7. Season to taste with salt and pepper. The heat from the spaghetti will be sufficient to partly cook the egg, but still leave it moist and creamy.
8. Take to the table and serve in warmed pasta bowls, sprinkled with the rest of the cheese.

KS1



This week in 1B we have had so much fun in our Reading time, sharing the rhyme "Incy Wincy Spider". It has been lovely to see children's engagement with our furry puppet spider. We've loved the sensory experience of feeling rain on our hands. We have enjoyed acting out the rhyme and washing lots of things down the spout. We've created our own spiders with our handprints to add to the classroom display. Great work everyone.



KS2

In our recent art lesson, the children explored the difference between abstract and realistic art through a vibrant volcano-themed project. We began by discussing the colours needed to represent different parts of a volcano, such as fiery reds and oranges for lava, and earthy tones for rock, helping the children understand how colour choices can reflect real-world elements.

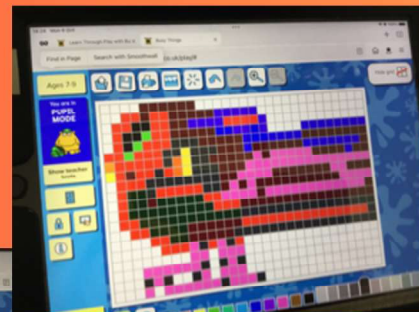
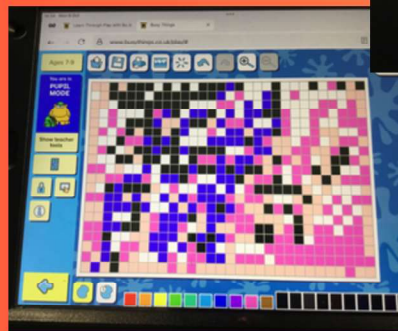


We also discussed the shapes we see in volcanoes and what shapes we would need to paint to recreate the abstract art. Inspired by this, the class then created their own abstract paintings, using expressive brushstrokes and imaginative colour combinations to reinterpret volcano imagery in creative ways. The children showed fantastic engagement and creativity throughout, producing a wonderful variety of artwork that celebrated both observation and artistic freedom.

KS3



In 3W this week, as part of our Digital Art unit in Computing, we have created some Pixel Artwork using the website 'Busy Things'. We hope you're as impressed as we were with the children's creations!



KS4

Class 4S have been enjoying the Autumnal season and creating bio glitter out of dried leaves to create autumn pictures. We have also kindly been donated a lovely sofa for our reading area and staff and pupils have been testing it out. Finally we have celebrated mental health awareness by wearing yellow accessories. Our yellow sofa was the perfect colour!



KS5



This week at college, 5B students rolled up their sleeves in their Life Skills class. They worked together to create large Christmas decorations, using their practical skills to sand and paint wooden pieces. The classroom was filled with creativity, teamwork and a touch of holiday cheer as they brought their designs to life.

Celebrating kinship families, love and community



Kinship Care Week

6-12 October 2025



For family or friends who step up to raise a child.

What is Kinship Care Week?

Kinship Care Week is a national week of awareness, recognition, and celebration of kinship families across England and Wales.

It's a time to shine a light on the vital role of kinship carers, those raising a child of family or a friend, who provide **over 141,000 children in England and Wales** with loving and stable homes.

The grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, and family friends who step up in extraordinary ways to keep children connected to their family, roots and community.

As well as being a celebration of all kinship families, Kinship Care Week is an opportunity to raise awareness of their family's unique needs.

Kinship carers have to **overcome complex systems with limited support**, all while ensuring their child feels safe and loved.

We are Kinship. The leading kinship care charity in England and Wales. We're here for kinship carers – friends or family who step up to raise a child when their parents aren't able to.

We support, advise and inform kinship carers. Connecting them so they feel empowered.

Together, let's commit to change for kinship families.

Peer Support Sessions in 2026 will be held on:

- 8th January
- 5th February
- 5th March
- 16th April

More dates to follow

Venue:

Fylde Coast Health and Social Centre Career Academy, Back of Bickerstaffe House, Weaver Walk, Blackpool FY1 3AH

Time:

10 am - 12 pm

KINSHIP CELEBRATION DAY

Thursday 9th October - 11am - 2.30pm Solaris Centre

(Please contact - SGOsupportservices@blackpool.gov.uk to confirm numbers for food)

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Thursday 4th December - 10am - 12pm

Fylde Coast Health and Social Centre Career Academy, Back of Bickerstaffe House,

Eco-Day Harvest Celebration



Sunday 12th October 2025

Service at 10am

With guests: Baines School Choir

Followed by FREE activities 11.30am to 1.30pm

Planting

Refreshments

Litter picking

Recycling Arts & Crafts



Prayer activities

St Paul's, Honister Avenue

Diwali

FREE EVENT

Diwali Lights Switch On

FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2025

FROM 5PM | COMEDY CARPET | BLACKPOOL PROMENADE

Bollywood Style Party

SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2025

FROM 6.30PM | THE BLACKPOOL TOWER

ELECTRIFYING LIVE DJ | MESMERISING ENTERTAINMENT | EXQUISITE INDIAN CUISINE
A NIGHT OF UNFORGETTABLE CELEBRATIONS & SURPRISES!

NON-MEMBERS
£45.00

TICKETS
AGED 5-12
£25.00

UNDER 5
FREE

BOOK NOW

