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# STRIKE LANE NEWS

## 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you so much for such a great attendance at both our Book Look and Parent Teacher Meetings. I hope you all heard positive messages about how well your child/ren are progressing in school, it is lovely for our staff to be able to share this with you.

I have to say a huge well done to our Dodgeball Team taking part in the competition at Carr Hill on Tuesday. Nathan, Ashton, Isla, Fred, Scarlett, Quinn and Colton were a great team and achieved an impressive 5<sup>th</sup> place out of 12 teams. They had a fabulous time too!

This week we have welcomed cover teacher Miss Ellen Callaghan into Year 2. She will be covering Mr Moulding's absence.

We have also appointed a new site supervisor who will be starting with . Mickey Sweatman should be with us next week opening and closing the building along with all the general maintenance jobs and cleaning around school. I am sure you will give him a warm welcome as you see him out and about during school drop offs and pickups.

We will also be advertising for a lunchtime playleader assistant to start after the Christmas break. This position is for an hour every day between 12-1pm. Please let us know if you think this position is of interest to you or someone you may know.

Our gorgeous Christmas tree is now up in the hall, so school is really beginning to have that festive feel. Nativity practises are going well, and I am sure parents of the younger children will have heard the songs (and spoken lines) many times by now. Not long to wait for the actual performances!

I'm sure, like me, many of you will be decorating your own trees and homes this weekend. For those who will be attending the Christingle Service tonight at Freckleton Methodist Church (6-7pm) have a wonderful time. Mrs Kershaw and Mrs Butcher will be there from 5:45pm to help with the children and to celebrate with you.

Have a lovely weekend everybody,

Katherine Shuttleworth

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

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November – 6:00pm-7:00pm – Christingle Service**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – 7:00pm** – Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Freckleton Cenotaph

**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

### Parking

We would like to issue a polite reminder that the school car park should only be used by parents dropping off very young children who may use car seats or those with disabilities. We ask that parents use the single bays closest to school wherever possible to enable staff to park in the double spaces next to the lane. From 7.50am onwards staff are finding it difficult to park as some parents are parking in the middle of 2 to 4 bays at a time. Our staff are asked to fill the car park in the order of starting from the Care Club end up to the entrance gates to ensure that no individual bays are left in between cars as there is not enough room to manoeuvre cars into these when the car park is full. Whilst dropping off children may take a few minutes for parents/carers, this can and does affect the full day parking capacity of those who work at both Strike Lane and Blue Bear when the staff bays are used. We greatly appreciate your assistance with this.

Class Attendance (week ending 28/11/25)	Weekly
Oak	95.0%
Beech	96.1%
Rowan	90.8%
Maple	95.1%
Willow	93.2%
Sycamore	95.9%
Hornbeam	92.7%

**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>	Ethan & Rylie
<b>Beech</b>	Stanlee & Bartholomew
<b>Rowan</b>	Ava & Edward
<b>Maple</b>	Caden & Jessica S
<b>Willow</b>	Vaughan & Olivia A
<b>Sycamore</b>	Jasmine & Nathan
<b>Hornbeam</b>	Bembé & Scarlett-Marie

**Attendance**

Well done to Beech Class for achieving over 96% attendance this week.

**Christmas Pantomime**

The payment item for the Christmas Pantomime is still open in Arbor. The pantomime is always a great whole school experience and one we all look forward to. The Friends of Strike Lane have kindly agreed to pay the travel expenses again this year so we will be going to watch Peter Pan at Lowther Pavilion on the afternoon of Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. The cost to parents/carers is £10 per child for admission and can be paid via your Arbor app. To confirm your child's place please login to your Arbor app, scroll down to the "**Activities**" section and select "**Trips**". From there you should see the registration/payment item for the Christmas pantomime. Parents/Carers will have until 9pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December to confirm their child's place on the trip.

**Christmas Hamper Raffles**

Good luck to everyone who has bought raffle tickets for our Christmas Hampers. One ticket will be drawn each school day throughout December with the first draw taking place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Tickets can still be bought in the school shop section of your Arbor app or alternatively as this is a Friends event, cash can be paid at the school office.

**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 fee of £10.00. Please email [bursar@strikelane.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@strikelane.sch.uk) for further details.



**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)

# **Freckleton Library Christmas Fayre**

**Thursday 4 December between 10am-4pm**

*Our Library Craft group and Knitting Group have been busy elves all year making excellent decorations, gifts and knitted products all at great prices*

*Lots of stalls with individually handcrafted products including*

- *Handmade Cards*
- *Resin Artwork*
- *Homemade Stitched Gifts*
- *Christmas Stationery & Wooden Gifts*
- *Patchworks & Handsewn Products*
- *Homemade Notebooks*
- *Themed Gifts*
- *Skincare products and more.....*

**Homemade Cakes to buy**  
**Free Tea/coffee**



# 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

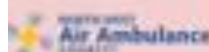
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GOOD CAUSES



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**SUPPORT  
A GREAT  
CLAUS** at

# Santa Dash

**Walk, jog or run**  
on Blackpool Promenade

**Free Santa suits and  
medals for participants**

Join us...

**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER  
2025**



**Brian House**  
Children's Hospice

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[www.blackpoolsantadash.co.uk](http://www.blackpoolsantadash.co.uk)

# MARTIAL ARTS

## FREE TRIAL FOR AGES 3+

### 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](http://www.totaltaekwondo.co.uk)

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## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENT



**THURS 27<sup>th</sup> - FRI 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**10AM to 1PM**

Doors open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday to view the Christmas displays provided by groups within the community



## CHRISTINGLE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



**FRI 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**

**6.00PM**

Coffee and Mince Pies will be served after the service

## CHRISTMAS FAIR SAT 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 10AM TO 2PM

Stalls Include; Cakes, Jams & Preserves, Tombola, Young Church Book Stall, Raffle.  
Hot & Cold Food and Drinks



**ALL ARE WELCOME**





Holy Trinity Church  
Lytham Road  
Freckleton  
Preston  
PR4 1AA



# 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 <u>HT</u> (no service at St Paul's)

*Evening Prayer Mondays at 16:00*



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