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Welcome back to the final half-term in our old school

It's hard to believe that we are in our final half-term before the Summer holidays and it will be the final half-term EVER in Millbrook buildina.

Millbrook building has had 50 years of faithfully serving our community of children, staff and parents providing solid education. a caring environment and lots of happy memories.

Over the Summer holidays (and throughout Autumn term 2025) CONLONs will be demolishing Millbrook building and we will be welcoming all the children back on Monday 8th September 2026 into our brand new school.

We are starting back a little bit later than other schools in Leyland due to staff not being able to access the building until 1st September. We will use that week of the 1st September to set up classes, train staff in the new systems and get things ready for the children.

I am sure we will have a brilliant final halfterm before a well-earned rest.

Further details about the move into the new build and events planned around that will go out in due course.

On-line safety

See the internet link below which gives brilliant support and advice about how to keep your children safe on-line. https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-childrensafe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/

Dates coming up:

2.6.25 to 13.6.25 Year 4 Times Tables check 9.6.25 to 13.6.25 Year 1 (and some of Year 2) Phonics screening check 10.6.25 - Year 2 and Space Hub trip to Martin Mere 13.6.25 - Rugby Festival in school all day 16.6.25 - Reward assembly including Handwriting award 18.6.25 - Wacky Day for Alder Hey (raising money for Alder Hey children's hospital) 25.6.25 - PTFA Summer Disco 3.7.25 - Class Swap morning (majority of Year 6 at High Schools) 4.7.25 - Handwriting and VIP awards (for courage) 8.7.25 - SATs results week 8.7.25 - Evening performance of Year 4,5,6 Songs from the Shows 9.7.25 - Afternoon performance of Year 4,5,6 Songs from the Shows 10.7.25 - End of year reports go home to parents 10.7.25 - Year 5 Taster Day to Worden Academy 14.7.25 - Shining Stars and Attendance assembly (pm) 15.7.25 - Reception Graduation assembly (9.30am) 16.7.25 - Year 6 Leavers Assembly (9.30am) 16.7.25 - Talent Show (1.30pm) 16.7.25 - Year 6 Leavers after-school celebration event (more details to follow) 16.7.25 - Shining Stars Party (pm) 18.7.25 - Star of the Year assembly 18.7.25 - Early finish (2pm) for Summer holidays

2025/26

8th September 2025 - start of the new school year in the new building

Autumn term 2025 = demolition of Millbrook building so there will still be builders on site and limited pedestrian access

Spring term 2026 (January/March?) = new school grounds fully complete, builders no longer on site and full pedestrian access can happen.

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Key Stage One Sports Morning

Our amazing Year 1 and Year 2 children took part in a Key Stage One Sports morning this week. They were fantastic and it was lovely to see their enthusiasm and happy smiles as they took part in all the activities. Thank you to all the parents and friends who came to support the children and cheer them on (and to those who took part in the egg and spoon fiasco at the end of the event!)

Well done to all the staff for organising such a great event at the last minute.

<u>School field and sports days for</u> <u>older children</u>

As you can see our school field is looking more like a rainforest at the moment. It is great for the insects and biodiversity but not for sports days and running on.

We have not been able to get it cut due to access problems through the new build construction site.

However we are exploring options over the next few days and hoping we can resolve the situation.

If we can get the grass cut soon then we will have the Sports Day on the field as normal for Years 3 to 6 (we will let you know).

Sports clubs

Key Stage two children are enjoying the following clubs:

Wednesday - Football with South Ribble,

Thursday - Football with Mr Collier Mrs Wright.

Friday - Cricket with South Ribble.

Year 4 trip to River Lostock

The Year 4 children went on a Geography field trip this week to the River Lostock as part of their work on rivers. The children were really well behaved (despite the torrential downpour!) and they enjoyed finding out about their local area.



Website photos

We had a photographer in school on Thursday all day taking photos for our school website. We managed to get a lot of our children (Early Years to Year 5) in the new green school jumpers. The photos are going to look great and we will update the website as soon as we can ready for the new academic year. Once we have settled into the new building we will invite the photographers back again to take further photos of the new children in the new jumpers and of the new school and grounds

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Swimming

Year 3 had their 'dry swim' this week when Jane, our swimming teacher, spoke to them about what to expect on their first swimming lessons which will start next week. Jane also talked to the Year 4 and Year 5 children all about water safety (which is ideal just before the Summer holidays).

Year 3 and Year 4 will be going swimming at the Bamber Bridge swimming baths (the Leyland Leisure centre is still not open). Bamber Bridge do have improved changing facilities now so we feel able to take the Year 3 and Year 4 children and they are very keen to attend.

