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Mr Osborne's News



Welcome to Issue 675 of the Revoe Reporter! It's been another very busy and positive week across school.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 children this week. They have worked so hard completing their SATs, showing real determination, resilience and a mature attitude throughout. They have been an absolute credit to themselves and the school- all of the staff are so proud of the effort they have put in.

Year 6 have also been very busy beyond the classroom, enjoying a fantastic visit to Blackpool North train station. The trip supported their history learning, as they explored how the railway has changed over time and the impact it has had on Blackpool since it was built in Victorian times. The children learned a great deal and had a brilliant time. Thank you to the Year 6 team and to all the staff who supported the visit.

We have also been celebrating Eco Fortnight in school. Children have taken part in eco-friendly class activities as well as local fieldwork linked to our local area. Raising awareness of sustainability is so important, helping children understand how their choices can protect the environment now and for the future. You can read more about what we have been up to later in the newsletter. Thank you to Mrs Heaton for organising such a valuable and engaging fortnight.

We would like to remind families about the importance of monitoring children's online activity. Please keep a close eye on how tablets, phones and laptops are being used at home and ensure children are only accessing age-appropriate content. Many social media platforms have minimum age restrictions in place to help keep children safe and it is important these are followed. Open conversations at home about online safety really do make a difference.

Attendance has improved a little this week, which is great to see. Well done to everyone who has been in school every day and on time- it really does make a difference to children's learning.

Looking ahead, next week is packed full of exciting activities with professional coaches. Children will be taking part in a wide range of experiences including tennis, laser quest, archery and curling, alongside sessions focused on wellbeing, staying safe, basic first aid, road safety and creating healthy foods. It promises to be a fantastic week, and we want every child to be part of it, so please make sure your child is in school every day so they don't miss out.

Have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday morning, ready for another brilliant week.

Dates for the Diary

2026

WB: Monday 18th May - Health and Fitness Week

Friday 22nd May- Close for half term at 3.15

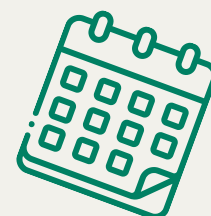
Monday 8th June- School reopens at 8.45am

WB Monday 8th June- Year 4 Multiplication check and Year 1 phonics Assessments

Wednesday 17th June - Y4 Martin Mere Trip

Wednesday 1st July - Sports Day

WB: Monday 6th July - Water Park





ECO-FORTNIGHT



Over the last two weeks, we have been busy celebrating Eco-Fortnight. Each year group has taken part in activities to help our understanding of how to be more eco-friendly.



RECEPTION

Reception have been busy this week planting seeds to grow our very own beanstalks, linking our learning to our Traditional Tales topic, Jack and the Beanstalk. They were very excited to begin their beanstalk journey and are looking forward to watching them grow taller each day, just like Jack's magical beanstalk! The children also used recycled milk cartons for their pots to be more eco-friendly. This activity has helped them understand the importance of looking after living things and the environment. 🌱🌍

YEAR 1

During Eco-fortnight, the Year One children have been fantastic eco warriors by helping to care for the school gardens and making sure the plants are watered and well maintained. The children have also enjoyed using natural resources to create their own pieces of art.

Additionally, the children have also explored sustainability by using recycled materials to create a variety of structures, showing great creativity. Throughout the week, the children have developed a stronger understanding of the importance of protecting our environment and have decided to continue making positive eco-friendly choices both at school and at home.

YEAR 2

It has also been Eco Fortnight, and our little eco warriors have been making small changes to help our planet—switching off lights, recycling, and planning how to make our outdoor area more wildlife-friendly.

We are so proud of their thoughtful discussions and actions this week!



YEAR 3

Eco-Fortnight has been a brilliant adventure for our Year 3 learners, all centred around the big idea of sustainability. In reading, our whole-class text explored the many ways humans are currently harming the planet – from fossil fuels to landfills and more. The children have become passionate environmental thinkers, so when they get home, make sure to ask them what deforestation means – they'll be eager to explain it. In Geography, we turned our attention to Revoe Garden and designed sustainable ideas to send to Mrs Geeson. The children suggested clever improvements such as a rain-collecting system, a compost bin, and plenty of bird feeders and insect hotels to support local wildlife. We also spent time working in Revoe Garden itself – de-weeding, planting vegetables and taking care of the space so it can thrive for the future. The children showed real teamwork and pride in helping their environment grow.

YEAR 5

Year 5 enjoyed an exploring the local area to investigate how humans impact the environment. During their walk, the children identified both positive efforts and areas needing improvement, such as litter and waste. Inspired by what they discovered, they returned to school motivated to take action and designed eye-catching signs to encourage eco-friendly behaviour within our community.

YEAR 4

As part of Eco-fortnight, year 4 have been working very hard to improve our Revoe community garden. We have been learning about how growing plants will improve the local area and how they are good to attract animals such as bees to the habitat. This week, we planted many vegetables and flowers. We also evaluated our local area and thought about how it could be improved. Unfortunately, we found so many things that damage the environment like litter and even dogs poo! Please make sure you pass the message on to look after our area better!

NURSERY

Over Eco-fortnight Nursery have been exploring lots of different themes. We have re-used cardboard boxes, tubes and packaging to make a large piece of collaborative art. The children looked for mini-beasts in the garden and used magnifying glasses to look more closely at details. We have looked at insects in resin blocks and our large mini beast toys and compared these to photographs in non-fiction books. They also looked at ways of reducing our use of paper, using alternatives such as painting on shower curtains, using our IWB and chalking on the floor.



