



Newsletter

14th November 2025

Successful Learners, Resilient Individuals, Responsible Citizens

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Blackpool Schools Dance Festival

Our students performed in the annual Blackpool Schools Dance Festival yesterday. Their Minion themed performance went down brilliantly!

Well done everyone!



PIC•COLLAGE



Visit the Best Start in Life parent hub
Being a parent is full of joyful firsts, but some stages can feel daunting. The new Best Start in Life parent hub brings together information and support for every stage of your child's early years and beyond.

It's where you can:

find out about government childcare support schemes,

use the childcare support eligibility checker, get details on breakfast clubs and wraparound childcare,

learn the key skills your little one needs to start reception,

Visit the Best Start in Life parent hub
www.beststartinlife.gov.uk

Christmas Jumpers

Christmas jumpers can be expensive and are often only worn for a short time, so we'd love your help! If you have a Christmas jumper that you no longer want, need, or that no longer fits, please consider donating it to school. We'll happily accept any size as long as it's in good condition. We'd like to spread some Christmas cheer by offering these jumpers free of charge to our families, so every child has the chance to wear a festive jumper on our Christmas Jumper Day and also throughout the holiday season.

Donations by - Tuesday 9th December
Family Jumper collection - Thursday 11th December
PCA Christmas Jumper Day - Monday 15th December

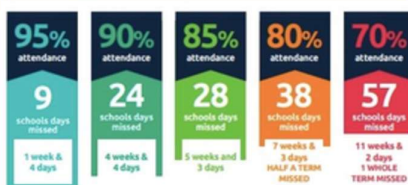
Thank you all in advance for your kindness and generosity!

This week, Our sign and symbol is:



Congratulations to class 1N for 100% attendance this week is Whole school attendance is 91.8%.

Every day in school counts...



and every minute counts...





BBC
Children
in Need



Thank you to everyone who has donated to Children in Need.
The pupils have enjoyed a fun filled day, from pie throwing,
buying cakes, colouring competitions and lots more.
We have raised over £800.





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Event Calendar - December 2025



Tuesday 2nd December
Beauty and the Beast
panto for Primary pupils



Thursday 4th December
KS5 Christmas Coffee
afternoon at the Oracle
1.30pm



Friday 5th December
Secondary and Sixth
Form's panto trip at
the Pleasure Beach



Friday 5th December
Parent Drop In
10-11am
Families welcome



Monday 8th December
KS1 Christmas
Extravaganza. 10-11am and
1.30pm 2.30pm
Families welcome



Thursday 11th December
Dress rehearsal for Upper
Primary Christmas
performance



Friday 12th December
Upper Primary Christmas
performance -1.30pm
Families welcome



Monday 15th December
Winter Wonderland for
pupils and Christmas
Jumper day



Tuesday 16th December
Primary Christmas dinner
and party



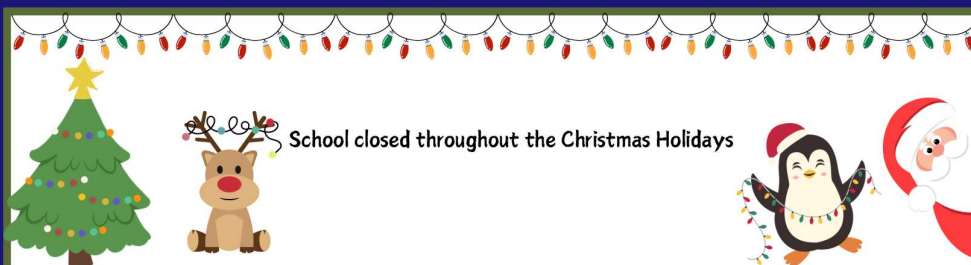
Wednesday 17th December
Secondary Christmas
dinner and party



Thursday 18th December
KS5 Christmas Dinner and
party



Friday 19th December
10am Carol Concert
School Closes for
Christmas at 2pm for
pupils



Tuesday 6th January
2025
School reopens



Merry Christmas

STAR OF THE WEEK

You are
Amazing!

1B - Ashton for settling into his new class so brilliantly, a great start to your PCA journey.

1M - Lily-Mae for joining in during morning hello and singing the "hello" song independently! Super singing!

1W - Alfie for consistently using a communication board to request his food at lunch time.

1N - Jack for demonstrating a fantastic understanding of emotions by matching and showing his peers different emotions on his face.

Well done Jack!

1H - Oscar for fantastic colour sorting in maths this week.

