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STRIKE LANE NEWS

27th February 2026

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Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been such a pleasure returning to school with lighter mornings and evenings, milder weather, and the first signs of spring all around us. There's something truly uplifting about seeing snowdrops, crocuses, and daffodils beginning to bloom.

I hope you all enjoyed a restful break. The children have come back full of enthusiasm and are already fully engaged in their learning once again. Although this is a short half term, it promises to be a very busy one.

Year 4 enjoyed their class visit to the library this week, and with World Book Day fast approaching (Thursday 4th March), preparations are underway across school. On the day, children will be writing book reviews about their favourite books to inspire others to read them. We hope to share some of the very best reviews on our website and social media platforms. It would be incredibly helpful if you could discuss your child's favourite book with them at home and encourage them to bring it into school to share. They are also welcome to bring a small bag of props to support their book review presentation. Please remember that all children should attend in full school uniform on the day.

Our Reception and Year 1 classes were delighted to welcome Deacon Kim from Freckleton Methodist Church this week. The children have been learning about the church and the meaning of Easter, and it has been a thoroughly enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

Next Thursday, Jon from Memories Made will be in school to update our photographs for the school website. Please ensure children (and adults!) are looking smart in full uniform. It is surprising how quickly photographs become outdated, and we are looking forward to refreshing our images ahead of launching our newly updated website in the coming months.

On Tuesday next week, Ross Prior, Assistant Director from Endeavour Learning Trust, will be visiting school for our Community Voice session. Earlier this week, I emailed parents inviting volunteers to attend and share feedback to help us continue improving our school and provision. So far, we have had one volunteer. If you are able to join us at 9am on Tuesday, we would greatly appreciate your time — and there will be a complimentary hot drink and biscuits as a thank you!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,
Katherine Shuttleworth

Dates for your diary (new dates in red)

Tuesday 3rd March – KS2 Girls Football Competition (*invitation only*)

Tuesday 3rd March – Endeavour Community Voice

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Monday 16th March – 3:30pm-4:15pm - Parent/Carer Book Look

Tuesday 17th March – 1:00pm-6:30pm - Yrs 1-6 Parent/Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 18th March – 1:00pm-6:30pm - Reception Parent/Teacher Meetings

Thursday 19th March – Y3 Library Visit

Thursday 19th March – Yrs 5 & 6 Performing Arts Display at Carr Hill

Tuesday 24th March – 2:00pm-3:00pm - Y3/4/5 Performance

Wednesday 25th March – 2:00pm-3:00pm - Y3/4/5 Performance

Thursday 26th March – 5:00pm-6:30pm

Friday 27th March - Progress & Kindness Cup Assembly

Friday 27th March – School closes for Easter Holiday (*usual finishing times apply*)

Monday 13th April – School Re-opens For All Pupils

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 27/02/26)	Weekly %
Oak	97.8%
Beech	97.2%
Rowan	98.4%
Maple	95.3%
Willow	98.5%
Sycamore	98.4%
Hornbeam	94.4%

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	Mia & Joshua
Beech	Jack & Colby
Rowan	Ava & Mabel
Maple	Cody & Jude
Willow	Esmee & Jaciejai
Sycamore	Nathan & Tommy-Lee
Hornbeam	Ashton & Isabella

Attendance

Well done to Oak, Beech, Rowan, Willow & Sycamore Classes for achieving over 96% attendance this week.

Finance

We still have a number of outstanding payments for school lunches, Care Club fees, 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. Failure to do so could result in your debt being passed on to a Debt Recovery team where further charges may be incurred.

KS2 Performance

Years 3, 4 and 5 have begun rehearsals for their Easter production, *Cinderella Rockafella*, and we are very much looking forward to watching their performance at the end of March. Parents/Carers with children in Years 3, 4 and 5 should have received an email today containing information on how to reserve seats for the performance.

Gardening Volunteer Request

We are currently looking for Parent/Carer volunteers to support our school Eco Club during lunchtimes to help keep our outdoor spaces neat, tidy, and welcoming for all. Tasks will include weeding, raking, sweeping pathways, pruning small shrubs, and general tidying. No prior gardening experience is required; just a willingness to lend a hand. If you can offer some time, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office by emailing bursar@strikelane.org to find out more about how to get involved. Thank you for your continued support



KIRKHAM
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Join Us For Our
**Senior School
Open Evening**
Thursday 5 March | 6:30pm

Our Senior School Open Evening offers the chance to explore life at Kirkham Grammar School and discover our Senior School, whether you are considering alternative pathways or just planning ahead.

Scan & Reserve Your Place Now!



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School Arts & Crafts Exhibition



Visit the Exhibition at the
Blackpool School of Arts' Gallery, FY1 4ES
Tuesday 10th March to Friday 3rd April
Monday, 9am - 8pm • Tuesday, 9am - 5pm • Wednesday, 9am to 5pm
Thursday, 9am to 8pm • Friday, 9am - 5pm

For more information contact
The Promotions Team
07786060702



In association with



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

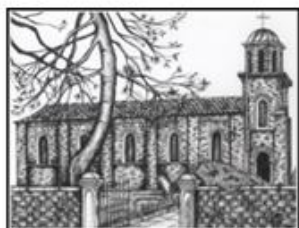
Where?

NEWTON BLUE COAT SCHOOL

School Lane

Newton-with-Scales

PR4 3RT



Holy Trinity Church
 Lytham Road
 Freckleton
 Preston
 PR4 1AA



Coffee and toasties

Come and join us for tea, coffee,
 toasties, sausage barmes, scones, cakes,
 and good company.

Everyone's welcome!



Saturday 28 March, 10:00 to 12:00



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take time together

An introduction to taketime

Join us on a five-week journey to discover the power of Christian mindfulness meditation.

Taketime meditations use your imagination to provide a calm, comfortable space in which to meet God.

All are welcome to enjoy these meditations, which are intentionally inclusive, non-directive and experiential.

No faith background or knowledge is needed to attend, enjoy and benefit from this Taketime introduction.

When: 2nd Monday of each month, 7.15 – 8.15pm

Where: Freckleton Methodist Church, PR41HS

9th February, 9th March, 13th April, 11th May, 8th June

Please contact Deacon Kim Gabbatiss for more details –
kim.gabbatiss@methodist.org.uk





Holy Trinity Church
Lytham Road
Freckleton
Preston
PR4 1AA



Schedule – March 2026

Sun. 01 Mar.	11:00	Worship4U
Fri. 06 Mar.	14:00	World Day of Prayer at Kirkham Methodist Church
Sun. 08 Mar.	11:00	Parish Communion
Wed. 11 Mar.	14:00	Mothers' Union
Sat. 14 Mar.	10:00	St Paul's Little Café
Sun. 15 Mar.	11:00	Mothering Sun. Communion
Sun. 22 Mar.	11:00	Parish Communion
Wed. 25 Mar.	19:00	Stations of the Cross at St Paul's
Thu. 26 Mar.	09:15	CE School Easter Eucharist
Sat. 28 Mar.	10:00	Coffee and toasties
Sun. 29 Mar.	11:00	Palm Sunday Communion
Mon. 30 Mar.	19:00	Holy Week Eucharist
Tue 31 Mar.		
Wed. 01 Apr.		

Evening Prayer Mondays at 16:00

Lent course at St Paul's, Mondays at 18:45 from 23 Feb. to 23 Mar.



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