Railway 200

Year 6 had a fantastic trip as part of our Eco Week celebrations, taking part in the exciting Railway 200 event! The children enjoyed learning all about the history of the railway and how trains have changed over the past 200 years. They also took part in hands-on STEM activities, explored future careers in the railway industry, and even had the chance to dress up for the occasion.

Railway 200 is a year-long nationwide campaign celebrating 200 years of the modern railway. The project aims to inspire a new generation of young people to consider careers in rail and encourages schools, communities, and organisations across the country to get involved. Our pupils had a wonderful day full of learning, creativity, and fun, and represented the school brilliantly throughout the visit.



RLA Attendance

Well done to everyone who has had fantastic attendance and punctuality this week - you are all superstars!! Remember, all children who arrive to school every day, on time are entered into the weekly prize draw in assembly. We have some fantastic prizes to be won!!! Keep your eyes peeled for some fabulous new attendance incentives next half term.

Congratulations to 6AC who have had an excellent week and achieved the highest-class attendance at 100% INCREDIBLE!!! Closely followed, 3NP achieved an awesome 99.1% well done everybody!!! Let's try and make next week our best yet!

Weekly Class Attendance

6AC - 100%

3NP - 99.1%

5AH - 98.7%

6SH - 98.2%

2LD - 98.1%

2JC - 97.7%

5FS - 97.1%

RCR - 97.0%

Learning Garden KS2 - 96.8%

Learning Garden KS1 - 95.1%

4JK - 94.0%

1RW - 92.1%

3TC - 91.9%

RLM - 91.1%

1MK - 90.9%

4EG - 90.1%

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION

13+

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

SNAP STREAK

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.



SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🍌 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.



SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.



SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.



ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.



INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.



Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.



ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.



BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.



USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.



Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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REVOE



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COST PER MEAL

£2.58

£2.65 FROM SEPTEMBER 2026



TOP UP WEEKLY

School meal accounts must be topped up by:

£12.90

£13.25 FROM SEPTEMBER 2026



EVERY FRIDAY

OR



EVERY MONDAY

to cover the cost of meals for that week.



KEEP ACCOUNTS IN CREDIT

If a school meal account goes into arrears, including if one meal remains unpaid after reminders, we will request that a **packed lunch** is provided until the balance is cleared.



OUR MENU IS FULLY INTERACTIVE!

Blackpool Council's digital platform now provides real-time access to:



PHOTOGRAPHS OF EVERY DISH



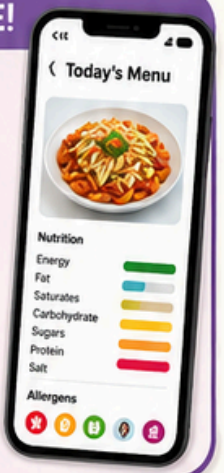
FULL NUTRITIONAL DATA



ALLERGEN AND DIETARY INFORMATION



A CLEAN, MOBILE-FRIENDLY LAYOUT FOR ANY DEVICE



★ OUTSTANDING BALANCES ★



DEBT MUST BE RECOVERED BY THE END OF THIS ACADEMIC YEAR (17 JULY)



IF THE FULL BALANCE IS NOT PAID BY THEN, WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION.



NON-PAYMENT OF SCHOOL MEALS SERIOUSLY AFFECTS THE QUALITY OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES WE ARE ABLE TO OFFER TO OUR CHILDREN.



GOOD FOOD. HAPPY STUDENTS.
BRIGHTER FUTURES!



Blackpool
CARERS
Centre



REVOE

YOUNG CARERS

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

WEDNESDAY • 3.15PM – 4.15PM



FUN ACTIVITIES



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GAMES



RELAX & UNWIND



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PARENT & CARERS
COFFEE AFTERNOON
WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE
2PM – 3PM

Leah from
Blackpool Carers Centre
will be present to provide
information and register
with Blackpool Carers Centre





Revoe Children's Centre



Family Hub Weekly Sessions

Please see below the weekly Family Hub sessions that will take place in the Children's Centre. For any further information, please contact

 **01253 951190**



EVERY MONDAY:

Ready Steady School

(for children starting school in Sep26)



13 April to 29 June



20 July to 24 August



1pm to 2.30pm



EVERY TUESDAY:

Blackpool Parent Carer Forum - Drop in support for SEND Parents



28 April, 19 May, 23 June, 14 July



BY APPOINTMENT ONLY:

- Blackpool Talking Therapies - 9am to 5pm
- First stages of pregnancy - 10am - 12pm
- Stop Smoking Service - Blackpool Midwifery 12pm - 5pm
- Youthery Counselling - appt only



EVERY THURSDAY:

Sensory Time -

From birth to crawling



1.30pm - 2.30pm



BY APPOINTMENT ONLY:

- Speech and Language Therapy - 9am to 5pm
- Birchall Trust - 9am to 5pm
- Children & Young People's Wellbeing Practitioner





HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD CAMP

If your child attends a Blackpool school and receives benefit related **FREE SCHOOL MEALS** they can access our Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Camps during school holidays for free. We have HAF Camps for primary, secondary and SEND pupils.

Our action packed HAF Camp includes four hours of:

- Football
- Arts & Crafts
- Games Consoles
- Dodgeball
- Cricket
- Plus more activities!

MULTIPLE VENUES AND DATES

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFO OR TO BOOK A PLACE!



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