

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been another full and fruitful week here at school! Our younger children enjoyed a visit from the Bug Busters team, who helped them understand the importance of good handwashing. Several staff members have also been out on training to support an exciting new club we hope to launch next term. It's been wonderful to see the children making the most of the clubs currently on offer and enjoying all the opportunities available to them.

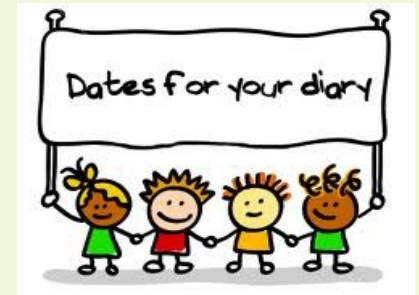
If you're out and about this weekend and spot any pinecones, please do collect a few for us. They make a perfect addition to our very popular mud kitchen area in OPAL—thank you for your support!

Although we won't be holding a traditional Harvest Festival this year, we would like to support our local Trussell Trust Foodbank, who have reached out for help. Donations of canned food, dried pasta, and other non-perishables will be gratefully received in each class from **6th October**. Our Prayer Group will then help deliver them before the end of term.

Continuing with the Harvest theme, we warmly invite grandparents to our now-legendary **Afternoon of Tea, Chat, and Cake** on **Tuesday 17th October, 2:00–3:00pm**. Each class will perform a song, and our Year 6 children will act as wonderful hosts—it promises to be a special afternoon.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing everyone next week ready to do it all again!

God bless
Mrs Gili-Ross



SEPTEMBER

Mon 29 Year 5 Class Mass—11am

OCTOBER

Wed 1 Open Day 10am—12 noon & 5:30pm—7pm

Mon 6 Reception & Year 6 Class mass 11am

Wed 8 Y5 London Trip

Mon 13 Year 1 Class Mass 11am

Wed 15 Harvest Festival Lunch

Fri 17 Grandparents afternoon 2pm

Tue 21 Parents Evening

Wed 22 Parents Evening

Fri 24 Break the Rules Day

Fri 24 School closes for half-term

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OPEN DAY

WEDS 1ST OCTOBER



Do you have a little one starting school in September 2026?

We'd love to welcome you and show you what's in store for our newest pupils!

Join us for our **Open Day on Wednesday 1st October**
10:00am – 12:00 noon or
5:30pm – 7:00pm

Come along to meet the team, see our learning spaces, and hear more about how we support children as they begin their school journey.

If you have friends or family who might be looking for a school place, please do share this invitation – we'd be delighted to meet them too!

We're looking forward to seeing both familiar and new faces!

SCHOOL LIFE

Reminder

Please check the school uniform you have at home has your family name in it. We have several named items reported missing and many un-named items at school.



SOCK DONATION

We are looking for donations of spare socks for our OPAL play. If you have any spare, they would be greatly received!

Please leave at the school office

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.

Please click on the link below to see if you are eligible.

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

SNACKS AVAILABLE FOR KS2 PUPILS

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

PE DAYS

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

School lunches

Please order lunches via Scopay—w.c. 29th
September—SPRING/SUMMER MENU

Week 2, please see menu [HERE](#)



We have a special themed lunch on Wednesday
15th October—

Harvest Festival Lunch

Please see details below

Harvest Festival

WEDS 15TH OCTOBER

Savoury Beef	Mince
& Yorkshire Pudding with Creamy Mashed Potato & Seasonal Vegetables or Winter Warming Pasta Bake with Garlic Dough Balls or Choice of filled Jacket Potato with Mixed Salad ~ Oaty Flapjack & Apple Wedges	

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BRANCHES TO BEACHES



October | 5TH | 9AM

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B Active Gym, Mill Lane, Warton, PR4 1AX

The advert above has been included as a thank you for the organisation's generous support with recent school fundraising. We're grateful for their contribution to our community.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTH VIOLENCE

UNDERSTANDING YOUTH VIOLENCE

Youth violence affects one in four children in the UK, but it doesn't have to. When parents, carers, and educators understand the risks, they're better placed to support young people. The right support, mentoring, therapy, and guidance can help young people affected by violence to feel safe, manage conflict, and make positive choices.

