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STRIKE LANE NEWS

9th January 2026

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to begin by wishing you all a very Happy New Year and hope that 2026 has started well for you, despite the cold and icy weather.

It has been a pleasure to welcome seven new children to Strike Lane this week. We have three new starters in Reception – Jensen, Misti and Riven; three in Year 2 – Naeviah, Isla-Rae and Indi; and one new child in Year 3 – Aurora. As always, our Strike Lane children have been incredibly welcoming and have helped our new starters to feel settled, supported and cared for. I am extremely proud of their kindness and compassion.

We are also pleased to welcome Natalie Stein to our staff team. Natalie has joined us as a lunchtime play assistant and, as an experienced teacher, she has very kindly offered to volunteer her time to support in school as well.

A reminder that Thursday 15th January is the final application date for children starting school in September 2026.

Applications must be completed online at

<https://schooladmissions.lancashire.gov.uk/prefs.php>

Parents will be informed of place allocations on Thursday 16th April.

For parents who have applied for secondary school places, Lancashire County Council will notify you of outcomes on Monday 2nd March.

Next Monday morning, our Year 4 children will begin their swimming lessons at St Annes YMCA. Please ensure your child has all the correct kit ready over the weekend and arrives at school on time, having had a good breakfast.

After the busy lead-up to Christmas, the Spring 1 half-term is always a little calmer, allowing us to focus closely on learning and progress. Any upcoming events will continue to be added to our online calendar and shared in our weekly newsletter as early as possible to support your planning.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Katherine Shuttleworth

Dates for your diary (new dates in red)

Monday 12th January – Y4 Swimming Lessons

Tuesday 20th January - Y5/Y6 Athletics Competition at Carr Hill (*invitation only*)

Thursday 22nd January – Y5 Library Visit

Tuesday 3rd February – Y3/Y4 Athletics Competition at Carr Hill (*invitation only*)

Friday 13th February – Progress & Kindness Cup Assembly

Friday 13th February – School Closes for Half Term (usual finishing times apply)

Monday 23rd February – School Re-Opens for All Pupils

Finance

We still have a number of outstanding payments for school lunches, Care Club and class trip deposits and also iPad payments. Please could any outstanding payments be made at your earliest convenience.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the school office and a payment plan can be arranged.

Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

If your financial circumstances have changed your child may be entitled to free school meals/pupil premium. You can quickly check your eligibility by visiting the following website,

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

Please be aware school receives additional funding for any pupil premium children we have on roll so it would be appreciated if you check your eligibility and apply if entitled.

Class Attendance (week ending 09/01/26)	Weekly
Oak	99.4%
Beech	100%
Rowan	92.4%
Maple	94.8%
Willow	100%
Sycamore	92.9%
Hornbeam	97.4%

Stars of the Week

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

Year Group	Stars of the Week
Oak	Jensen & Maeve
Beech	Oliver & Abigail
Rowan	Lily & Casper
Maple	Phoebe & Molly
Willow	Ella & Freddyjorge
Sycamore	Fred & Izaak T
Hornbeam	Colton & William

Attendance

Well done to Oak, Beech, Willow & Hornbeam Classes for achieving over 96% attendance this week. **Beech and Willow Class** can come to school in their own clothes next **Friday 16th January** as their class reward for achieving 100% attendance this week.

Children & Smartphones

Drop-in Session

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to a relaxed parent talk on Children & Smartphones, taking place at 5:45pm next Wednesday 14th January at Lytham Hall Park Primary School. The session will explore the impact of smartphones and social media on children's wellbeing and share practical ways to encourage healthier digital habits. Mrs Kershaw will be attending for our school and would love to see as many parents there as possible. All parents, carers and educators are very welcome.

The Friends Of Strike Lane School

Our School's PTA (Parent Teacher Association) or The Friends as they're better known in school are very much at the heart of our school community. The Friends continuously support Strike Lane School to create a better environment for children to learn by bringing parents, teachers and children together to raise funds and strengthen our school community. The money that The Friends raise is usually spent on things that the school budget does not cover.

