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# Newsletter 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

## Dates for Diaries – Autumn 1

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| Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | Kate Taylor, SENCO, in school<br>Life Education sessions in school all day<br>Year 4 swimming           |
| Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | Life Education sessions in school all day   |
| Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Viking visitor in Year 5  |
| Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | World Mental Health Day – wear yellow – non uniform   |
| Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | Individual school photos  |
| Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Year 4 swimming   |
| Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | Harvest Service in church at 2pm. We will walk the children there and parents can take them home after. |
| Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | Rainbow Afternoon   |
| Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct | School closes at normal time for half term  |
| Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov   | School re-opens for Autumn 2  |

## Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

A huge thank you to all the families who joined us for our Macmillan Coffee events last week. Your support, generosity, and delicious contributions made the event a wonderful success. Together, we've helped raise vital funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, making a real difference to those affected by cancer.

**WE RAISED A SUPERB AMOUNT - £505!**

**THANK YOU EVERYONE!**



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## **Old School Sports Day Fun!**

Last week some Year 3/4 pupils took part in an Old School Sports Day. We had an amazing time. 12 schools participated and we enjoyed some classic events – from welly throwing and tug of war to the good old egg & spoon, sack races, and space hopper races!

Every team gave it their all and the atmosphere was fantastic – well done to everyone who took part! We were very happy with 2<sup>nd</sup> place! 🏆

## **Football**

On Monday, some children from Year 5 and 6 competed in the Ribble Valley, Kids Cup. We played six games and won five of them. We have now progressed to the semi-finals which will take place in a few weeks' time. The children played very well, and it was lovely to hear parents from another school say how sporting our children had been against their school.

On Tuesday, some girls from Year 4, 5 and 6 represented school in the Girls Cup at Ribblesdale High School. They played well and competed in lots of close games, winning 1, drawing 2 and losing 2. Well done girls and a huge thank you to all the parents that came, helped with transport and supported on both nights.

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## 🌟 Sporting Success at Waddington & West Bradford Primary! 🌟

We are thrilled to share some fantastic news! At the annual PE conference this week, Mrs Hartley discovered that our school has achieved outstanding recognition for our sporting participation and achievements across the Ribble Valley and Hyndburn.

🏆 **3rd place** for participation in **non-competitive events**

🏆 **1st place** for participation in **competitive events**

This is a brilliant reflection of the enthusiasm, teamwork, and commitment shown by all our pupils who take part in sport and physical activity. A huge thank you also goes to Mrs Hartley for her dedication to providing such wonderful opportunities for our children to shine.

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Well done, Team Waddington & West Bradford – what an achievement! 🏆



## **Parking and Driving**

We would like to remind all families of the importance of safe and considerate parking and turning during school drop-off and pick-up times.

The areas around the school can become very busy, and unsafe parking or hurried manoeuvres put children, parents, and staff at risk. To help keep everyone safe, please:

- **Park in designated areas only** – avoid blocking driveways, the staff car park, the bus area.
- **Do not turn/reverse into the staff car park**- children cross the pavement in front of the car park.
- **Do not stop or park on the yellow zig-zag lines** outside school.
- **Drive slowly and remain alert** for children who may step out unexpectedly.

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- **Be courteous to neighbours and other road users** – we rely on good relationships with our local community.

Your cooperation helps us create a safer environment for all students and ensures smooth, stress-free pick-up and drop-off times.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe.



## **Behaviour in school**

Recently, we have seen a small increase in incidents of unacceptable behaviour, including physically hurting others, the use of inappropriate language and being disrespectful and rude to staff. This is not behaviour that reflects our Christian school values, and it is not something we will tolerate as this has never been the case before at Waddington.

Our priority is always to ensure that every child feels safe, respected, and able to learn in a positive environment and that our staff can teach without disruption. For this reason, we are taking these incidents seriously and want an end to them so that we can focus on all of the amazing things that go on in our school every day. We are addressing them firmly within school, but it is vital that we also work in partnership with you to help children understand that such behaviour is never acceptable.

We kindly ask that you help us by talking with your child about the importance of respect, kindness, and appropriate behaviour both in and out of school. By reinforcing these messages at home and in school, we can ensure our children learn the skills they need to get along with others and contribute positively to our Christian community.

Thank you, as always, for your support. Together we can help all of our children to feel safe, happy, and ready to learn.

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## **We are a PARK RUN School**

We have signed up as a Park Run school! 🏃🏃🏃

We will be doing a Park Run Take Over on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November so please keep this date free and we'll send more information nearer the time.



## **SENCO**



Mrs Kate Taylor is our Special Educational Needs Coordinator.

Mrs Taylor will be in school on the dates below this term but can also be contacted via email on [senco@wwb.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:senco@wwb.lancs.sch.uk)

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**UPDATE – Mrs Harrington is now also the 'back-up' SENCO in school and can help parents when Mrs Taylor is not on site. She can be contacted via the school office.**

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## Attendance

Week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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

| Class     | Attendance Percentage |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| Reception | 99%                   |
| Year 1    | 97.9%                 |
| Year 2    | 96.7%                 |
| Year 3    | 94.3%                 |
| Year 4    | 94.1%                 |
| Year 5    | 97.4%                 |
| Year 6    | 96.3%                 |

## 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](mailto:bursar@wwb.lancs.sch.uk)

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