WHY DO YOUNG PEOPLE COMMIT SERIOUS VIOLENCE?

A recent study surveyed over 10,000 young people affected by violence, asking why serious violence occurs among their peers, such as an assault involving a weapon or sexual violence. The most common reasons given were due to a personal characteristic of the victim e.g., race, religion, sexuality, gender, a gang or school rivalry, and being provoked. While not all young people face these issues, many lack the emotional regulation skills needed to manage provocation.

WHAT ARE SIGNS A YOUNG PERSON IS AT RISK?

Children and young people often express that something is wrong through behaviour rather than words. Be alert to signs such as sudden mood changes, secrecy around friendships, excessive phone use, unfamiliar slang, unexplained injuries, fear of school, aggression, going missing, or substance use. They may also be associating with older peers. These behaviours can indicate underlying issues that can lead to violence.

ONLINE INFLUENCES

Social media plays a powerful role in normalising and escalating violence. Platforms like TikTok and Snapchat can expose young people to harmful content, often shaped by algorithms. Many see violent material that distorts reality, leading to fear and desensitisation. A recent study found 70% had seen real-world violence online, and 80% felt less safe in their communities. Alarmingly, 39% said it made them more likely to carry a weapon. Online conflict can often spill into real life, with serious and sometimes tragic consequences.

Opportunity

Community

Wellbeing

Respect

UNCERTAINTY

CONFLICT

FEAR

WHEN IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

For children and young people in England and Wales, the hours between 4 pm and 8 pm – just after school – carry a particularly high risk for serious violence. This can stem from conflicts that escalate during the school day, online arguments, or simply moving through unfamiliar areas on the way home. Understanding this risk helps us support safer travel and routines. Our recent report found that over one in three young people don't feel safe in the area they live in, and 36% don't feel safe walking the streets.

WHY MIGHT A YOUNG PERSON CARRY A WEAPON?

Young people may carry weapons due to fear, threats, peer pressure, or a false sense of protection. Many young people tell us they feel unsafe and carry weapons 'just in case', while others may be influenced by social media, peers, or criminal activity. Some don't realise it's illegal or may believe it earns respect.

WHERE IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

Violence often happens in certain places. Busy areas like transport hubs carry risk simply because lots of people gather there. Other hotspots, like places linked to drug activity, attract those more likely to be involved in violence. Some areas become risky due to poor supervision, such as under-resourced public spaces. Understanding where violence tends to occur helps us guide young people safely through their communities and advocate for better support and safer spaces.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT STAYING SAFE

Choose a safe moment for the conversation, emotionally and physically. If a child is upset or angry, help them settle before discussing serious topics. Listen actively without judgement, even if what they share is difficult. Avoid interrupting and offer advice when the time feels right. If you're worried, you're not alone; support is available.

HELP CHILDREN UNDERSTAND CONSEQUENCES

Young people can be searched by police or teachers if suspected of carrying a weapon. If found with a knife, they could face arrest and criminal proceedings. A conviction can result in a criminal record. Even being present during a violent assault, encouraging it, filming, or sharing footage can lead to prosecution. Open and honest conversations can help children understand these risks and make safer choices.

AVOID CONFLICT & MANAGE ESCALATIONS

Encourage young people to consider the 'Safe T's' – Trust instincts, Take a breath, and Talk to a trusted adult. When triggered or provoked, they may react from their 'survival brain', unable to think clearly about the consequences. Taking a breath helps calm, and helps them access their 'thinking brain'. Remind them that moments pass, and seeking support from trusted adults builds resilience and safer decision-making.

REPORT INFORMATION

We all have a role in preventing violence. If a child shares concerns, you can act. For educators, it's important to follow your school's safeguarding procedures. Other adults can report anonymously through Fearless or Crimestoppers, and speak with other parents, the school, or local police through 101. If someone is in immediate danger, always call 999. These steps help protect children and the wider community.

Meet Our Expert

The Ben Kinsella Trust is a UK anti-knife crime charity educating young people through immersive workshops, awareness campaigns, and community resources. Visit: benkinsella.org.uk



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