

FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

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Reminders

Wednesday 4th March - Dough
on the go pizza trailer 11:30-
12:30 (CASH ONLY)

Friday 6th March - World Book
day

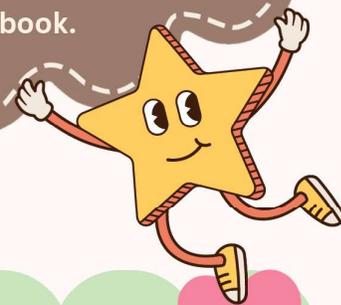
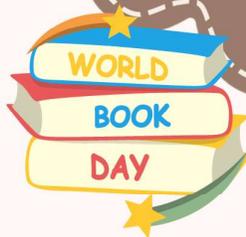
24th April - Spring fair 4-6pm

World Book Day

We are so excited to be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6th March, with a focus on non-fiction books. We will become 'fact detectives', discovering information about real people, places and events, and learning new vocabulary and building our understanding of how information books are organised.

You can make it a Cosy Clothes Day, wearing pyjamas, a onesie, something comfy to enjoy curling up with a book. Or you might want to come to school dressed as your favourite book character.

Everyone will come home with a £1 voucher which can be used to pay for, or towards the cost of a book.



This week,



Our



sign



and symbol is:



spring

**DREAMS
COME TRUE**

A big thank you to the PCA community for supporting us to raise some money for Dreams Come True on the last day of term. The cake sale was a huge success and we raised nearly £400 for this wonderful charity.



THANK YOU

Attendance

Whole school attendance for the week is 91.1%
Congratulations to Class 1W with 100% attendance this week.

WELL DONE!

100% Attendance
Congratulations to Chenar 2B and Madison 4S who won last term's randomly selected £25 one4all attendance vouchers!



Date for your diary!

Spring Fair

Friday 24th April 2026

Entry: 50p for Adults
Children are free of Charge



Donations are welcome, more information to follow on when we will be collecting.



PCA Band & Choir



PCA Brass Band and Choir enjoyed opening the four day series of Schools Alive concerts at the Opera House. A large number of PCA pupils, ex pupils and staff performed with BASSO.

We are pleased to have passed our LPPA (Leading Parent Partnership Award) re-assessment this week!!

Thank you to all parents for their support. We look forward to continuing our work together in the future!



THANK YOU

Star of the week

1B - Matilda for independently creating some wonderful face drawings with chalk.

1M - Dhalia for engaging well with RISE sessions this week and demonstrating interest and enthusiasm throughout the week.

1W - Lucas for a super settled week and joining in with lots of adult led activities.

1N - Cameron for fantastic communication skills, asking his peers if they can share resources they are using. Well done

1H - Bezalel for brilliant problem solving skills when rescuing the animals from the ice.

2E - Clayton for excellent participation in all lessons.

2M - Mazikeen for amazing communication and verbalising.

2W - Kai for his rivers learning in Geography. Kai has also been really focused in other lessons this week too.

2P - Sterling for fantastic engagement in PE. Throwing a ball into a net.

2R - Michael for his growing confidence in lessons

2G - Alfie for super improvement in his reading & excellent maths this week.

2B - Lorenzo for making an amazing video in Computing.

Achiever of the week

3H - Joshua for showing improved confidence with his phonics this week!

3B - Daniel for having a mature attitude in class this week.

3T - Leanne for settling into 3T

3R - Lucas for passing his travel training course and becoming an independent traveller!

3P - Lucas for great effort in his story writing.

3W - Lucas for wearing his glasses consistently and some super maths on the 10 times tables.

3J - Josh for being kind and helpful to a visitor in class.

3L - Violet for being helpful towards her peers.

3C - Tyler for having a great lesson in PE and contributing with his peers.

4M - Devante for being helpful in class.

4S - Aamaya for supportive teamwork when creating a collaborative art piece.

4T - Chloey for a positive first week back after half term.

4H - Chloe for being a wonderful friend to everyone.