2E - Jack for good communication with his teachers and great participation in all lessons!

2M - Cleo for her fabulous English work looking at Handa's Surprise.

2W - Cain for being a great helper during breakfast time in 2W.

2P - Reggie for engaging well in lessons whilst following the daily routine.

2R - Roman for being a super role model.

2G - Corey for his fabulous handwriting and art work.

2B - Chenar for taking the register this week and saying 'Good morning' to his friends.



ACHIEVER OF THE WEEK

3H - Alfie for showing incredible progress with his reading this week

3B - Daniel for an excellent first week in 3B

3T - Kudzwaishe for recognising and matching numbers in Maths.

3R - Kelsey, Tia, Lucas, Dastan and Zachary for putting in the most effort with our sponsored silence.

3P - Caitlyn for mastering column subtraction.

3W - Lucas for showing super understanding when adding in Maths.

3J - Alyssa for always being helpful to others.

3L - Alfie for making progress with his handwriting in English.

3C - Franklin for his contribution in French this week.

4M - Lottie for Showing maturity and helping other students at the Dance festival.

4S - Alex for adapting and engaging well with his new timetable.

4T - William for his caring and supportive approach with younger pupils.

4H - Hollie for her caring attitude towards others.

4W - Darren for his engagement at college in construction.

5M - Archie for making new friendships and engaging in more conversations.

5J - Mason for offering to sweep up the canteen at lunchtime. Thank you for being so helpful.

5B - Ellie for being a great role model to others

5I - Liam for talking about his emotions sensibly

WELL DONE!



Attendance reporting

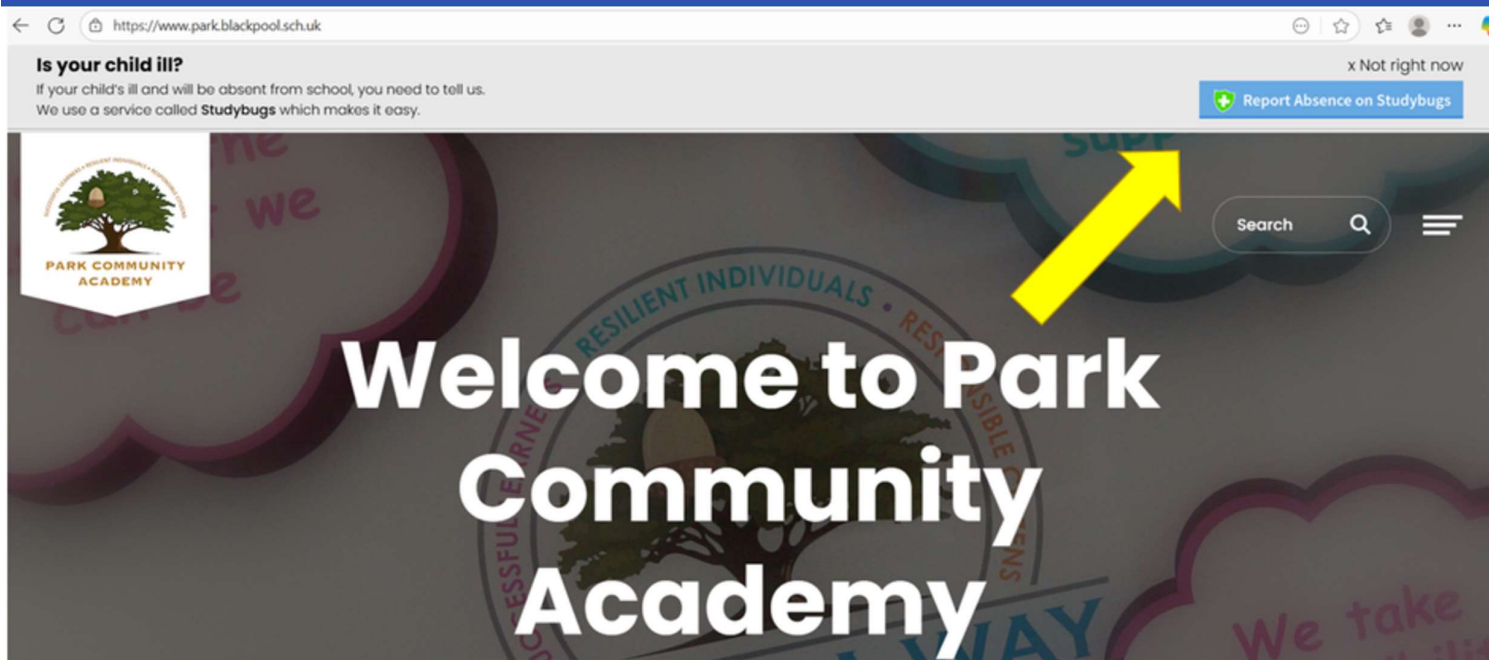


Download the
Studybugs app

Studybugs 

for reporting your
child's absence.

