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Newsletter 15th November 2024

Thank you for another fantastic week in school. We've been extremely busy and lots of excellent learning has been taking place. In worship, we reflected on Armistice Day on Monday and held a 2-minute silence in the hall as a whole school.

We welcomed 'Rock Steady' into school on Wednesday to deliver a musical assembly and explain to the children and staff about their music lessons from January – more information will be sent about this.

Tomorrow, we are taking part in 'Children in Need' day and combining it with a 'Rainbow' Afternoon focussed on team building and traditional games – keep an eye on Facebook and dojo for photos of this.

The staff have continued to be the best they can be and taken part in lots of CPD this term and strive to be exceptional – thank you to every staff member for this!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs White



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Remembrance

Thank you to everyone who came to either of our churches on Remembrance Sunday. We were very proud of our community.



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Thank a staff member

Kind words can go a long way, and a smile can make someone's day!



Next week it is parents evening and Mrs White has put some little slips in the main entrance if anyone would like to write a positive note to any staff members. You can write it anonymously or sign it, and then place it in the box next to it. They will then be shared with the staff.

We hope to spread a little kindness around school

Thank you



PARKING REMINDER

Please can we remind all parents, and anyone who picks up or drops off, of the following:

- Please do not park on the car park
- Please do not turn around in the car park
- Please do not walk through or across the car park – it is dangerous
 - Please do not stop on the zig zags
- Please do not do a 3-point turn outside school

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School Council

The school council are running some stalls at the Christmas Fair and have asked for us to share some things that they need if anyone can help?

Red Team are doing a Card Game

Donations needed are chocolates, sweets or old McDonald's toys

Orange Team are doing Cup Stacking

Donations needed are Sweets and Chocolates

Yellow Team are doing Face painting and face glitter

No donations are needed but donations for other teams would be brilliant

Green Team are doing the Higher or Lower Card Game

Donations needed are Sweets and Chocolates

Blue Team are doing a game called 'Shoot the fruit'

Donations needed are fruit shoots and fizzy pop in cans

Indigo Team are doing the Lollypop game

Donations needed are Lollypops

Violet Team will be doing Tattoos

No donations are needed but donations for the other teams would be brilliant

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FUNDING for BOOKS

We are currently fundraising for new Guided reading books for Year 1 and Year 2. We have been quoted £2446 for enough books to meet our needs. If anyone knows of any bids, funding avenues or companies that would be willing to sponsor or donate anything towards our fundraising efforts, please contact either Mrs White or Mrs Hartley.

Thank you very much for any support.



Christmas Card Competition

Mrs White is holding the annual Christmas Card competition to design a Christmas Card that school sends out to different people/places in our local community.

If your child would like to submit a design, please can they be sent into school on a plain piece of A4 paper by Friday 22nd November.

We are looking forward to seeing all the different designs 😊



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Spare Christmas Decorations

This year the staff have decided to create a winter wonderland in school as a surprise for the children...ssh don't tell them!

If anyone has any spare decorations that they no longer need, we would happily take them off your hands 😊

Please drop any off at the main entrance or give them to your child's class teacher.

Thank you very much!



Lateness and Attendance Policy

Just a reminder that doors open at 8.40am and **close** promptly at 8.55am for the start of the school. When the children enter school, they begin learning immediately as the teachers set up tasks for them to do to settle into the school day.

Please can we ask parents to try and get their children to school on time so that no learning time is missed. If you are having regular trouble getting your child here on time, please speak to the class teacher to see how we can support you with this.

If your child misses the start of the day, they can miss work and do not spend time with their class teacher getting important news and information for the day. Pupils arriving late also disrupt lessons, which can be embarrassing for the child and can in turn, encourage absence. Being 10 minutes late every day throughout the academic year is the same as missing two weeks of school.

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Governors have now adopted the new Attendance Policy from Lancashire County Council. This has been emailed out to parents today. Please read this carefully as there are some changes that are important.

Thank you.



Holiday Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025

Starts: Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Half term: Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025

Ends: Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term 2026

Starts: Monday 5th January 2026

Half Term: Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026

Ends: Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term 2026

Starts: Monday 13th April 2026

May Day: Monday 4th May 2026

Half Term: Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026

Ends: Friday 17th July 2026

STAFF TRAINING DAYS

Monday 1st September 2025

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Thursday 23rd October 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 20th July 2026

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Dates for Diaries – Autumn Term 2

Please find below some key dates for your diary for next half term.

Any updated or changed dates will be highlighted in yellow each week.

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Mon 18 th Nov | Kate Taylor (SENCO) in school in the afternoon Parents evenings for Years 1, 3 and 5 |
| Wed 20 th Nov | Parents evenings for Year 6 and 2 |
| | Parents evenings for Reception and Year 5 |
| Fri 22 nd Nov | Non-Uniform in return for: KS1 – Tombola KS2 – Jarola |
| Mon 25 th Nov | 4pm-5.30pm – RV football league |
| Mon 2 nd Dec | Kate Taylor (SENCO) in school 4pm-5.30pm – RV Football League |
| Fri 6 th Dec | PANTOMIME at the Grand in the morning Christmas Fair in the afternoon |
| Tuesday 10 th Dec | Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Play at 10am and 2pm |
| Wed 11 th Dec | 9am – Intra Health Flu Immunisation catch up Christmas Raffle Year 2 trip to Turton Tower |
| Thurs 12 th Dec | Christmas Jumper Day (and a Christmas hat if they want to as well) Santa Dash in school 2pm – Reception Christmas Stay and Play |
| Mon 16 th Dec | Kate Taylor (SENCO) in school |
| Tues 17 th Dec | 10am Nativity – EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 2pm Nativity – EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 6pm Carols by Candlelight for KS2 |
| Wed 18 th Dec | Santa visits school Christmas Lunch Class parties – children can wear party clothes to school |
| Thurs 19 th Dec | Special Certificate Assembly |
| Fri 20 th Dec | 10am – special assembly visit from Destiny Africa – their choir is singing for us FINISH FOR CHRISTMAS AT NORMAL TIME |

