

Newsletter

19th December 2025

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A Message from Mrs Hughes

What an incredible term this has been—full of learning, achievement and remarkable resilience across our whole school community! We've had so much to celebrate, from fantastic sporting successes to memorable residential, inspiring dance festivals, brilliant band and choir performances and our ever-popular enterprise markets.

We have also rounded off the year with a wonderful programme of Christmas celebrations. These have included nativities, extravaganzas, parties, a panto trip, Winter Wonderland, three Christmas dinners, a carol concert and, of course, a very special visit this morning from Santa and his elves, who flew in to join the fun!

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to our amazing PCA staff. Their energy, commitment and hard work make all of these experiences possible for our children and young people. I would also like to thank all our families for your continued support. When we work together, we give our pupils the very best chance to grow into successful learners, responsible citizens and resilient individuals.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Mrs Gilligan



Mrs Aaron



Staffing Update



Mrs Hale



Mr Latham

As we close the year, we also have some important staff news to share.

We are very sad to be losing our wonderful Business Lead, Mrs Gilligan, who has been promoted to HR Lead for the Trust. Her dedication and expertise have made such a positive difference at PCA, and she will be greatly missed. We are incredibly proud of her achievement, and we know she will excel in her new role.

However, we have also welcomed Mrs Aaron to the PCA team. Mrs Aaron will take over as Academy Business Lead, coordinating our office, site, IT and welfare teams. She has a wealth of experience both in schools and industry and I am sure you will all welcome her into the PCA family.

We also say goodbye to Mr Latham, who has done a fantastic job as our Site Supervisor. He has been promoted to Site Manager at Revoe School, and while we are sad to see him go, we are delighted to celebrate his success.

Finally, we send our warmest wishes to Mrs Hale, who begins her maternity leave. We wish her lots of joy, rest and happiness as she prepares for the arrival of her baby. We look forward to hearing some exciting news after Christmas!

Thank you to each of them for their hard work, commitment and the positive impact they have had on our school. They will always be part of the PCA family.

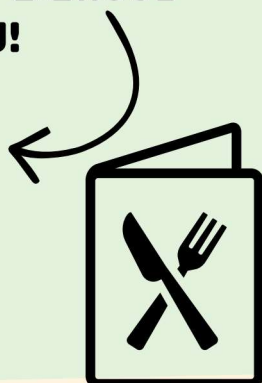
BBC LISTINGS
Julia Donaldson Favs

Zog	22nd Dec	9:20am
Zog and the Flying Doctors	22nd Dec	9:50am
The Smeds and the Smoos	23rd Dec	9:20am
The Highway Rat	23rd Dec	9:45am
The Snail and the Whale	25th Dec	9:00am
Stick Man	25th Dec	9:30am
The Scarecrows' Wedding	25th Dec	3:10pm
The Gruffalo	26th Dec	9:00am
The Gruffalo's Child	26th Dec	10:15am
Room on the Broom	29th Dec	9:10am
Tabby McTat	30th Dec	9:00am
Superworm	31st Dec	9:10am
Tiddler	1st Jan	8:50am

Family Days Tried Tested

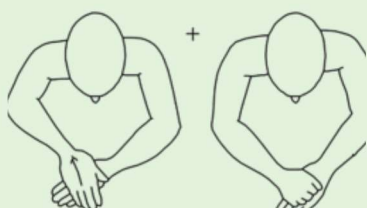
**Whole school attendance
for the week is 89.7%.
Congratulations to
Class 1B with 100%
attendance this week.**

**SCAN HERE TO SEE YOUR
NEW DIGITAL SCHOOL
MENU!**



**100% Attendance
Congratulations to Kya
2G and Leo 4S who won
this term's randomly
selected £25 one4all
attendance vouchers !**

Sign of the week



Slide right hand
over back of left
hand towards body,
then close right
hand and place on
back of left hand



Christmas



**Download the
Studybugs app
for reporting your
child's absence.**

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



GET IT ON
Google Play

Download on the
App Store

Studybugs

Star of the week

1B – Ashton for making some great choices in the classroom; we are so proud of you completing your first half term at PCA.

1M – Oliver for amazing effort in Art.

1W – Hugo for an amazing first term at PCA. The progress you have made is incredible and we are so proud of you!

1N – Karen for always trying her best in everything she does.

1H – Tucker for positive interactions with his peers. Well done Tucker!

2E – Ashley for good participation and turn taking during the Christmas party pass the parcel.

2M – Cleo for her fantastic PSHE and life skill awareness.

2W – Shelby-Lea for being such an amazing friend when one of her friends was upset.

2P – Sterling for accessing sensory resources with greater independence.

2R – Nevaeh for her resilience and patience when using scissors.

2G – Tyler for having a wonderfully calm week, and being an amazing friend in 2G to everyone.

2B – Harry for being an excellent role model to his friends, a kind and caring young man.

Achiever of the week

3H - Isabella for making wonderful progress with her knowledge of split-digraphs in Phonics.

3B - Lacey for her mature attitude.

3T - Sofia for increased interaction with her peers and teachers.

3R - Kelsey for always being the best she can be and trying new things this week.

