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# STRIKE LANE NEWS

## 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Many of you will have noticed that we welcomed our Lancashire Road Safety Officer to school on Tuesday. Mr. Hamish Clough visited during morning drop-off and met with some local residents to review our current safety measures and offer further advice. He was pleased with the systems we already have in place—particularly our staggered drop-off and pick-up arrangements for younger pupils, as well as our regular newsletter reminders about considerate parking. Mr. Clough will be returning in the New Year to meet with our School Council and help us develop some pupil-led road-safety initiatives for the whole community. We will keep you updated through the newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in items for our *Fill a Suitcase* project supporting the Happy House in Watamu, Kenya. A full list of requested items has been emailed to all parents, and donations will be collected right up until the last day of term. Your children will no doubt be able to tell you more after Mrs. McDowell's assembly on Monday.

On Wednesday we are delighted to present the KS1 Christmas performance, *The Big Little Nativity*, for our Year 1 parents. A second showing will take place on Thursday for our Reception and KS2 parents. To ensure everyone is comfortable, safe, and able to enjoy a good view, we kindly ask that parents attend on their designated day. For those unable to join us, a video link to a recorded performance will be shared. As always, please refrain from posting any photos or videos containing other children on social media. This is essential for safeguarding and out of respect for all families.

We are looking forward to another wonderful week as we move closer to Christmas. Until then, have a lovely and restful weekend.

Katherine Shuttleworth

### Dates for your diary (new dates in red)

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - 12:00pm- 4:30pm** – Whole School Christmas Pantomime at Lowther Pavilion  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – 2:15pm-3:15pm** – Christmas Performance for Y1 Parents/Carers  
**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – 2:15pm-3:15pm** – Christmas Performance for Rec & Y2 Parents/Carers  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Xmas Jumper Day - Wrapped Gift Donations  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Y6 Freckleton Lodge Visit  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - 3:30pm-4:30pm** – Christmas Fair  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Party Day  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Progress & Kindness Cup Assembly  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – School Closes For Christmas (usual finishing times apply)  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January** – School Re-Opens

### Employment Opportunity

We are currently advertising for a lunchtime playleader assistant to start after the Christmas break. This position is for an hour every day between 12-1pm. If you think this position is of interest to you or someone you may know please apply using the link below.

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/151594/EDV-2025-SLPS-47352>

### Finance

As we are quickly approaching the end of this half term, it would be appreciated if accounts could be brought up to date. This includes any outstanding payments for iPads, lunches, trips, and Care Club fees. If you have an outstanding balance but are currently experiencing financial difficulties, please speak with a member of the school office staff.

Class Attendance (week ending 05/12/25)	Weekly
Oak	94.7%
Beech	92.3%
Rowan	98.8%
Maple	95.2%
Willow	95.2%
Sycamore	95.4%
Hornbeam	99.2%

### Stars Of The Week

Well done to all our Winners  
You should be very proud of your achievements

Year Group	Stars Of The Week
<b>Oak</b>	Esme & Albert Y
<b>Beech</b>	Renae & Daniel
<b>Rowan</b>	Erik & Reginald
<b>Maple</b>	Ella & Jude
<b>Willow</b>	Ella & Scarlett
<b>Sycamore</b>	Ayda & Jayla
<b>Hornbeam</b>	Ellie & Evelyn-Rose

### Attendance

Well done to Rowan & Hornbeam Classes for achieving over 96% attendance this week.

### Christmas Pantomime

Next Tuesday we will be heading to the Lowther Pavilion for the whole-school trip to see the Christmas pantomime *Peter Pan*. The excitement is building already! We would like to thank the Friends of Strike Lane for contributing funds from their events to cover the transport costs. Children can be collected from school between **4:30pm and 5:00pm on Tuesday 9th December**, giving us time to return safely and avoid congestion as the buses arrive back.

### Nativity Performances

Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 have been very busy this week rehearsing for the Nativity performances that are taking next week. Year 1 parents/carers are invited to join us on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2:15-3:15pm. Reception & Year 2 parents/carers are invited to join us on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2:15-3:15pm.

A form has been sent via Arbor so you can confirm/decline your attendance. The form can be found in the "**Notices**" section of your Arbor app. Please "**Consent**" if you can attend or "**Decline**" if you are unable to attend. Please also leave a comment in the "**Notes**" section to indicate whether we can expect 0, 1 or 2 people on the day.

Due to health and safety measures we must limit audience numbers to a maximum of 2 attendees per child.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Next Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, all children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers/outfits for the day (no uniform necessary!) in return for a wrapped gift for our Christmas Fair Tombola. Wrapped gifts can include items such as; toys, games, toiletries and food items but **please do not send alcohol**.