4W - Bethany and Tegan for a wonderful week back after half term

5M - Adrian for confidently joining in class discussions and offering his opinion.

5B - Lilly for trying hard and answering questions in PSHE.

5J - Matthew for asking questions and being so engaged on the ECO and train trip.

5I - Callum for persevering with cycling and not giving up!



This week we celebrated Chinese New Year in the most delicious way possible – by cooking our own Sweet & Sour Chicken for lunch! The kitchen was full of colour, flavour and fantastic teamwork. We chopped vibrant peppers, prepared juicy chicken pieces, and mixed a rich, tangy sauce with just the right balance of sweetness. The pineapple added a burst of freshness, and when everything came together, it looked (and smelled!) incredible.

The final verdict?
“Better than a takeaway!”



Ingredients Makes 4



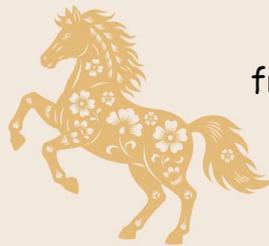
- ½ small pineapple
- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 2 tbsp sunflower oil
- 1 onion, cut into wedges
- 1 green and 1 red pepper, seeds removed and chopped
- 1 tbsp cornflour
- 4 spring onions, trimmed and thinly diagonally sliced



For the sauce



- 1 tbsp cornflour
- 300ml/10fl oz fresh pineapple juice
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 25g/1oz piece fresh root ginger, peeled and finely grated
- 1 tbsp dark soy sauce
- 2 tbsp white wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp soft light brown sugar
- 3 tbsp tomato ketchup
- 1 pinch dried chilli flakes
- freshly ground black pepper



Method

1. To make the sauce, put the cornflour in a small bowl and stir in two tablespoons of the pineapple juice until smooth.
2. Put the remaining pineapple juice in a separate bowl and stir in the garlic, ginger, soy, vinegar, sugar, ketchup and chilli flakes until thoroughly combined and set aside.
3. Chop onion, pepper and pineapple into chunks.
4. Heat the oil in a large pan or wok and stir fry the onion and peppers for 3 minutes over a high heat.
5. Coat the chicken in the cornflour and add to the pan. Stir fry for 4 minutes until very lightly coloured on all sides.
6. Add the Pineapple and sweet and sour sauce to the pan with the chicken and bring to a simmer over a medium heat.
7. Cook for 4-5 minutes, stirring regularly until the chicken is cooked through and the pineapple is hot.
8. Stir in the cornflour and pineapple solution mixture and cook for 30-60 seconds until the sauce is thickened and glossy, turning the chicken and vegetables until nicely coated.
9. Sprinkle with sliced spring onion and serve hot.





1H have certainly come back to school after the half term break ready and raring to go. They have been impressing their teachers with their number work and problem solving skills. They have enjoyed exploring their new sand pit, the equipment in the sports hall and lots of sensory play. What a busy week!

KS1



2G's Winter Olympics



KS2



2G have been learning about the emergency services in PHSE. They interviewed Bethany who is a Police Cadet this week. They asked lots of questions and practised marching.



KS3



3R have enjoyed trying a range of different protein filled foods including many meat alternatives such as quorn sausages ! It was interesting finding out all the foods that are full of protein such as pumpkin seeds, almond slices and beans ! 3R have all been enthusiastic to go home and share their recommendations with friends and family !



SCIENCE



INCLUDING ALTERNATIVE MEAT OPTIONS

try new things

KS4

4M's Fantastic Week of Learning and Teamwork! Alongside all the other amazing things 4M have done this week — including debating in English, making pancakes in Food Technology, and improvisation in Drama — the class have also been developing their physical skills and teamwork in PE with Mr Brownrigg in the sports hall, 4M took part in football rounders, where they showed great enthusiasm, cooperation, and determination. It was fantastic to see the pupils working together, encouraging one another, and building their confidence while staying active. Well done, 4M, for another brilliant and varied week of learning!



