

Headteacher's Newsletter

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6th February 2026

**“Where children
come first”**

Our Value for this term is COURAGE

Our children regularly show courage each day in so many ways

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

We will be celebrating those children who show courage in their class on the last day of term in the Assembly on Friday 13th February (when they will also have a VIP party)

Mad Science Club

Following our visit from Scientific Sarah two weeks ago, Mad Science are starting their After-School after half-term for anyone who has signed up at the link below:

<https://northengland.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)



Young Voices

The Seven Stars Young Voices choir went to the Young Voices mass choir event in Manchester on Thursday. The event was amazing and the children all did remarkably well and loved every minute of it. Thank you to those staff who accompanied them and the parents who managed to get a ticket to see them perform along with several thousand other young voices from hundreds of schools across the region.

It was an experience that none of them will forget and I am sure some of them will go on to take their singing skills further.

A thank you as well to everyone who helped to fund the choir getting to the event through donations and other things and a special thank you to Miss Ward for organising it all so well.



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Welcome Mr Hansrot

Our new business manager Mr Hansrot has started in school and is settling in really well. He is finding his feet and getting to know everyone and how we work (which will take a while!)

Ms Dennett (our Assistant Business Manager) and Mrs Devlin (our temporary School Business Manager) are also working alongside Mr Hansrot.

Welcome to the team and this wonderful school Mr Hansrot!

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)

We have been informed of a lot of dog mess along the path outside school. We have contacted the council and they have said they will wash it down and are sending us some posters that state there is a £500 fine for anyone caught allowing their dog to foul the path.

Let us know if it continues to be a problem

Mr Buchanan (and Year 5)

As you know Mr Buchanan is retiring on Friday 13th February after 33+ years of teaching at Seven Stars Primary School. He has supported many children, families and staff during his time with us and we are immensely grateful and inspired by Mr Buchanan for his commitment to the children and community of Seven Stars School.

We will be having a special assembly for Mr Buchanan on Thursday 12th February in the afternoon and it is open for any parents to attend who would like to celebrate with us. (those parents of children that Mr Buchanan taught as room is limited so we cannot have every parent in school!!)

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 teacher 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.



Website photographer

The photographer came into school on Monday and took some delightful photos of the children in the new school. These will be uploaded onto the school website once they have come through to us and we have checked them all.

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.

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/>



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

The Word Guerilla – all the right words in all the right order!

The Word Guerilla visited our school again this week (on Tuesday and Wednesday) and the children loved it.

He treated them to two performances of poems, rap, tongue-twisters and groovy guitar playing. He then visited each of the classes over the two days and did workshops with the children exploring poems, rhyme and the power of words.

The two days finished with a performance from each class of poems and raps and songs they had written during the workshops and they were FANTASTIC!

It was lovely at the end of it all that The Word Guerilla (David Bowden who used to be a teacher and head teacher) commented on how brilliant all the children were and what a great school we have!

See the link below to find out a bit more about the Word Guerilla.

<https://wordguerrilla.com/>

Money Matters

The Money Matters team will be in on Monday to spend time with Years 5 and 6 to talk about budgeting and financial management



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.

Future Dates

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

Tuesday 10th February Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 11th February Valentines Disco

Thursday 12th February 1.30pm Special Assembly

Friday 13th February Mr Buchanan's last day in school

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/>

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/>

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

Moons	Jamie for exploring and using the play dough and tools within his play and settling well in class.
Rockets	Ralphie for trying hard all week.
Dorado	Neave for showing brilliant learning powers this week and putting great effort into her story of 'Wanted: The Perfect Pet'.
Orion	Darcie T for doing a great job retelling the life cycle of a butterfly in science.
Hercules	Biron – for describing an excellent metal creature in English.
Pegasus	Evelyn B – for consistently showing our school values every single day.
Leo	Robert for fantastic participation, enthusiasm and respect both in our workshop with the Word Guerilla and when visiting Worden High School
Phoenix	Lawson B- For trying really hard in your assessments and always having a positive attitude and sensible behaviour.
Galaxy	Oscar L for showing courage while participating and representing school at Young Voices, we are so proud of you!
Apollo	

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

Rockets	
Dorado	Thomas
Orion	Alex Mc
Hercules	Alex
Pegasus	Bradley B
Leo	Chloe T
Phoenix	Holly C
Galaxy	Alex
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)