### Christmas Fair

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding our Christmas Fair between 3:30pm-4:30pm. If anyone is interested in having their own stall at the Christmas Fair this could be arranged depending on space availability for a small donation of £10.00.

For further details please email [bursar@strikelane.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@strikelane.lancs.sch.uk)



**This Christmas...**  
**Please Help Mrs McDowell fill a Suitcase for**  
**The Happy House, Watamu, Kenya.**



The Happy House is a children's home and school for children in Watamu Kenya. The Happy House relies on the kindness and generosity of others - and that is where you come into Mrs McDowell's Christmas wish. With the help of everyone at Strike Lane, Mrs McDowell would like to fill a suitcase full of items the children at The Happy House really need. This will be a Christmas gift - from us to them.

There are currently over 50 children living at The Happy House, ranging from 0 - 18 years old - the youngest being just 3 weeks old. It would be a wonderful gesture if we could all come together to spread Christmas cheer with a collective gift from us all.

Mrs McDowell's challenge is to fill a suitcase, which she will keep in her classroom until we break up for the Christmas holidays, before sending it off to Kenya.

**Items needed, which need to be new and unused, due to them being a Christmas gift:**

\***stationary items** (pens, pencils, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, crayons, coloured pencils, gel pens, felt tips, chalk, rulers, etc).

\***underwear and socks** (socks to be plain white or black) for older boys (age 13-18) and underwear and socks (socks to be plain white or black) for older girls (age 13-18).

\***shorts and t-shirts** - (for older children age 13 -18).

\***toiletries** (toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, shower gel, sponges, wash cloths, shampoo, deodorant, body spray, etc).

\***card games** for the children to play together in their free time.

**Items to avoid - anything perishable - like sweets, cakes, biscuits, food etc and anything needing batteries to operate or anything electrical.**

Please remember - everything needs to be flown over by aircraft to Kenya, so please do not bring anything too heavy, bulky or easily breakable.

🌲 **Let's spread Christmas joy together for the children at The Happy House, Watamu.** 🌲



The Happy House is always looking for new sponsors to help support the children in their care.

If you would like to find out more about sponsoring a child, please follow the link below:

<https://www.childrenofwatamu.org/sponsor-a-child/>

# After school games at Freckleton Library

Every Tuesday 3:30pm – 5pm  
(term time only)



Free – no booking required  
for ages 5 and over

(under 8's must be accompanied by an adult)

# Santa's Sleigh 2025

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## Santa will be visiting...

- 29 Nov (Sat) 09:30-16:00 Aldi, Mill Farm, Wesham
- 30 Nov (Sun) 10:00-16:00 Aldi, Lytham
- 5 Dec (Fri) 15:00-18:00 Townsends, Warton
- 6 Dec (Sat) 09:30-16:00 Booths, Lytham
- 7 Dec (Sun) 10:00-16:00 Morrisons, Kirkham
- 10 Dec (Wed) 15:00-17:00 Post Office, Newton
- 12 Dec (Fri) 14:30-16:45 Tesco Express, Warton
- 13 Dec (Sat) 09:30-16:00 Morrisons, Kirkham
- 14 Dec (Sun) 10:00-16:00 Booths, St Annes
- 17 Dec (Wed) 14:30-16:30 The Plough, Freckleton
- 19 Dec (Fri) 13:30-15:30 The Grapes, Wrea Green
- 20 Dec (Sat) 09:30-16:00 Aldi, Mill Farm, Wesham
- 21 Dec (Sun) 10:00-16:00 Morrisons, Kirkham
- 22 Dec (Mon) 09:30-16:00 Booths, Lytham

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DECEMBER  
2025**



  
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Lytham Road  
Freckleton  
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# Advent and Christmas 2025 with Holy Trinity

Tue. 02 Dec.	19:00	<b>Village Christmas tree lighting</b>
Sun. 07 Dec.	16:00	<b>Christingle at Holy Trinity</b> (also at St Paul's at 18:15)
Fri. 12 Dec.	19:00	<b>Carols in the inn</b> at the Coach & Horses
Sat. 13 Dec.	19:30	<b>Warton Singers concert</b> at St Paul's, Warton
Sun. 14 Dec.	17:00	<b>Lessons and carols at HT</b> (also at St Paul's at 18:30)
Wed. 24 Dec.	16:00	<b>Crib service at Holy Trinity</b> (also at St Paul's at 17:30)
	22:00	<b>Bethlehem Midnight Mass at HT</b> (also Midnight Mass at St Paul's, 23:30)
Wed. 25 Dec.	10:00	<b>Christmas Communion</b> at HT (no service at St Paul's)

*Evening Prayer Mondays at 16:00*



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