

Headteacher's Newsletter

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13th February 2026

“Where children come first”

Our Value for this term has been COURAGE

We gave out certificates in our assembly this week to those VIPs (Values Inspired Persons) who have demonstrated our school value of Courage over this half term. They have shown courage in many ways including things like:

- Tackling tricky work in lessons
- Facing up to challenges throughout the day
- Performing or presenting in front of others
- Asking questions or contributing ideas in class or assembly
- Choosing to do the right thing (when their friends or others are doing the wrong thing)

The children who won the award had a special party in the afternoon

The Value for next half-term will be KINDNESS (this is the second time we are looking out for children who display kindness towards others)

Chats to teachers

Teachers are very busy at the start of the school day meeting and greeting the children as they come in.

If you need to speak to your child's teacher about anything please either message them on Class Dojo or wait until all the other children have gone in (i.e. wait to one side) so they can all be greeted, and then catch the teacher (but only very briefly as they do need to get on with teaching!).

You can also go to the office if you need to pass on a message and cannot use Class Dojo.

Reminders

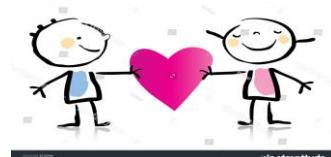
Please do not park in front of driveways

Please do not park in the Taxi drop-off point (unless your child is in Apollo or Galaxy classes)
After half-term we will be starting a 'pass' system so anyone using the SEN taxi drop-off will need a pass from the office which will need to be applied for.

Valentines Disco

A huge thank you to the PTFA for organising a brilliant disco for all the children on Wednesday evening.

The children totally loved it (and each other!) and we played some fun games as well as demonstrating our amazing dancing skills.
All money raised goes back to the children in helping to fund trips, visits and resources.



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Mr Buchanan – au revoir

We bid a fond farewell to 'Mr B' this week with a special assembly on Thursday afternoon where he was joined by family, friends and former colleagues as well as parents and of course all the children and current staff.

We had a wonderful bagpiper player called Jack and we piped in a haggis for Mr B to carve. We are inspired by and very grateful to Mr Buchanan for his service to our wonderful school for over 33 years. We will miss Mr B very much

On Friday afternoon Years 5 and 6 had a bit of party time and then we did a guard of honour for Mr B as he led the class out for one last time.

*I am sure Mr B will enjoy more time with his family now and the new adventures ahead of him but I am also certain he will pop in to see how everyone is getting on.
All the very best Mr B and thank you for everything over so many years!
(enjoy the tour round Anfield!)*

Welcome to Mrs Leigh

Mrs Leigh has been into school this week getting to know the Year 5 class (and them getting to know her).

Mrs Leigh is a very experienced and friendly teacher. I know that change is always a bit unsettling but I am sure the Year 5 children soon get used to Mrs Leigh's ways and will continue to make progress with her and of course with the continuing care and support of Mrs Conaghan.

Slippers

Children are continuing to wear slippers in school and are very sensible about it. It seems to be making a difference and if anyone else would like to then feel free to send slippers in at any point (the children keep them in class). But it is optional so do not feel you have to.

Mad Science Club

Following our visit from Scientific Sarah, Mad Science are starting their After-School after half-term for anyone who has signed up at the link below: <https://northeastengland.madscience.org/parents-register-a.aspx>

The dates are 25 February 2026 - 25 March 2026 (15:25 - 16:25)

The club will take place in Year 2 and the children will go straight from class to the club and then can be collected by parents from the front of school (main entrance)

Mental Health week (Place2Be)

We have been thinking about our mental health week and in particular what it means to belong. We have talked to the children about how to feel like they belong and how to help others feel like they belong and not left out.

My Happy Mind

My Happy Mind is going really well and the children are learning all about the brain

Here is a short video explaining what this is:

<https://myhappymind.ipages.co/myhappymind-parent-app-introduction/>

Future Dates

Wednesday 18th March PARENTS AFTERNOON AND EARLY EVENING

Holiday and Term Dates 2026-27

The holiday term dates for the academic year 2026-27 are now on the school website.

<https://seven-stars.lancsngfl.ac.uk/>

Money Matters

It was great to see Brian Souter in again this week in Years 5 and 6. He was very impressed with the children in both classes as he taught them all about managing finances and debt.



Attendance

If your child is off please contact the office (NOT the class teacher on Dojo – they are very busy and messages might get missed) on 01772 422503 to let us know (or reply to any messages left from the office) since it is the office that updates the records. Do not use Class Dojo to tell us about your child's absence. Thanks

Social Media

Please continue to monitor your child's internet / mobile phone / devices use. There are continuing to be issues around children being on devices late at night (which impacts their learning and behaviour in school) and also sending some very nasty messages (which impacts their mental well-being).

