

Dear Parent/Carer

Goodness, we have already reached the end of Summer 1, and there are now only six weeks left of the school year when we return on June 8th. This means we all need to enjoy a very well-earned rest, because next half term is going to be super busy and brilliant in equal measure.

We have certainly gone out with a bang this week! On Saturday, Father Peter led a beautiful First Holy Communion Mass for some of our Year 4 children, on Monday we welcomed our new Reception children and their families. Tuesday we were kicking up a storm at *St Peter's Has Got Talent*, and Wednesday we were making it through to the Lancashire finals with our brilliant netball team. Phew — definitely time for a break!

Next half term, we are looking forward to Sports Day, our Poetry Competition, Summer Concert, the Year 5 and 6 Production, the PTFA Colour Run, and many other exciting end-of-year events—please see our 'Dates for your Diary' list for full details.

Thank you to the staff for their continued hard work and devotion to our children. And thank you to all our parents, families and carers — we never take your support for granted.

God Bless  
Mrs Gili-Ross

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR  
SPORTS DAY—NOW THURS 9 JULY!**

**TERM DATES**



#### JUNE

- Mon 8 School re-opens
- Mon 8 Let's Talk Children & Smartphones Event - St Bedes—6pm
- Tue 9 Quad Kids Athletics Comp KS2
- Wed 10 Y6 Residential to Winmarleigh
- Mon 15 Year 1 Class Mass—11am
- Tue 16 Y5/6 Dynamo Cricket
- Fri 19 Krispy Kreme Donuts
- Mon 22 Poetry Week
- Fri 26 Poetry Final
- Fri 26 PTFA Colour Run—4pm
- Fri 26 NO ARK AVAILABLE**
- Mon 29 Whole School Mass -St Peter's church—9am

#### JULY

- Wed 1 Y5 DT day at St Bedes
- Thur 2 Y6 St Bedes Induction Day
- Fri 3 Y4 St Bedes RE Day
- Mon 6 Dance Club Showcase—4.15pm
- Wed 8 Y1 Zoo Trip
- Wed 8 Leavers Mass at St Peters—6pm
- Thur 9 Sports Day (confirmed)**
- Fri 10 Own Clothes Day—Summer Raffle
- Fri 10 Y4 Water Sports Day Fairhaven
- Tue 14 Y5/6 Summer Production 6pm
- Wed 15 Ice Cream Van
- Wed 15 End of Year Whole School Mass 9am
- Wed 15 Y5/6 Summer Production 6pm
- Thur 16 Leavers Assembly 9am
- Fri 18 School closes 2pm
- Fri 18 NO ARK AVAILABLE**

# SCHOOL LIFE

## School lunches

Please order lunches via Scopay—w.c.  
8th June

**Week 2** - please see **SPRING/  
SUMMER** menu [HERE](#)

Please order via Scopay



Birthday Table for all  
June birthdays is **Fri-  
day 26th June**

50p—payable via

Scopay under trips/  
events

## PE DAYS

REC	MON & FRI
Y1	MON & THURS
Y2	TUES & FRI
Y3	TUES & WEDS
Y4	MON & THURS
Y5	WEDS & FRI
Y6	WEDS & THURS

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS INFORMATION

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to universal free school meals. However, some families who are on low income and meet a certain criteria, are also eligible for supermarket shopping vouchers during school holidays and free holiday club places. Eligible families will continue to receive free school meals after Year 2.

*Some families with children in Key Stage 1 do not claim as they are already getting free school meals, however they are missing out on the other benefits so please double check.*

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=1>

## Should My Child Stay Off School?

Deciding whether your child should stay home from school can sometimes be tricky. To help parents make informed decisions, the NHS has clear guidance on when children should be kept off school and when it's safe for them to attend. Following this advice helps protect other pupils and staff, while also ensuring children don't miss more school than necessary.

You can read the full NHS advice here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## Important Reminder – Update Your Details

Please ensure the school office is kept up to date with any changes to your contact information, including your address & telephone numbers. It is also essential that we are informed of any new medical conditions or dietary requirements for your child.

If you have any updates, please email the school office at

**bursar@st-peters-  
pri.lancs.sch.uk**



## Battery Recycling available at School

We're pleased to let you know that we now have a battery recycling box located in the school entrance.

## SNACKS AVAILABLE FOR KS2 PUPILS

Brown or White toast	25p
Crumpet	35p
Tea Cake	45p
Orange or Apple juice	50p

# COMMUNITY INFO & EVENTS

**MON 8TH JUNE**  
**ST BEDES SCHOOL**  
**6PM—7PM**  
**TO BOOK PLEASE FOLLOW**  
**LINK BELOW**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lets-talk-children-smartphones-tickets-1988591826685>



**Let's Talk: Children & Smartphones**

Join us for a relaxed parent talk: Are you concerned about the impact of smartphones and social media on your child's wellbeing?

