

Headteacher's Newsletter

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9th January 2026

“Where children come first”

A Grand Opening Ceremony

We were thrilled to welcome the Mayor of South Ribble Cllr Paul Wharton-Hardman BEM and his consort Mr Chris Wharton-Hardman to our Grand Open Assembly on Wednesday.

The ceremony was to officially declare the new Seven Stars Primary School & Nursery building and grounds open with all work (apart from a few trees, some turf and line markings for the MUGA) complete!

The children did a great job with readings, singing & our school prayer, and the mayor said some lovely words that were encouraging to all the children to dream big and know they can achieve anything they want to.

We also said a huge thank you to James Dyer who has been our CONLONs site manager throughout the project and has shown immense patience, support and willingness to do all he can for the children and school.

Darren Lee and Claire Singleton also came from CONLONs to support the event as did a number of the school governors – and of course Charlie CONLON made an appearance!

It was also lovely to see PCSO Tony attending to represent the local community police. Tony has supported our school for at least 25 years and also leads one of the local scout groups.

We are so proud of our new school. Mr Mayor cut the ribbon to the entrance to the school for us and then sampled one of our parents delicious cakes!



Time Capsule

In our Grand Opening Ceremony we revealed our Time Capsule which we are going to fill with items from 2026 to be opened in 2050 – 24 years from now.

We are including a letter, composed by the children to the children of the future Seven Stars, a TV guide and Lancashire Newspaper from this week. We are putting in a hand-print of the oldest pupil in school (Filip) and the youngest pupil (Edie) and some loom bands made in the after-school club. We will also add in a photo of some children and staff from school and the Mayor has offered to write a letter for us.

We will bury the Time Capsule in a clearly marked area of school and we have added a date to our Outlook Calendar to open the capsule in 2025



New Build Updates

We still have a few things to finish off with the new build including markings for the MUGA and some planting, turfing and making some trees safe.

The main field will be off limits until the Summer term to allow the grass to recover and new grass to establish itself

**Our Value for next half-term is
COURAGE**

See the video link below that we have shown to the children in assembly

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DhOhV2oYga4>

Pupil Parliament

Pupil Parliament are meeting each Friday lunchtime & we have ordered badges (they are on the way)

SEVEN STARS PUPIL PARLIAMENT 2025-26

Elected members of Pupil Parliament

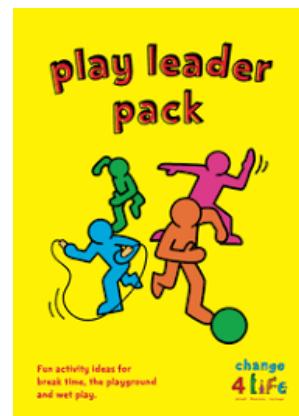
Year 1 Dorado	Harry H	Amara R
Year 2 Orion	Keziah H-H	Joshua F
Year 3 Hercules	Mason B	Charlotte C
Year 4 Pegasus	Stephen R	Darcy W
Year 5 Leo	Brandon N	Chloe T
Year 6 Phoenix	Maisy K	Kian B
Space Hub	Andrew S	Alex H-S

Playground Leaders

We have a number of pupils from Year 6 who have volunteered to be Playground Leaders.

They are doing a brilliant job and the other children in school are loving the games that the Playground Leaders are introducing including the parachute activities, cricket, scarecrow tig, 'dish & dome' and many more.

The Year 6 Playground Leaders are showing a lot of skill in supporting and leading the games (which, at the moment, they are doing in the MUGA)



Dance performance

Years 4, 5 and 6 demonstrated some brilliant performances on Friday afternoon to the rest of their school of the dances they have been doing in their PE unit this last term.

Year 4's dance depicted the story of Theseus and the Minotaur, Year 5's dance was a Tudor banquet and Year 6 created a dance depicting heroes and villains.

They all showed a lot of courage performing in front of the whole school.

Trees

Some of our trees are being maintained next week (branches made safe and just a general short, back and sides ready for the Summer).

The field area will be out of bounds while the work is going on.

New School Business Manager and Friday office staff

As mentioned before we have a new School Business Manager who will be starting with us from 2nd February 2026 called Mr Zak Hansrot.

