



Friday 14th March 2025

Diary dates

Dates for the academic year can be found on our website

-  Monday 24th March (& Thursday 27th March)
Class 17 Parents Evening
-  Tuesday 25th March
Intra-School Sports 4
-  Wednesday 26th March 15.30-18.00
Parents Evening
-  Thursday 27th March 15.30-18.00
Parents Evening
-  Friday 28th March
Non Uniform Day - Children to bring Easter treats
-  Tuesday 8th April
Year 3 Easter Celebration All Saints 9.30-10.45
Year 4 Italian day 13.30-3.00
Easter Bingo 18.00-20.00
-  Thursday 10th April
Public Speaking Event KS1
Year 1 Easter Celebration All Saints 9.30-10.45
-  Friday 11th April
Public Speaking Event KS2
School Closes for Easter 15.15

Headteacher's Message

Last night the choir performed in the first regional heat of The Last Choir Singing at The Marine Hall in Fleetwood. The children were amazing and their performance raised the roof. We were all delighted when we were announced as the winners. We will be in the final at the Blackpool Opera House in July.

We were all immensely proud of the children's achievement and they were a credit to both the school and their families.

A huge thank you to Mr Jones, Mrs Felvus, Mr Morley and Miss Eckersley for their hard work and dedication to facilitate this fantastic opportunity. We do it all again on Tuesday at the Winter Gardens for Blackpool's Choir of the Year Festival. Thank you also to the staff who supported last night.

Today, the children from Foundation Stage to Y5 will be bringing home a letter about changes to our uniform, in particular jumpers and cardigans, from 1st September 2025.

Please see Dojo and Tapestry for an electronic version of the letter.

If you would like to see a sample of the change to our cardigan and PE t-shirt, please pop into the school office. There is also a sample of the navy hoodie for PE available.

Yesterday our Dance Squad performed in front of the staff team showcasing the performance they have entered via video for Blackpool Games Dance Competition. Their performance was excellent and has been choreographed and practised in a short period of time.

We are now waiting for the judge's decision to see if we have been chosen to perform in the regional competition. Thank you to Mrs Walch and Mrs Plummer for their hard work and dedication to facilitate this.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Barr

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The Last Choir Singing

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Free School Meals

Important: Changes to Free School Meal Protection

The Government recognises the benefits of providing a healthy school meal to the most disadvantaged pupils.

Since 1 April 2018, all pupils with existing and new free school meal eligibility have continued to receive free school meals whilst Universal Credit was rolled out. This applied even if the claimant's earnings rose above the threshold after entitlement was awarded due to the free school meal protection policy.

The free school meal protection policy will end on 31 March 2025.

On 31 March 2025, all pupils with existing free school meal eligibility will continue to receive free school meals until the end of their primary school phase of education, regardless of whether the claimant meets the eligibility criteria.

From 1 April 2025, any pupil gaining a new free school meal eligibility will not be protected by the free school meal protection policy. This means their eligibility will end whenever the claimant's earnings rise above the threshold, or they are no longer a recipient of Universal Credit.

We want to make sure as many eligible pupils as possible receive their free school meal eligibility before 31 March 2025 so that their entitlement remains protected.

It's really easy to check whether or not your child is entitled to free school meals. Just click on the link below and complete a very quick application. You should get the results on the same day that you submit the application. Alternatively, if you do not have internet access, you can collect a paper application from the school office.

Blackpool Council:

<https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Residents/Education-and-schools/School-meals/Free-school-meals.aspx>

or Lancashire County Council:

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



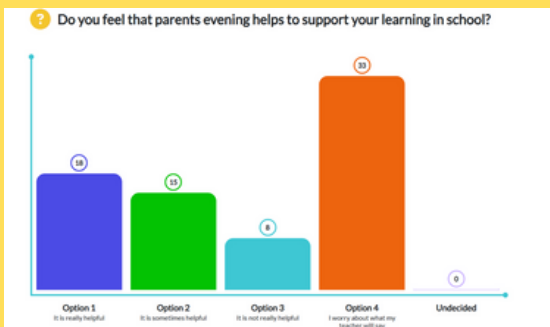
This week in pictures





Junior Leadership Team News

Hello from the Junior Leadership Team. This week's question was 'do you feel that parents evening helps you to support you in your learning?'