This supportive discussion is a parent-led talk that will share insights and local initiatives to help families delay smartphone use and foster healthier digital habits.

Come for the conversation, connect, learn and be part of a growing movement to reclaim childhood. All parents, carers and educators welcome!

**When**  
Monday 8th June  
• Arrival 17:45  
• Start 18:00  
• Close 19:00

**Where**  
Saint Bede's Catholic High School  
Talbot Road, Lytham, FY8 4JL



Reserve your seat by scanning the QR code. Tickets are free but spaces are limited.

**SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD** | Lancashire - Lytham StAnnes



## School Nursing Team DROP IN

Speak to a member of our school nursing team about various health topics including emotional health, diet, healthy lifestyles, sleep, bed-wetting & constipation, head lice and behaviour.

**When?**

- 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 @ 9.30am- 11:30am
- 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026 @ 9.30am-11:30am
- 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026 @ 9.30am-11:30am

**Where?**

Oak Tree Children's Centre  
Sydney Street  
Lytham St Annes  
FY8 1TR



**WICKEDLY ARIANA**

A SPECTACULAR TRIBUTE TO WICKED & ARIANA GRANDE

**SATURDAY 8 AUGUST 7:30PM**

Adult from £26.00, Children £13.00, Under 7's Free \*

[ticketsource.co.uk/kingsqueens](https://ticketsource.co.uk/kingsqueens) | 01253 622255

\*Subject to booking fee

# LYTHAM in BLOOM Gardening Competition



Categories include:

Small front & rear gardens

Hanging baskets

Window boxes/containers

Commercial premises

Community sites

Large front & rear gardens  
(10m x 10m+)

## How to enter - it's FREE

and you can enter as many categories as you wish!

Please scan the QR code here  
or follow the link below to access the entry form.


<https://form.jotform.com/260862575605059>



Entries can be submitted between 1st June 2026 and midnight on 3rd July 2026.  
Shortlisting will commence thereafter with successful entries being judged on 28th July

Full information can be found on the entry form.  
This year, as well as the much-coveted trophies,  
we have gift vouchers kindly donated by Stringers.



For updates, please follow us on our Facebook page  Lytham In Bloom

Lytham in Bloom registered charity no. 1076465

## FUNDRAISING

PLEASE COMPLETE FORM VIA LINK IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY ON THE DAY

### Volunteer Sign-Up – Colour Run Event – Fill in form

St. Peter's PTFA

# World Cup Colour Run

**Friday**  
**26th June**  
**4pm**  
Entry by green gate

**Entry:**  
**Runners (child\*)**  
**£5** (via Scopay)  
\*parent/guardian must sign waiver & all infants require supervising adult to run

**Spectators/adult runners £1**  
Wear old trainers and clothes (white is best!)  
You may wish to bring a towel/change of clothes for the journey home!

**Deadline for runners tickets & completing waiver:**  
**4pm Fri 12th June**  
**WE CANNOT ACCEPT LATE APPLICATIONS TO RUN!**

**Big thanks to our event sponsors:**  
**BALANCE UK REFORMER PILATES STUDIO, WICKEDLY ARIANA & TAYLOR EVANS ACCOUNTANCY!**

Meet and greet with Hariana ahead of her tour  
**WICKEDLY ARIANA!**

Warm up with Franki - Balance UK Reformer Pilates Studio  
Pizza Van  
Beat the Goalie  
Crossbar Challenge  
Pocket money stalls  
Ice Cream Van  
Tuck Shop  
& much more!

**BALANCE**  
mind • body • strength

**WICKEDLY ARIANA**

**Taylor Evans Accountancy**

**PLEASE SUPPORT THEM**



# DOUGHNUT DAY

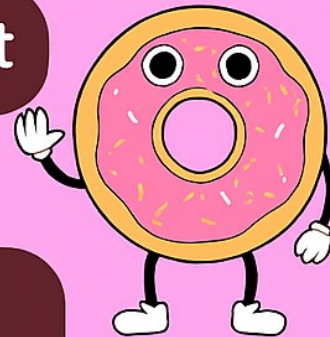
FRIDAY 19TH JUNE



Bring £1 cash on the day



Maximum 1 doughnut  
per person



Boxes of a dozen can be  
pre-ordered and paid for via  
Scopay for £12. Order cut-off  
12 noon on Friday 12th June



## HOLIDAY CLUBS

# MULTISPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP



AT ANSDELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

### ACTIVITIES

- FOOTBALL
- BASKETBALL
- DODGEBALL
- ARCHERY
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- TEAM GAMES & FUN ACTIVITIES



