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**Friday 24th January 2025**

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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation today as we had to close school early due to the high winds, debris in the yard and a fallen tree.

I would also like to thank our staff for their quick response and dedication to ensuring the safety of our children.

I am pleased to share that the tree has been removed and our building is safe again. School will be open as normal on Monday.

Mrs Harrison



## **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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# 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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## 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**



## Lancashire Junior Chess Tournament and Coaching Day

Saturday 25th January 10am - 3pm

Westholme School, Blackburn, BB2 6QU

### Sign Up Online:

[www.lancashirechess.uk/juniors/junior-events/](http://www.lancashirechess.uk/juniors/junior-events/)

This event is for children of all ages who are keen to improve their chess.





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## ALWAYS

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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

### **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.

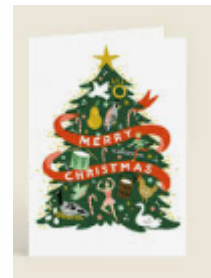
**Please can we ask that children with long hair try and keep it tied up tight, either in a ponytail or plait to try and prevent Head lice.**

### Festive Chums Treasure Hunt



The winner of the festive treasure hunt was Alana from year 3 who won £25.00.

Well done Alana, your winnings can be collected from the office.





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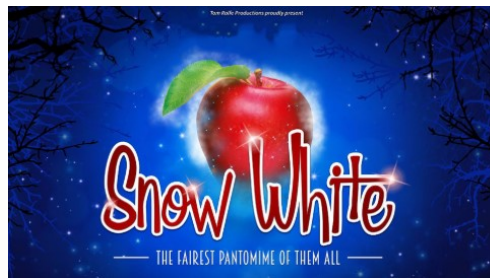
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## **Christmas Pantomime 2025—Snow White**

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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**DARWEN GIRLS**

OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN A NEW SPORT! 4 WEEKS FREE COACHING

ENJOY, FUN, ENGAGE, SOCIALISE, COMMUNICATE, FRIENDSHIPS TEAM BUILDING AND LEARN.

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YEARS 2/3/4/5/6

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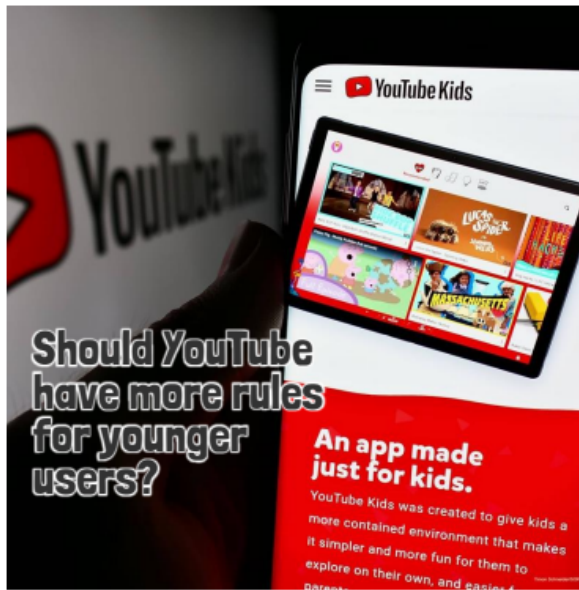


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## LET'S GET TALKING

Talking together helps your child develop communication and relationship skills with others and builds on their vocabulary



### In the news this week

The UK government's culture secretary, Lisa Nandy, has written to video-sharing platforms, such as YouTube and TikTok, asking them to actively share more educational content for children. Nandy stated that while YouTube has improved children's content on its platform, it is not doing enough to make sure the content is easily seen by children.

#### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Tell someone at home about the type of things you enjoy watching and where you like to watch them. Ask someone older what they watched as a child. Ask about the choice of programmes, and where and when they were able to view them.
- > Do you believe there should be more checks or rules for what people can watch online?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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### House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week.



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

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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 **94.6%**



Well done to **Year 2** who had the best attendance in the school last week!

Enjoy your extra playtime!



### Weekly Attendance

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
83.82%	90.06%	96.47%	92.82%	93.68%	92.53%	93.75%

### Weekly Lates

REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
5	6	1	3	5	4	5





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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)	Luke & Carson	Boris
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Praise & Ella	Laiyla
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Isaac & Zainab	Mia
Year 3 (Mr Eccles)	Huzaiifa & Sebastian	Lily-May
Year 4 (Mrs Picken)	Mason & Hammad	Elise
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Paige E & Avery	Layla
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Harvey & Yunis	Jenub

Kind Regards,

*K. Harrison*

Headteacher