We have been told that the Leisure centre is likely to open in the last two weeks before we break up in July (we will keep you informed).

This is the first time that we have taken Year 3 for swimming sessions but we believe it will give them confidence as they prepare for a full year of swimming in Year 4 and they will hopefully achieve all the national standards and expectations by the end of Year 5.



As you know we are moving from red to bottle green jumpers (Early Years will remain with their existing shade of green).

School Jumpers

We will be in touch soon about how to order and purchase the new jumpers.

Some of the children wore samples of the new green jumpers for photographs for the website, they look so much better and much calmer than the bright red jumpers.

NEW RECEPTION PARENTS

A reminder that we are holding 'transition sessions' for our new Reception children starting in September 2025.

Pupils should be dropped off and collected at the front of school (entrance/ office) for their sessions (unless they are already in Moons class in which case Mrs Hollinghurst will take them through.

Remaining dates:

Group 1 (surnames A-K) 9:30am – 10:30am Tuesday 10th June.

1:15pm – 2:15pm Tuesday 17th June and Tuesday 24th June.

Group 2 (surnames L-Z) 1:15pm – 2:15pm Tuesday 10th June.

9:30am – 10:30am Tuesday 17th June and Tuesday 24th June.

<u>WACKY DAY FOR ALDER HEY! -</u> <u>Wednesday 18th June</u>

We are raising money for Alder Hey children's hospital. Children can come to school with wacky clothes, hair, shoes or whatever you like for a donation of £1.

All proceeds will go towards the brilliant work that Alder Hey do in supporting children with challenging illnesses and who face daily struggles.





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<u>Courage</u>

Our value this half-term is 'courage' and we will be teaching our children about how to know what it is like to show courage in various situations (e.g. When you want to ask a question or give an answer in class, when you are in a show or performance, when have to do something that worries you, when you need to stick up for a friend or yourself against a bully, when you need to tell a teacher about something that is worrying you) We will look for those children who are showing courage this half-term and they will have milkshake and biscuit treats in a few weeks' time.



Huge congratulations to Miss Hickson from Year 5 class who got married during half-term and is now Mrs Conaghan.

Makaton

The children are carrying on building up their Makaton signs 'vocabulary' in school and so far they have learnt how to sign 'please' 'thank you' 'sorry' 'toilet' 'finished' 'wait' 'work' 'tidy up time' 'help' 'happy' and this week we have learnt 'sad'



End of year performance



Years 4, 5 and 6 are gearing up for the end of year show which this year will be a medley of songs from all the musicals that we have performed over the years in Millbrook building.

We felt this would be a fitting way to end our time in the Millbrook building before it all gets knocked down after our move into the new build.

Children will be practising the songs already (and if parents want to sing along then you could always start learning them too) The end of year show is likely to be on the 8th July (evening) and 9th July (afternoon) and more_information will go out nearer the time.

Rewards for this week (Well done!)

Well done to all those amazing children who have achieved awards this week.

Star of the Week

Awarded to children who have demonstrated brilliant learning powers and achieved something special in their learning this week

Moons	
Rockets	Harper A
Dorado	Finley for always trying his best in all his work.
Orion	Lilly for having a positive start in and out of class.
Hercules	Harper for excellent contributions during our English lessons
Pegasus	Chloe – for fully immersing herself in our new English unit, Macavity.
Leo	Evie- Rose A, for a very positive start to the new ½ term, she has produced a variety of fantastic work, particularly in English, Maths and PE.
Phoenix	Abdur- Rahman - For absolutely fantastic writing and being a pleasure to teach in class this week.
Galaxy	Andrew for listening well, following instructions and working hard all week in his lessons.
Apollo	

Positive Points

(Children who have achieved the most points for effort in work and behaviour/attitude)

Rockets	Darcie M
Dorado	Leo L
Orion	Keita & Jaxson S
Hercules	Emily
Pegasus	Steven C
Leo	Lucas C-C and Lois B
Phoenix	Jasmine Li
Galaxy	Alex & Oscar

Many thanks for your support *Wr Witchell* **REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE** (class and school information) <u>Seven Stars Primary School (lancsngfl.ac.uk)</u>



School Code of Conduct Please be kind and respectful at all times

Breakfast club & After-School Club



Book on and pay in advance on School Money. Breakfast club = £4.00 per child (7.30 to start of day) After-School Club = £7.00 per child (to 5.30pm) Any late collection will result in a charge of £10 (c