**MAX ALLITT**

### Dates & time

25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May

DROP OFF: 8:45AM - 9:AM

PICK UP: 4:30PM - 5:00PM

### Cost

£25 A DAY

£100 FOR THE WEEK

AGES 5-12

PRE BOOKINGS ONLY

PAID FOR IN

ADVANCE



**First Aid Trained | Level 2 BE  
Basketball Coach | DBS Checked |  
Safeguarding Trained**

## BOOK NOW:

 07549933087

 MR.Basketball

 [mrbasketballnorthwest@gmail.com](mailto:mrbasketballnorthwest@gmail.com)

**Please bring plenty of  
drinks and a packed lunch**

## HOLIDAY CLUBS

THE  
**LOWTHER  
PAVILION**  
THEATRE &  
GARDENS

### Photography Workshops & May Half Term Holiday Club Days

This season, we're inviting you and your young creatives to explore storytelling, theatre, photography and imaginative making through a series of inspiring workshops here at Lowther Pavilion.

From **outdoor photography sessions** in the beautiful gardens to our immersive **May Half Term Creative Theatre Days**, these experiences are designed to encourage curiosity, confidence and creativity in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Follow link below for further information.

<https://lowtherpavilion.co.uk/workshops/>

*Spaces are limited across all sessions and early booking is recommended.*

# WAKE UP WEDNESDAY—ON-LINE SAFETY

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **MINECRAFT**

As the best-selling game in history, Minecraft has made a name for itself by empowering audiences of all ages to harness their creativity. Originally an indie hit, it's become a cultural phenomenon with merchandise, spin-off titles, and wider media adaptations. Even if you don't know your Creepers from your Endermen, this guide will explore the risks of Minecraft in 2026 and explain how to support a safe gaming experience for the children in your care.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### PUBLIC SERVER COMMUNICATION

Many players enjoy Minecraft with others, including friends and unknown players online. In-game text chat is commonly used to coordinate building projects and gameplay, and this can extend to adding friends to voice chat. While often harmless, this creates risks around contact with strangers, and in some cases server hosts may expose IP addresses (if hosting independently), which raises privacy and security concerns.

#### GRIEFING BEHAVIOUR

Some players deliberately damage or destroy other players' creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying that can undo hours of effort and cause frustration or distress to affected players. Although many servers treat griefing as a serious offence, enforcement varies. Children who prefer to build independently may feel safer working on private worlds or controlled servers.

#### ADDICTIVE GAMEPLAY LOOPS

Minecraft's creative focus can make it easy for players to lose track of time. The cycle of gathering resources and building projects can be highly engaging, which may challenge agreed screen-time limits. If not managed effectively, this can impact children's sleep, schoolwork, and real-world social interaction.

#### SCARY GAME ELEMENTS

Although often compared to digital construction toys, some gameplay modes include hostile creatures with unsettling sounds and sudden encounters. While there is no graphic violence, younger players may still find zombies, spiders, or dark environments frightening. These experiences can lead to anxiety or reluctance to play, depending on the child's age and sensitivity.

#### IN-GAME SPENDING

Minecraft requires a one-off purchase after a free trial, usually around £15, but additional spending is possible. Players can buy cosmetic content or subscribe to Minecraft 'Realms' for private servers. Without supervision, children may make unintended purchases. Subscription services and add-ons can also increase overall costs over time if not monitored.

#### ONLINE INTERACTIONS

Playing with others can introduce broader online safety concerns, including exposure to inappropriate language or behaviour. Some players may attempt to move conversations beyond the game, which can increase risks to children's safety and welfare. Children may not always recognise these situations, meaning guidance and ongoing conversations about safe interactions are essential.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### CHOOSE SUITABLE GAME MODES

Creative or Peaceful modes remove hostile creatures and reduce the pressure during gameplay. These options allow children to focus on building and exploration without fear of attack. They are also ideal for shared play between adults and children, creating a calmer environment to learn the game and enjoy collaborative projects.

#### DISCUSS ONLINE STRANGERS

Children should understand that not everyone they meet online is who they claim to be. Clear guidance about not sharing personal information is essential. Encourage children to report any worrying or uncomfortable interactions and reassure them that they can seek help without fear of punishment. Open, ongoing conversations help build their confidence and awareness of these issues.

#### USE PRIVATE SERVERS

Setting up a private server helps control who can join a child's game. Access can be limited to trusted friends through passwords or invitations. This reduces the likelihood of unwanted interactions and gives adults greater oversight. While some options involve a subscription fee, they offer a safer and more controlled multiplayer experience.

#### SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Agree on clear rules around purchases before letting children play, and use device settings or platform controls to restrict spending within agreed limits. Explaining that in-game currency uses real-world money can help children make informed decisions. Regularly reviewing purchases together can also prevent unexpected costs and encourage responsible behaviour.

#### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes spent 7 years in games media, before moving into the games industry via PR and marketing. A parent himself to a Minecraft-loving son, he understands why it's so important to stay safe online.



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