A quick and secure way to report absence due
to illness and send messages to school.



"We're pleased to announce that PCA is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

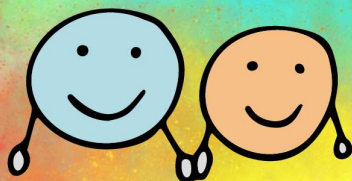
If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

You can find a shortcut to Studybugs in the top right hand corner of the school website for quick access (see above)".

KS1

LEARN
AND
GROW

1H have had a fantastic first fortnight in their new classroom. They have all settled really well into PCA life and have loved exploring the many sensory rooms we have. We can't wait to see you Grow, Learn and Achieve at PCA.



KS2



2M have had a fabulous rewards day! They went to the spa in class and had sensory massage with Lush massage bars, and a wooden sensory set. They then relaxed their muscles with cucumber eye pads, listening to calming music and finished with a tasty hot chocolate and marshmallow! Well done for a fantastic term 2M!



KS4



Pupils in Key Stage 4 have been practicing their wrapping skills in preparation for Enterprise Day. They created an efficient system with stations for pupils to measure and cut the paper and then wrap and organise the prizes. A great skill to develop as we approach the countdown to Christmas!



KS3

This week 3C have been using their free time to start making, planning and designing products for the 'Christmas Enterprise'. After a class vote it was agreed that the class would put their fantastic art skills on display and sell their own original artwork as well as a selection of Christmas Sweets. Creativity, confidence, and problem-solving are more valuable than ever and 3C have these skills in bucketloads!

As a class we have learnt even more about planning, budgeting, marketing, and teamwork. We have discovered more about what goes into turning an idea into reality and have gained a deeper appreciation for the effort behind every product we see in stores.

Even simple decisions—like setting prices or choosing material have taught 3C valuable lessons in maths, decision-making, and resource management.

Selling their products, whether at a school fair or online, helps pupils at PCA to develop communication skills and confidence. They learn how to talk to customers, explain their ideas, and handle feedback gracefully. These are essential skills that will serve them throughout school and beyond. This is why the Christmas Enterprise is so important for our pupils at PCA.



Starting this small enterprise wasn't just about making and selling—it's been about learning, growing, and discovering potential. With the right guidance and encouragement, young entrepreneurs gain not only valuable life skills but also a sense of pride and accomplishment that can spark a lifelong passion for creativity and innovation.



KS5



A group of our sixth form students from The Oracle have been on a trip to Blackpool North Train Station to see the Railway200 rail museum. This travelling museum is visiting stations around the UK giving schools the opportunity to learn about train travel through interactive activities. The group really enjoyed trying out all the activities and hearing facts about train travel.

Winner Winner,...

Roast Chicken Dinner!

Glazed Carrots recipe

- 8 Carrots
- 3tbsp melted butter
- 2tbsp maple syrup
- Salt and Ground black pepper
- Freshly chopped Parsley

Cooking the Carrots

Place Carrots into a pot and cover with salted water, bring to the boil and reduce heat to medium - low and simmer until tender - 15 - 20 minutes.

Drain and transfer carrots to a serving bowl. Melt the butter in a saucepan over medium - low heat. Stir in the maple syrup and cook until warmed - 1-2 minutes.

Pour over the carrots and toss to coat them - season with salt and ground black pepper



Roasted Parsnips

- 1KG Parsnips
- 125ml Vegetable oil
- 80ml Maple syrup

Cooking the Parsnips

Peel the parsnips and then halve them crosswise, then halve or quarter each piece length wise.

Place the parsnips into a roasting tin.

Pour the oil over the parsnips and mix them well to cover all.

Pour the maple syrup over the parsnips and roast for 35 minutes until brown.

Roast Potatoes

- 2 Large floury potatoes
- Salt to taste
- 1tbsp olive oil



Cooking the Potatoes

Par - boil them in a saucepan of already boiling water for 15 minutes.

Drain them well and leave them to dry for 1-2 minutes.

Toss in the Olive oil and a generous amount of salt.