3P - Addison for being a kind friend.

3W - Tyler for using the conjunction 'because' in his writing.

3J - Alyssa for being a kind friend to others.

3L - Michael for joining-in with the school disco.

3C - Jake for trying new foods at lunchtime.

4M - Kai for working exceptionally well in the kitchen on our Christmas rewards day. Kai worked independently and produced a fantastic Christmas cake.

4S - Bella for always trying to make sure her friends are included.

4T - Louie for his creativity and team work whilst enjoying social time.

4H - Gabe for demonstrating his enthusiasm and fantastic chef skills when baking cookies.

4W - Bethany for always being a helpful head pupil.

5M - Jacob for his fundraising outside of Sixth Form and his commitment to band over the Christmas period.

5B - Ana for an amazing last week of term.

5J - Sophie for her positivity and resilience while completing a 1000-piece jigsaw.

5I - Liam for always being delightful and using his social story.

Park Community Academy Band



A big well done and thank you to all the band members who have been performing at various venues over the last three weeks.

WELL DONE!



KS1

This week 1N have had an absolute blast as we ended the term ready for the Christmas break. We have been to Winter Wonderland, met Santa, sang lots of songs, partied, danced, performed on stage and eaten a Christmas dinner together. It has been a wonderful end to the term and a brilliant start to the Christmas holidays. Well done everyone. Have a safe and very Merry Christmas, see you all in 2026



KS2

During a Key Stage 2 Communication Bucket session, pupils shared lots of joy while watching Winnie the Pooh on his sleigh and worked together in pairs to co-steer their very own sleigh with jingle bells.



KS3

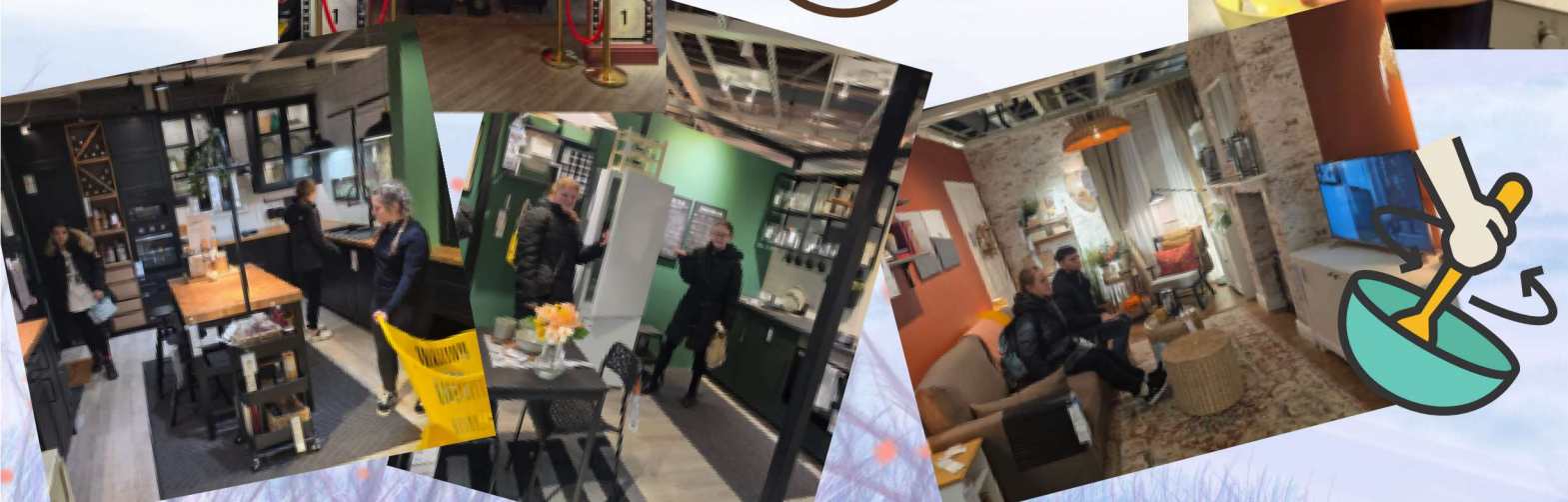


This week in 3W, we have made Christingles in RE. We learnt that the orange represents the world, the red ribbon reminds Christians of the blood that Jesus shed, the four cocktail sticks is a reminder of the four seasons/compass points, the sweets represent the good gifts God gives people and the candle because Christians believe that Jesus is the light of the world. We have decorated biscuits in class, made Christmas tree cards and sang Christmas songs. We had our Christmas dinner yesterday; we particularly enjoyed the crackers and party poppers!



KS4

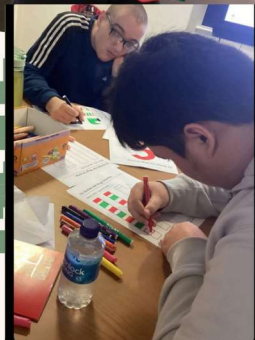
Wow, what a fun packed end to 2025 for Key Stage 4! Pupils have enjoyed lots of festive baking and some of our Year 11s took a trip to Ikea to consolidate their learning during a recent project of working within a budget to furnish a home.



