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Friday 17th January 2025

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PARENT DROP IN

Monday 27th January

Mrs Hargreaves and I, are opening our doors for a relaxed drop in session to chat about anything and everything school related!

Come by and see us if you have questions about:

- Behaviour
- SEND
- The Curriculum

Or
if you'd like to:

- Raise an issue
- Simply say hello!

No need to book, just pop in!

Feel free to drop in anytime between 9:00am - 11:00am.
We will also be holding a virtual meeting at 5:30pm.

We would love to see you!
K. Harrison
Mrs. Harrison

Mrs Hargreaves

Mrs Harrison

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Outward Bound Residential Trip

Two places have become available on the Outward Bound residential trip in April 2025. The cost of the trip is £190 with a deposit of £40.00 needed to secure the place. The balance will then need to be paid by the end of January.



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Dates for the Diary

W/C Monday 3rd February

Children's Mental Health week

W/C Monday 10th February

DT/Art week— EYFS/Y1/Y2/Y3

Tuesday 11th February

Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th February

Celebration of Love-wear red day

School closes for half term

Monday 24th February

School reopens—8.40am

Update of Contact Details



From past experience we know that people change their mobile phones over the Christmas period, can you please make sure that we have your up-to-date phone numbers – this is critical in case of emergencies. Please also inform us of any change of email address.

Keeping us up to date with your phone number and email address means you will receive important text messages/emails (e.g. Dates for your Diary, school closures, club cancellations, etc).





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Head lice

These cause much frustration amongst parents. Every school in the country has to constantly contend with this menace. **To try and control the spread of head lice our policy is to contact parents of children who are seen to have head lice so that they can be collected, treated and returned to school. In most cases a child can return to school the same day.**

Please remember, if head lice are found then it is important to check every family member in the household and to check again a week later.

Please note that **we will authorise a maximum of half a day's absence for head lice to be treated.** Thank you for your support in this.

FOUR STEPS TO LICE-FREE LIFE:



1: INSPECT

If you suspect head lice, check



2: TREAT

Use lice treatment product as directed.



3: REMOVE

lice/nits by combing the hair with the comb provided.



4: CLEAN

home and personal items.

Please can we ask that children with long hair try and keep it tied up tight, either in a ponytail or plait to try and prevent Head lice.



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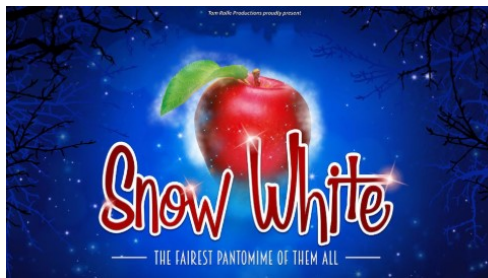
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Christmas Pantomime 2025—Snow White

We have some very **exciting** news! We have booked our yearly trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre to watch the Snow White Pantomime on Monday 1st December. The cost of this trip is **£7.00** per pupil.

We appreciate that Christmas has only just been and gone and we know that you don't want to be thinking about next Christmas or you don't want to make any payment(s) until closer to December, when this is already a busy and expensive time for everyone, so with this in mind we have added the payment to Schoolmoney now to give you the opportunity to spread the cost into affordable weekly/monthly payments or alternatively, if you wish, you can pay the amount in full.



JustCook Cooking Club

This is a fully funded **JustCook course** designed to help parents and children learn how to safely use kitchen tools to cook healthy, nutritious meals. Over **6 interactive sessions**, you'll:

- Learn new cooking skills.
- Prepare and cook a delicious meal during each session.
- Receive a bag of ingredients and a recipe card to replicate the meal at home.

To take part, you must be able to commit to all 6 sessions.

This is a fantastic opportunity to build confidence in the kitchen, develop healthier eating habits, and spend quality time with your child(ren).



A text has been sent out to all parents/carers with a link to a form. Please complete the form if you are interested in this club.



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LET'S GET TALKING

What's happening in California?

There are big fires burning in California right now. These are called wildfires.

Firefighters are working hard to put out the fires.

What can we do to help?

We can send our thoughts and prayers to the people who have lost their homes or loved ones.

We can donate to charities that are helping the victims of the wildfires.

We can learn more about how to prevent wildfires in the future.

What can we do to stay safe?

We should always be aware of our surroundings and listen to the news for updates.

If we see a fire, we should call 999 immediately.

We should never play with fire or leave a campfire unattended.

What are some of the things we can learn from this experience?

We can learn about the importance of taking care of our environment.

We can learn about the power of community and how people can come together to help each other in times of need.

We can learn about the importance of being prepared for emergencies.

Let's talk about how we feel

It's okay to feel sad or scared when we see something like this happening.

We can talk to our parents, teachers or friends about how we feel.

We can also find comfort in our faith or in other activities that we enjoy.



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Afterschool clubs



Clubs will started last week and will finish the week commencing Monday 17th March 2024.

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Board Games Y1/Y2/Y3	Multisports Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6	BRCT Dance/ Gymnastics
Karaoke Club Y3/Y4		REC/Y1/Y2
Multisports Rec/Y1/Y2		

House Statistics



ALWAYS following the school rights this week.

HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
98%	100%	100%	90%



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Attendance Matters

Attendance is **NOT** optional

There is an expectation that children are in school **EVERY** day.



Overall School Attendance Target is **96%**

Actual Whole School Attendance is **87.6%**



Well done to **Year 3** who had the best attendance in the school last week!

Enjoy your extra playtime!



Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
87.25%	93.59%	94.23%	97.22%	95.11%	93.39%	94.05%

Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
2	2	2	3	6	2	2



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Congratulations

Well done to the following children for being chosen to receive an award this week:

	Stars of the week	Value's In Practice award winners (V.I.P's)
Reception (Miss Keegan)	Hareem & Athena	Mariam
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Grace & Lula	Scarlett-Rose
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Qasim & Enrique	Tayla-Rai
Year 3 (Mr Eccles)	Luella & Diana	Leighton
Year 4 (Mrs Picken)	Jay & Willow	Sampson
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Lacey & Bailey	Rachael
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Harriett & Lena	Sandor

Kind Regards,

K. Harrison

Headteacher