



Welcome back!

I hope you all had a brilliant Christmas and enjoyed a little bit of rest and fun together.

The children all came back smiling and happy so I am sure they all had a great time and are now looking forward to the spring term.

We have returned to ice, wind and snow (typical January!) so we will keep our eye on the weather forecast in case we have to take precautions.

Please be careful on the playground as there have been some black ice patches where the sun is struggling to reach.

It is unlikely we will close school but if, in the unlikely event, we do have to close for Health and Safety reasons then it will be announced via Class Dojo and School **Facebook pages**

Grand Opening Assembly

On Wednesday 14th January the Mayor of South Ribble, Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman BEM, will officially declare the opening of our new Seven Stars Primary School and Nursery.

We will have a visit from Charlie CONLON for one last time to say goodbye to the children and James Dyer (and possibly others from CONLONS) will be in attendance.

Our school choir will sing 'The Power in me', we will have some readings from the original opening of the school over 50 years ago as well as from the old school log book and we will invite the Mayor to say some words.

Some of the children will be giving the Mayor a tour of the new building and we will also ask the mayor to break the ground for a hole in which we will bury a time capsule.

My Happy Mind

We launched 'My Happy Mind' on Monday and the children really loved their first lesson learning about the brain and ways of calming and strategies for staying 'happy'. This is a brilliant resource which promotes positive mental health in children. Here is a short video explaining what this is: <https://myhappymind.lpages.co/myhappymind-parent-app-introduction/>

Big News – Mr Buchanan retiring (?)

After over 33 years in post at Seven Stars Primary School, Mr Buchanan will be retiring at the end of this half-term (meaning his last official day in school will be Friday 13th February 2026).

‘Mr B’ has been such a consistently crucial part of Seven Stars School and has had such a positive impact on the many children he has taught and supported during his time here.

Mr Buchanan will be very much missed as an excellent teacher and member of the school leadership team. He has been with the school through many changes and challenges providing stability, care, a great sense of humour and always with the best interests of the children and staff at the heart of all he does.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Buchanan both personally and also on behalf of all the staff, children and families who have been part of Seven Stars over the last 33 years.

We wish Mr B all the very best in his well-deserved rest when it eventually comes and for all the new adventures ahead of him including spending more time with his family.

With regard to who will teach Year 5 for the rest of the year we have found an excellent teacher Mrs Leigh, who has a lot of experience teaching pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 in a number of schools so will be able to ensure consistency of teaching and learning

to the end of the year, with the continuing support of Mrs Conaghan.

Once again we wish Mr Buchanan a very well-deserved retirement when it arrives and I am sure he will pop back to see how everyone is getting on from time to time.

Thank you Mr B for all you have done, all the support you have given and all the lives you have impacted over the years. Seven Stars will not be the same without you!

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

SEVEN STARS PUPIL PARLIAMENT 2025-26		
<i>Elected members of Pupil Parliament</i>		
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

New build developments

We have officially had the whole of the school handed over from CONLONs following the conclusion of the three year building project commissioned by the DFE.

CONLONs, and in particular James Dyer the site manager, have been superb throughout the whole of the process and James is still with us checking on various issues and ensuring everything is working as it should do.

Thank you to all parents for your patience and support during this time as we have worked out new routines and systems.

We think we have a good system in place now for drop off and collection of children at the start and end of the school day through the main pedestrian gate. We have reviewed various options and this is the safest and most manageable option in terms of supervision.

The mini-car park at the side of the pedestrian gate is for taxis and cars of children who attend our Apollo/Galaxy classes (SEND Unit) only – some of the taxis are large and need a good turning space.

There is a gate that is open from the SEND Taxi car park. We are telling children who are on their own to not use that gate due to the risk of injury as it is a car park. If any parents choose to use that gate rather than the main pedestrian gate you do so at your own risk.

The parking on the road has eased now we are away from the T-junction but please continue to park sensibly and with respect to others and their safety (anyone parking across residents' driveways can be reported to the police by the residents)

In terms of the final parts of the build we are waiting for some good weather to finish some planting of trees, turfing and marking up of lines on the new MUGA.

New School Business Manager

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

He will be visiting us in January to get to know some of the school systems.

Mr Hansrot will be joining Ms Dennett in the office and his first task will be getting to know everyone and finding his feet. He is very good with IT and comes from Haslingden High School where he has been for 9 years and he previously worked at Boundary Primary school in Blackpool.

We are sure everyone at Seven Stars school will give him our usual big welcome and especially as he finds his feet in this new and challenging role.



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/>

Future Dates

Wednesday 14th January 9.15am Grand Opening Ceremony of our new build with the Mayor of South Ribble, Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman BEM

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

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	Edie for being a good role model and demonstrating our school value of kindness
Rockets	Lola M-For excellent effort in all of the learning areas and completing all of the learning challenges.
Dorado	Darcey J for trying her best in all lessons and having a can-do attitude to everything!
Orion	Finley – For having a positive attitude towards learning this week and trying hard with his handwriting.
Hercules	Maximus B – For having an excellent attitude towards his work all week.
Pegasus	Iyla-Rose P – For growing in confidence in maths, having a go at everything and trying to be more independent in her learning.
Leo	Brandon N- For a settled start to the new term, polite and respectful to his peers and adults around school.
Phoenix	Lexi C- For concentrating well, putting full effort in and having a positive attitude to your work all week.
Galaxy	Galaxy class for a super start to the term, engaging with enthusiasm in all learning this week and trying their best! Well done.
Apollo	JJ for showing courage at swimming by trying on some goggles and then swimming underwater for the first time EVER. He then went back under and kept trying again and again!

Positive Points (children who have achieved the most points for effort in work and behaviour/attitude)	
Rockets	
Dorado	Casey
Orion	Teddie and Darcie
Hercules	Sofia
Pegasus	Jack N and Harper H
Leo	Eva-Mae R
Phoenix	Lois B
Galaxy	Oscar L
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)