

Dear Parent/Carer

Goodness, I must be getting old; this week has gone by in a flash! Another busy one with a group of our Year 6 children being invited to join other local children for a tour of County Hall. They had a fabulous time visiting the archives and taking part in a debate.

Next week we have a dance competition, a trip to Lytham Hall, a visit to watch Aladdin at St Bede's as well as all the usual fun and frolics.

World Book Day is fast approaching and we will once again be having a 'Come in your PJs' day or you can dress as your favourite book character. We will be holding a 'Book in the Box' competition across all classes with a book prize for each class.

Parking next Friday—we have seen on social media that Norfolk Road will be closed between 9am and 3pm next Friday—please plan your drop off carefully and don't panic if it means your child is slightly early or late.

We are incredibly excited about our Opal Volunteer Day tomorrow. It is not too late to join the gang; we will be in school early until 3pm. You do not need to come for the day but if you can spare a few hours we would be grateful.

Mrs G-R X

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| Mon | Dance Competition |
| Tues | Y2 trip to Lytham Hall |
| Weds | Y3/4 Aladdin at St Bedes |
| Fri | School closes for half-term |

Mon 24th Feb—school re-opens

Please follow the link below for the LCC SEND Winter Newsletter

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/media/958481/send-newsletter-winter-2024.pdf>



SCHOOL LIFE

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| Class Mass -TBC | Friday Class Worship |
| Reception March 17 th | January 17 th |
| Year 1 January 20 th | February 7 th |
| Year 2 January 27 th | March 28 th |
| Year 3 February 3 rd | April 11 th |
| Year 4 March 3 rd | March 21 st |
| Year 5 March 10 th | January 31 st |
| Year 6 March 17 th | January 24 th |

School lunches

Please order via Scopay—
next week is:

Week 2

Menu [HERE](#)

PE DAYS

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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

"CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "Have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such ploys often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition. Or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and suchlike. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are fake or otherwise malicious. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular companies' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

Advice for Parents & Educators

STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make note of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives: talk about what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.

TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement. Blaming the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember: adults are scammed just as often, if not more.

ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

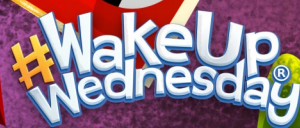
Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid losing out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, false information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

Meet Our Expert

Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk for more.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/fake-news-and-scams>

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We also have 1:1 music lessons available during the school day that can be booked via the Lancashire Music Service. See website for further information.

<https://www.lancashiremusicclub.co.uk/site/>

LANCASHIRE MUSIC SERVICE

TUESDAYS
AFTER SCHOOL IN TERM TIME

FYLDE MUSIC CENTRE

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LANCASHIRE MUSIC SERVICE FYLDE MUSIC CENTRE

Little Beatz

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Pre-school
children
welcome!

Tuesdays
4.00pm - 4.30pm

St Bede's RC High School
Lytham

Contact: Amy.Campbell@lancashire.gov.uk

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MINI COASTERS

NEW



EVERY SATURDAY MORNING:

09:00-09:45 / 10:15-11:00

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Qualified Coaches • £20 per month**

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February 17th - 21st
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