Air-fry for 30 minutes at 200°C, tossing every 10 minutes to ensure an even crisp.



I've been counting down the days to this feast like it's Christmas come early. My choice? A roast that rules the roost - the best chicken dinner you'll ever lay eyes (or taste buds) on.

Roasts always remind me of family. We nailed the veg: not too soft, not too crunchy - just right, like a fairy tale ending. And the carrots and parsnips? Glazed in maple syrup so sweet they practically deserved a standing ovation.

This wasn't just dinner. It was a roast with the most.

Lee

NHS Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Entwined Minds Patient Participation Group

Are you passionate about mental health and wellbeing?

Do you want to use your voice to make positive changes to Children's Mental Health Services?

Help design and create content and resources

Would you like to connect with others and have fun along the way?

Improve your mental health services

Build positive relationships with your community

WYRE

Date: The first Wednesday of every month

Time: 4:30pm till 6pm

Location: Poulton Community Hall, Vicarage Road, FY6 7BE

BLACKPOOL

Date: The first Wednesday of every month

Time: 4:00pm till 5:00pm

Location: CAMHS Whitegate Health Centre 150 Whitegate Dr, Blackpool FY3 9ES

If the answer is YES then why not come along to the Entwined Minds Group!

Help decide who we employ

Attend special events and conferences

Learn new skills

Please contact us if you would like to attend

0800 121 7762 (Option 4)

bfwh.entwinedminds@nhs.net

@cyp_primarymentalhealthservice

NHS Drop in clinics are available

- Self refer
- Ask for advice
- Join a support network

NEW

Summer 2025

Where to Find us

Scan the QR code to find a drop in clinic near you

NHS Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Children and Young People's Primary Mental Health Service

BLACKPOOL PMHW COMMUNITY DROP IN CLINIC

Worried about a young person's emotional well-being?

- Do you have questions about a young person's mental health?
- Are you looking for advice or support for their emotional development?
- Do you feel like you don't know where to get help?

How can we help?

- Listen to your concerns
- Provide practical advice and guidance
- Help you to explore services that can support a young person's mental health

Where to Find us

Every Monday at Revue Children's Centre, FY1 5HP, 2pm to 4.30pm.

First Tuesday of each month at South Family Hub, FY4 2AP, 2pm to 4.30pm

First Wednesday of each month at Moor Park Library, FY2 0JL, 2pm - 4.30pm

Second Tuesday of each month at Devonshire Primary Academy, FY3 8AF, 2pm to 4.30pm

Third Tuesday of each month at North Family Hub, FY3 7NK, 2pm to 4.30pm

Please note: Drop-in clinics are not open Bank Holidays.

Contact Us

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact us directly and one of our team will respond.

0800 121 7762 (Option 4)

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SHINE

Support and Help IN Education

Fylde Coast Mental Health Support Team

Self Referrals from Young people, Parents and Carers

Do you worry?

Do you have problems sleeping?

Have you got low Mood?

Are you feeling anxious?

Do you have feelings of stress?

Do you have feelings of panic?

Fylde Coast SHINE MHST supports children and young people, currently attending education settings, noted below. We support with mild to moderate mental health difficulties through time-limited intervention, where symptoms have been present for less than 12 months. SHINE MHST is not an urgent response service.

How to self refer to the Team

Call us directly to self-refer, and our administration team will arrange for our duty practitioner to make a consultation call to parent/carer/young person and complete a self-referral form to establish whether SHINE is the best service to offer support to the young person.

0800 121 7762 (Option 4)

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact us directly and one of our team will respond to you.

Follow us on social media?

@cyp_primarymentalhealthservice

If you attend the following schools we accept Self Referrals

- AKS Lytham
- Ardfield Academy
- Athens School
- Baines School (High)
- Blackpool Aspire Academy
- Blackpool & Fylde College
- Blackpool Sixth Form
- Brosfield School
- Carr Hill High School
- Cardinal Allen Catholic High School
- Eastwood High School
- Garstang Community Academy
- Great Arley School
- Highfield Leadership Academy
- Highfurlong SEN School
- Hodgson Academy
- Kirkham Grammar High School
- Lytham St Anne's High School
- Millfield Science and Performing Arts College
- Montgomery Academy
- Park Community Academy
- Pear Tree School
- Pegsaut
- Redmarish School
- Saint Bedes Catholic High
- South Shore Academy
- St. Aidans Church of England High School
- St. Mary's Catholic Academy
- St George's Church of England Academy
- The Maple School
- Unity Academy Blackpool
- Woodlands School