KS5

5B have been busy following a set of instructions to make their very own door-hanger elves.

The class worked step-by-step, starting with choosing their colours and carefully cutting out each part of the template. They then assembled the pieces, making sure the arms, legs and accessories were positioned just right. Finally, they drew cheerful faces on them.



Merry Christmas

BEST WISHES

Out & Dug

Happy

New Year

OPTIONS4CYP

Christmas Openings 2025

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals

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	<p>OPTION 1 CAMHS</p>	<p>OPTION 2 RAIS</p>	<p>OPTION 3 YOUTHERAPY</p>	<p>OPTION 4 CYP PMHS</p>	<p>OPTION 5 CYPLD & ADHD</p>
Christmas Eve	Open 9 - 5pm	Open 5.00pm - 10.00pm	Open 9 - 5pm	Open 9 - 5pm	Open 9 - 5pm
Christmas Day	Bank Holiday	Open 9am - 10.00pm	Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday
Boxing Day	Bank Holiday	Open 9am - 10.00pm	Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday
Saturday 27 th Dec	Closed	Open 9am - 10.00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sunday 28 th Dec	Closed	Open 9am - 10.00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
Monday 29 th Dec	Open 9 - 5pm	Open 5.00pm - 10.00pm	Open 9 - 5pm	Open 9 - 5pm *Virtual PMHW Drop In 2:30 - 4:30	Open 9 - 5pm
Tuesday 30 th Dec	Open 9 - 5pm	Open 5.00pm - 10.00pm	Open 9 - 5pm	Open 9 - 5pm	Open 9 - 5pm
New Years Eve	Open 9 - 5pm	Open 5.00pm - 10.00pm	Open 9 - 5pm	Open 9 - 5pm	Open 9 - 5pm
New Years Day 2026	Bank Holiday	Open 9am - 10.00pm	Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday
Friday 2 nd Jan 2026	Open 9 - 5pm	Open 5.00pm - 10.00pm	Open 9 - 5pm	Open 9 - 5pm	Open 9 - 5pm

Freephone 0800 121 7762

*FYI Directory Link to PMHW online Drop in



Blackpool Teaching Hospitals
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MENTAL HEALTH HELPLINES TEXT & WEB BASED SUPPORT

Should you find you are struggling with overwhelming feelings and emotions, here are a few resources available for you 24 hours a day.



The RAIS Team is based at Blackpool Victoria Hospital. They see young people up to age 25 who require mental health support out of normal hours. They offer urgent support 7 days a week across Fylde & Wyre.
08000 121 7762
rais.rais.team@nhs.net



Lancashire Mental Health Crisis Line is available 24 hours a day. It is staffed by trained mental health professionals.
Call: 0800 953 0110
24 hours a day
7 days a week



HOPELINEUK is a confidential advice service for young people under the age of 35 who are experiencing thoughts of suicide.
Call: 0800 068 4141
Text: 86247



Whatever you're going through, a Samaritan will face it with you. 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
Call free: 116 123



Mind's online community Side by Side is a supportive place where you can feel at home talking about your mental health and connect with others who understand.
sidebyside.mind.org.uk



Childline is a free, private and confidential service where you can talk about anything. For you online, on the phone, anytime.
Ring: 0800 111
Visit: www.childline.org.uk



Kooth is a free, anonymous online chat and emotional wellbeing service for young people aged 11 to 25.
www.kooth.com



Test 99 to 85258
For urgent mental health support
available 24 hours a day

The Young Minds Crisis Messenger text service provides free, 24/7 crisis support across the UK.
Text YM to 85258.



They offer help and support no matter what kind of crime you have been affected by.
• Specialist services are available to support with
• have been affected by hate crime
• have been affected by rape and/or sexual assault
• are under the age of 18
• are a victim of domestic abuse
lancashirevictimservices.org



Nest Lancashire has been set up to support young people aged 5 to 18 (and to 25 for anyone who has learning needs) who have been impacted by crime.
We are a charity, you can talk to us in confidence, and all of our services are free of charge. Our aim is to help you recover from whatever it is you have experienced and our trained, friendly staff will be able to help you move forward and feel safe again.



Calm Harm
Calm Harm is a totally free app that helps you 'ride the wave' of the urge to hurt yourself. This urge feels most powerful when you start wanting to self-harm.



Togetherall
Togetherall is a unique mental health service offering an anonymous and safe support community. They provide a range of self-guided support through our 24/7.

Thank you 😊

Thank you to the wonderful staff at Park Community and at the Oracle for all your support during 2025! Over the last few years at Park and at the Oracle, our team have supported **127** students in developing their Road Safety/Personal Safety skills. Out of those students, **95** have successfully gone on to travel independently in their community to and from school, college or other! In addition, across other schools in Blackpool, we have also supported several other students to successfully achieve independence, which has opened many opportunities their way!

Our team are looking forward to supporting many more students in the new year to build on their resilience and equip them with essential life skills!

Wishing you all a wonderful
Christmas and best wishes for 2026!



Travel Trainers

Travel Support Assistants