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Clubs Autumn Term 2024

| | What | Who | Teacher | When | Start Date |
|-------|----------|-----------|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Tues | Netball | Years 5&6 | Mrs Burcher | 3.15pm-4.15pm | 17 th September |
| | Football | Years -6 | Mr Stell | 3.15pm-4.15pm | 17 th September |
| Wed | Choir | Years 3-6 | Mrs Jones | Lunchtime | 18 th September |
| Thurs | | | | | |
| Fri | Judo | Years 3-6 | Club 62 Judo – Nathon Burns | 3.30pm-4.30pm | 20 th September |

SENCO drop in sessions



Mrs Taylor, our SENCO, will be available on the following dates in the Autumn Term 2024.

- Monday 18th November
- Monday 2nd December
- Tuesday 16th December

If you would like to meet with Kate to discuss your child's additional needs, please email senco@wwb.lancs.sch.uk SEND queries must now be emailed to senco@wwb.lancs.sch.uk This email address will be checked weekly by either Mrs White or Mrs Taylor. If there are any urgent questions or concerns in relation to classroom support, intervention or plans, please don't hesitate to contact the class teacher.



CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER



JAROLA & TOMBOLA

Remember that next Friday 22nd November is a non-uniform day in exchange for Christmas Fair donations. KS1 (pre-school to Year 2) please bring in a tombola gift and KS2 (years 3 to 6) please bring Jarola donations. Ideas for your Jarolas could include - sweet treats, hair clips and bobbles, small items of stationery, stickers, small toys and then finish them off with a bit of Christmas sparkle! We know the children love making them as much as winning them! Items can be brought into school all next week, not just Friday, please leave at the school office.

CAN YOU HELP?

We would be extremely grateful to have some additional volunteers to help run the Fair stalls, especially parents and carers for the older children who don't require supervision around the Fair. Therefore, if you are able to help between approx. 12.45pm and 3.15pm on Friday 6th December, please contact Grace Hopcraft 07866 445524 or email friendsofwwb@hotmail.com. It's only a couple of hours but will make a huge difference :-)

DONATIONS WELCOME PLEASE!

We are busy working behind the scenes to ensure all the children (and adults!) enjoy a fabulous school fair. We will have a number of new stalls and games this year and are asking for support in the donation of the following items please;

For games in the main hall - various Tombola items, Bottle in a bag raffle- various bottles i.e., shampoo, bubble bath, alcoholic drinks, soft drinks sent in a gift bag, jarolas, small gifts which the children can buy and have wrapped for presents

For the cafe in Year 4 - donations of cakes, mince pies, sweet treats etc that fair goers can enjoy with a cup of tea, coffee or a mulled wine!

For the stalls in Year 5 - donations of toys, books, games, jigsaws and soft toys

New this year! - preloved Christmas jumper stall!

Please send in any Christmas jumpers that are too small or no longer required so another child may enjoy it!



OTHER CHRISTMAS INFORMATION



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

All children should receive their raffle tickets home in their school bags this week. Initially each child will receive one book of tickets to sell, however more are certainly available! Why not ask friends and family if they would like to buy tickets and help support school?

We already have some great prizes on offer – see our facebook page for more information!

We would be delighted to receive more raffle prizes too, so if you are able to send something in or ask a local business to help this would be greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

For anyone who missed out on ordering Christmas cards and other products designed by your child, we have another opportunity for you!

The online shop will be open for anyone who missed out between 15th and the 25th November. These orders will be subject to a 10% commission and will be delivered within 14 days of the 25th Nov. If you have lost your artwork code then you can email lostcodes@classfundraising.co.uk who will be able to provide it to you in readiness for the shop reopening.

FRIENDS OF WWB DONATIONS

We are working hard organising the Christmas Fair and raffle in order to raise as much money as possible for our wonderful school, so that our children are the ones who benefit. With recent events such as the cake sale, flashy toy sale and disco, combined with the upcoming Fair and raffle, we are hoping to raise enough money to purchase some new iPads for school which the children will use within their learning.

In addition, Friends of WWB recently donated a huge £6,500 to school towards the replacement of the wooden play equipment which all children have access to, and work on replacing this actually begins next week – exciting stuff so watch this space!

We thank you all, as ever, for your continued support.



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Attendance

Week commencing 11th November 2024

We are aiming for every child/class to have at least 96% attendance

| Class | Attendance Percentage |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| Reception | 92.1 |
| Year 1 | 95.6 |
| Year 2 | 98.3 |
| Year 3 | 94.3 |
| Year 4 | 98.1 |
| Year 5 | 87.5 |
| Year 6 | 98.3 |

CONTACT US



Please always request to speak to your child's class teacher as first point of contact if you have a query or concern. If it cannot be resolved with the teacher, a member of the Senior Leadership Team will aim to make themselves available to you as soon as possible.

School contact details: 01200 422915 or bursar@wwb.lancs.sch.uk

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