We also have a new person in the office from today for the next few weeks who is Mrs Bradshaw (while Mrs Lawrenson is off recovering from an operation)

We are sure everyone at Seven Stars school will give them both our usual big welcome and especially as they find their feet at Seven Stars.



The Young Voices choir has been rehearsing with Miss Ward over the last few weeks and the moment is almost here to perform. They will be travelling to the Manchester Arena on Thursday 5th February where they will join with hundreds of other young people from hundreds of school around the North West to sing their hearts out. It is a great event and we wish you all the very best!



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.

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/>

Wellies

Children can now bring wellies into school (with names in) and put them in their class's welly store for when they are allowed to go onto the grass/mud



Future Dates

Thursday 22nd January 1.30pm Science/STEM fair & open afternoon for parents in the school hall

Monday 2nd February Website photographer in school taking new photos for the school website

Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th February Word Guerilla (performance poet) in school

Thursday 5th February all day Young Voices choir at Manchester

Monday 9th to Friday 13th February Place2Be Mental Health Week

Tuesday 10th February Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 10th February (2.30pm) chat for parents of Years 5 & 6 on how to keep our children safe (when they are on-line)

Wednesday 11th February Valentines Disco

Thursday 12th February 1.30pm Special Assembly

POLITE REMINDERS

Please do not park in the SEN car park.

It is ONLY for parents of children who are in Apollo or Galaxy classes (the SEN Unit) and for SEN Taxis.

If other parents start to use it then it will limit the access needed for some of our most vulnerable pupils and will reduce the turning space for the larger mini-cab that drops off and picks up. Thanks

Please do not park in front of driveways.

The traffic wardens do appear from time to time and issue warnings and fines (we do not know when they are coming)



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HOW DOES ATTENDANCE IMPACT EDUCATION?

Less than 80%	80% - 89.9%	90% - 95.9%	96% – 100%
Over whole of primary career equal to average of <u>over</u> 1 year of lost learning	Over whole of primary career equal to 960 missed lessons	Even an average of 96% over the whole of a primary career still means 1 term of missed learning – but to be above 96% is good.	
Any child whose attendance is below 90% is classed as ' persistently absent ' and we will arrange a meeting with parents to put a plan into place and discuss further action. We try to be as supportive as we can and work in partnership with parents but must stick to our policies and DfE guidelines. Parents are liable to a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid within 28 days	Any child whose attendance is here after the first few weeks is 'of concern' and we will monitor them closely.		We can only authorise holidays for exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Head teacher.
Please be aware that if your child's attendance is Red or Yellow then it may mean we cannot authorise holidays in term time (which may result in a fine being issued by Lancashire if these holidays are then taken without being authorised)			
Please see the attendance letter that went out on Class Dojo on Friday and the attendance certificates/reports that went out at the end of the week with a red, yellow or green dot on. We will continue to monitor attendance in the weeks to come.			

Rewards for this week (Well done!)

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

Star of the Week Awards (children who have demonstrated brilliant Learning Powers and achieved something special in their learning this week)	
Moons	Alfie for demonstrating our value of kindness and including others in his play
Rockets	Olivia for showing perseverance and courage during her PE lesson
Dorado	Maizie for trying her best in phonics and improving her writing.
Orion	Finley for showing consistency in his attitude towards learning, participating and working hard in ALL lessons.
Hercules	Keita- for an excellent attitude to learning, even continuing to work at home learning about India.
Pegasus	Lydia Williams – for managing her own distractions and always trying to further improve her work.
Leo	Daisy- Lou G for a variety of good work, particularly in Maths, explaining the place value of decimal numbers.
Phoenix	Filip Majka- For trying really hard to focus and contribute during Maths lessons and really improving your handwriting. We are really proud of you!
Galaxy	Eli for a settle start back in Galaxy, completing work in Maths which has been division this week but having a 'can-do' attitude and seeing it through.
Apollo	Harry for always trying his best and working hard in lessons, especially maths and reading!

Positive Points (children who have achieved the most points for effort in work and behaviour/attitude)	
Dorado	Orson
Orion	Saad
Hercules	Sofia
Pegasus	Evelyn Biggar and Lydia Williams
Leo	Kian W
Phoenix	Romy Turner
Galaxy	Ryan

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)