Football rounders

KS5

5B have transformed their classroom into a cosy flat, complete with a bedroom, a kitchen area, and a relaxing lounge space. The students worked together to design and set up each section, turning their learning environment into a homely, creative hub. Their favourite moment so far has been using the new kitchen space to make pancakes— measuring ingredients, flipping their creations, and enjoying the delicious results. The whole experience has brought teamwork, imagination, and plenty of fun into their school day.

Life skills at the Oracle



DOUGH-ON-THE-GO



PCA Sixth Form at the Oracle

This Wednesday
at The Oracle

11-30-12.30pm

Everyone welcome
Cash only
limited availability

Pizza

- Pepperoni £5
- Cheese £5
- Ham & Mushroom £5

All pizzas are made on sourdough bases and our homemade sauce



Made
freshly on
site

Drinks & snacks

- Cans £1.00
- Water 50p
- Snacks 50p
- Crisps 50p



PCA Sixth Form at the Oracle



20 APPS PARENTS & CARERS NEED TO KNOW

www.SocialWorkersToolbox.com

 Snapchat Messages and photos disappear. Children can be pressured to send images because they believe they will not be saved. Location sharing can show where a child is in real time.	 Roblox Although it looks like a children's game, it includes chat features. Children can be contacted by strangers and slowly groomed through friendly game play.	 Kik Messenger Accounts can be anonymous. It is often used to move conversations away from apps parents may check.	 Fortnite Voice chat allows children to talk to strangers during games. Language and behaviour are often inappropriate.
 TikTok Children can see adult content, receive sexual comments, and be contacted by strangers. Live videos allow real-time interaction, which can quickly become unsafe.	 Telegram Messages and groups are encrypted, making them difficult to monitor. It is used to share sexual images, harmful material, and to keep conversations hidden from adults.	 Hoop The app connects directly to Snapchat and encourages children to add new contacts quickly, including people they have never met.	 Reddit Children can easily access sexual, violent, or extreme material through posts and comments.
 Instagram Messages allow strangers to contact children directly. Many children run secondary accounts that parents do not know about. There is strong pressure around appearance and popularity.	 OmeTV Random video chats with strangers. No effective safeguarding. Sexual content and adult behaviour are common. Children have no control over who appears on screen.	 LiveMe Children can broadcast themselves live to anyone watching. Viewers can comment in real time, including adults.	 BeReal The app prompts children to take photos instantly, which can lead to oversharing without thinking about safety.
 WhatsApp Private chats and group chats are often used for school or friendship groups, but bullying, exclusion, and sharing of images can happen quickly and spread widely.	 Yubo The app is designed to meet new people. Children can live stream and chat with strangers, which can quickly become sexual or exploitative.	 Calculator+ These apps look like calculators but are used to hide photos, videos, and messages from parents and carers.	 Twitch Children watch and interact with live streamers through chat, which often includes adults and unmoderated comments.
 Discord Children join private chat servers linked to gaming or interests. These spaces are often unmoderated and can include adults, sexual content, or harmful language.	 Monkey Children are placed into random video chats with people they do not know. They have no control over who appears on screen.	 YouTube Children can be exposed to adult content through suggested videos, comments, and live streams, even when watching innocent clips.	 Bumble This is a dating app. Despite age limits, some under-18s access it to talk to adults looking for relationships.

Blackpool Council

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Get Help: Cost of Living Support Available



Our friendly teams are on hand to offer support and advice to those struggling, including help with:

- Advice on checking benefit/grant entitlement
- Simple tips to reduce energy usage at home
- Adding those eligible to the Priority Service Register for utilities
- Providing FREE Carbon Monoxide alarms to eligible households

Our teams can also signpost residents to a wide range of partner services, community groups and sessions - so whatever you may be struggling with, please do get in touch!

Call 0808 196 3080
or email: communities@blackpool.gov.uk



The government have launched a new campaign for parents and carers, full of immediate practical advice on how to talk to your children about harmful online content. Follow this link to find out

more:

Help your child stay safe online - Kids Online Safety