This week's fact is - Snow white and the seven dwarfs was the first ever Disney film released in 1937.

Parents/ carers bringing dogs into school grounds at drop off and pick up times

We recognise that dogs are an important part of family life for many in the school community, and as such are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from school.

However, others may find the presence of dogs in the playground and school grounds stressful, even frightening particularly with younger children, and even well-behaved dogs can behave unpredictably when placed in a busy, noisy and crowded environment.

Therefore, please can we remind you that our school policy is that no dogs are allowed on school premises either on a lead or carried.

We would appreciate your co-operation by not bringing your dog onto the school grounds.

Attendance Matters!

Well done to Foundation Stage, who have the highest year group attendance this week.

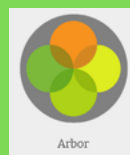
Well done also to Class 7, who had the highest class attendance and won our attendance award this week.

Year Group	Weekly Attendance Week commencing 10/03/25	Average this year
Foundation Stage	97.1%	96.1%
Year 1	95.2%	95.5%
Year 2	96.0%	95.8%
Year 3	96.8%	96.1%
Year 4	94.3%	95.1%
Year 5	96.7%	95.5%
Year 6	96.7%	94.6%

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO PENALTY NOTICE CHARGES

The DfE announced during the summer term national charges to penalty notices issues for unauthorised absences in term time, these came into effect on the 19th August 2024.

- Penalty notices issued for the offence after the 19th of August 2024 will be charged at the new rate of £160.00 however if paid in 21-days this reduces to £80.00.
- Any second penalty notice to the same parent for the same child in a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160.00 to be paid within 28-days with no option for a discount.
- Penalty notice threshold is 10-sessions equivalent to 5-days of unauthorised absence in a rolling 10-school week period.
- Maximum of 2-penalty notices may be issued for the same child within a rolling 3-years period, so at the 3rd or subsequent offence another course of action will need to be considered such a prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions.



ARBOR APP

We kindly request that all parents download the Arbor App and complete the registration process. To do so, you will need the email address we have on file for your child. If you need any assistance or clarification, please don't hesitate to contact the school office at 01253 855215. More details to follow. Thank you for your cooperation

Notices



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IF YOU'RE BONKERS ABOUT BREAD OR HAVE A PASSION FOR PASTRY, THEN YOU COULD BE BAKING IN THE FAMOUS WHITE TENT IN 2025!

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
SUNDAY 23RD MARCH

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NEW OFFER: Multi-ticket March!
Book a visit to Waterworld AquaPark or Adventure Mini Village online this March and get a free round of Mini Golf on us!

How to redeem: Simply show your booking or order confirmation for Waterworld or AMV on email to the staff at Adventure Mini Golf when checking in. Our staff will ensure that the visit date is valid, check you in and welcome you into our Tiki-themed, Mini Golf paradise!

Waterworld's next Additional Needs (SEND) Event is this Saturday 8th March, 6-8pm!

We aim to host these events regularly, with the pool open exclusively to those with disabilities and their families. Waterworld welcomes those with disabilities at all times, but exclusivity means families have easier access to the water and rides, with many travelling from out of the county to enjoy the facilities.

Don't miss out on this great event, which provides a tailored, calmer environment to take youngsters with an array of disabilities into the water at our awesome AquaPark! Further information can be found towards the bottom of this email for those who haven't been to these events before..

<https://www.waterworld-tickets.co.uk/>

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MAD SCIENCE CAMPS 2025 INFORMATION

EASTER CAMPS

WEEK 1: 7th - 11th April (5 day week)
Alderley Edge School for Girls, SK9 7QE
Lancaster University Chaplaincy, LA1 4YW
St Pius X Catholic Prep School, Preston, PR2 8RD

WEEK 2: 14th - 17th April (4 day week)
AKS Prep School, Lytham, FY8 1DT
The King's School, Chester, CH4 7QL
Eccleston Lane Ends School, Prescot, L34 2QN

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