Joining The Friends can be a great way to get to know our school environment and make new friends whilst helping to raise much needed funds that will make a difference for your children right now and for generations to come.

There is no expectation of any parent volunteer, any amount of time you can give will always be well received by The Friends and there are a variety of ways you can get involved such as: volunteering and coordinating events, engaging with social media activity, donating raffle prizes and sharing ideas for improvements.

We make it clear that parents can come to The Friends meetings to just listen and learn, or they can take a more active role if they wish, there are no set expectations. Please come along if you're able to do so.

If you would like to get involved with The Friends or would like any further information, please email friendsofstrikelaneschool@gmail.com

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-Curricular Clubs for Spring Term 1 are now available to book via your Arbor App for children in Years 1-6. There will be no continuations from last half term so if you have not registered your child for a club, they will not have a place.



FYLDE JUNIOR CHESS CLUB



**Fylde Junior Chess Club is now taking applications for Spring Term
which will start on 15th January**

**The club, which is a small group of up to 12 primary school children, meets on
Thursdays at Lytham Assembly Rooms 3.45pm to 5pm and is managed by
adults with an Enhanced DBS.**

Very much a beginners club for children from ages 6-11

**Should your child be interested in joining then please contact Richard Smith @
r.smith56@btinternet.com or tel 07486655193 as soon as possible as we only
have a few places that aren't taken by existing members.**

MARTIAL ARTS

FREE TRIAL FOR AGES 4+

TUESDAY

Ninjas Ages 3-6 | 4:00pm & 4:30pm
Taekwondo Ages 7+ All Grades | 5:00pm

Wednesday

Ninjas Ages 3-6 | 6:00pm
Taekwondo Ages 7-11 All Grades | 6:30pm
Taekwondo Ages 12+ All Grades | 7:35pm

Thursday

Taekwondo Ages 7+ All Grades | 7:35pm

Friday

Ninjas Ages 3-6 | 4:00pm & 4:30pm
Taekwondo Ages 7-11 All Grades | 5:00pm
Taekwondo Ages 12+ All Grades | 6:05pm

Sunday

Ninjas Ages 3-6 | 4:00pm & 4:30pm
Taekwondo Ages 7-11 All Grades | 5:00pm
Taekwondo Ages 12+ All Grades | 6:05pm

BOOK YOUR FREE TRIAL!

www.totaltaekwondo.co.uk



Total Taekwondo Preston, Unit 4, Oxheys Industrial estate, Greenbank Street, PR1 7PH

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AKS Lytham

January Cricket Kit Drive 2026



Bring your pre-loved cricket equipment & clothing to the AKS Sports Centre anytime in the month of January.

Your donations will be used to help more young people to access the game of cricket - which we believe should be a sport for all!



AKS Lytham



Prep School



Senior School



Let's Talk: Children & Smartphones

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

This relaxed, 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 are welcome!

When

Wednesday 14th January

- Arrival: 17:45
- Start: 18:00
- Close: 19:00

Where

Lytham Hall Park
Primary School,
South Park, FY8 4QU



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more information
on Smartphone
Free Childhood



Lancashire, Lytham St. Annes



Every Friday (term time) 9.30am-11.30am



INFORMATION WORKSHOPS

Aiming Higher
231-233 Church Street,
Blackpool, FY1 3PB

9TH JANUARY - CONSULTATION & WELCOME BACK

16TH JANUARY - BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

23RD JANUARY - BEING A PARENT & A CARER

30TH JANUARY - EMERGENCY PLANNING

6TH FEBRUARY - BUILDING BRICKS COMMUNICATION

13TH FEBRUARY - MANAGING MEETINGS

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND THE FULL TIMETABLE
VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.AIMINGHIGHERCHARITY.ORG.UK

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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?

Friday 6th Feb 9.30am- 11am

Friday 6th March 9.30am- 11am

Friday 17th April 9.30am- 11am

Where?

NEWTON BLUE COAT SCHOOL

School Lane

Newton-with-Scales

PR4 3RT