We were going to have a workshop for parents about how to keep your child safe on-line but this is being postponed until the new term so we can find an expert from the NSPCC to come along and get as many parents as we can.

We have been doing a lot of work talking to the children about the challenges around the internet – it is a wonderful thing but it can really impact mental well-being and can also be a huge safeguarding challenge if children and parents are not aware of how to safely navigate the world of the internet.

Please see the link below for how to keep your child safe on-line:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

SLEEP IS OUR SECRET SUPERPOWER!

A number of children are not getting enough sleep and we can tell!

The result is poor concentration, tiredness in lessons, poor behaviour (increased grouchiness!), and higher levels of anxiety.

The opposite is true for those who do get sleep – better resilience, good concentration, happier children, better relationships, less moodiness, learning more and learning faster.

Sleep deprivation causes increased hyperactivity and other behavioural problems, as well as damaging physical and mental development. Poor sleep habits from an early age can lead to long term sleep problems.

The link below has some great resources to help parents/carers ensure children get some good sleep:

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/>



Shining Star

(for those children who have consistently demonstrated our Learning Powers and school Values over the whole of the half-term & been a role-model to others)
(end of Spring 1)

Rockets	Emir - For always giving 100% effort in all of his work, completing challenges in the learning areas, and consistently showing respect to others.
Dorado	Casey G – For being such a perfect role model for his fantastic behaviour, readiness to listen and learn, and for his politeness and respect towards everyone. You are wonderful!
Orion	Alex Mc – for consistently making the right choices in school life. Trying hard at all times even when some things get a bit tricky. Amazing, well done.
Hercules	Sarah – For always contributing to class discussions and always being noticed by many adults around school for her excellent behaviour.
Pegasus	Zuzanna R – for always doing the right thing, thinking of others and playing with such kindness. She quietly gets on with her work and is a wonderful example to everyone.
Leo	Robert R - for a fantastic half term, enthusiastically taking part in all lessons and being an active learner. As well as being a great and respectful role model in class and when we have been out at various events.
Phoenix	Lawson B - For your excellent effort, sensible attitude to your learning and positive mindset- you want to be here and you want to learn!
Galaxy	Eli – You have worked so hard this half term! You have engaged in all lesson, participated and have shown respect to adults in class. We are so proud of you, well done.
Apollo	Beth- For using her voice with her friends in class lots this week and brightening our day with some big loud giggles!

VIP – for Courage

(for those children who have shown courage to do the right thing, stand up for what is right, face their worries and fears, overcome challenges)

Rockets	
Dorado	Delya – For becoming more confident to use her voice in class.
Orion	Finley B – for gaining confidence & being an active learning.
Hercules	Hattie-Rose – for answering lots of questions in class.
Pegasus	Hugo W – Hugo has shown great courage by trying something new and seeing it through. Even when he realised it wasn't for him, he kept going and gave it his best.
Leo	Davis B for having courage and overcoming his fears at swimming.
Phoenix	Lexi T - For having the courage to make decisions like attending boosters without following your friends.
Galaxy	Oscar L – Well done for joining Young Voices and participating in the event in Manchester. This was a huge step for you, and we are all so proud. Keep putting yourself out there and overcoming any challenges that may appear.
Apollo	Dillon for going into Galaxy class to do his maths lessons

Star of the Week Awards
(children who have demonstrated brilliant Learning Powers and achieved something special in their learning this week)

Moons	All of Moon Class for demonstrating good knowledge of the Lunar New Year and the retelling of the Great Race story
Rockets	George – for trying hard in his phonics and letter formation.
Dorado	Chen – For always taking pride in all your work and trying your very best. You have also played nicely with your peers outside.
Orion	Vinnie M – for doing a great bird collage in art. Excellent job!
Hercules	Sofia – For always trying hard in every single piece of work, every day.
Pegasus	Hugo W – for an excellent piece of persuasive writing
Leo	Poppy S-S for a good week producing some excellent work in English and Maths.
Phoenix	Evie-Rose A- For working really hard in all your assessments this week. You are doing really well!
Galaxy	
Apollo	

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

Rockets	
Dorado	Amara
Orion	Harper B
Hercules	Maximus
Pegasus	Hugo W
Leo	Chloe T
Phoenix	
Galaxy	Andrew
Apollo	

Many thanks for your support

Mr Mitchell

REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE (class and school information)

[Seven Stars Primary School \(lancsngfl.ac.uk\)](http://Seven Stars Primary School (lancsngfl.ac.uk))

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 = £7.0 per child (to 5.30pm) Any late collection will result in a charge of £10 (cost of staff)