



Week ending: 14th February 2025

Upcoming dates

Friday 14th February:

School closes for half-term break

Monday 24th February:

Return to school 'Spring 2'

Swimming timetable begins for all classes – see separate letter

Thursday 6th March:

World Book Day – information on page two

Friday 7th March:

OPAL Stay and Play

PTA Spring Disco

Sunday 9th March:

St Francis Church Parade

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Monday 10th March:

Y6 SATs meeting for parents/carers 2.45 – 3.25pm

Friday 14th March:

Y1 Charity Day – Comic Relief

Thursday 27th March:

Reception Class's Mother's Day Service

Week six of the Spring Term:

This week in worship we have been thinking about how we encourage other people to reach our goals. We learned about the disciple Barnabas, who was one of the very earliest followers of Jesus and a leader of the early church. His real name was Joseph and he was given his new name of Barnabas by those who knew him well; it means 'son of encouragement'. He encouraged Paul to continue his ministry in the face of immense challenges, which led to the rise of Christianity across Europe and the Middle East.

We thought about how we could encourage our friends and family when they had challenges to face too.

Reverend Bryn came into school on Wednesday to lead our worship. He told us all about Psalm 23, 'The Lord is my Shepherd'. We learned that there are 150 psalms, or songs, in the Bible, and these can support us in different ways when we need to ask for help, for courage, for forgiveness or to give thanks.

Our international greeting this week has been 'Bonjour tout le monde' – in keeping with our Modern Foreign Language teaching of French, to our KS2 children.

Goodbye and Welcome Back!

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Miss Parkinson today. She has been an amazing teacher in our Y5 class since September and she will be missed by us all.

Mrs. Farran will be returning to her post as Year 5 teacher after half term, following the end of her maternity leave. We are excited to see her back!
Mrs. Foster

Attendance – some reminders



If children are to get the most significant benefit from their education in school, they must have good attendance and arrive punctually. As children grow and prepare for the following stages of education and employment, they need to see good attendance and punctuality as essential qualities valued by others and employers. Parents/Carers are expected to ensure their children attend school every day. Attendance should be as close to 100% and not below 96%. Please also make sure your child is in school each day by 8.50am, when the gates close.

Y6 Award winners and special mentions



Y5 Award winners and special mentions



Y4 Award winner



Y3 Award winners and special mentions



Y2 Award winner



Y1 Award winner and special mention



Reception Class Award winners and special mentions



Well done to our award winners and special mentions this week!

Remember, if your child isn't on one of these photographs, reassure him/her that that doesn't mean they haven't been noticed!

Our staff celebrate achievements – great and small – every day in class, whether its through praise, a postcard home, a sticker or a thumbs up.

To link with our value for this half term, the key is to persevere!

Petition

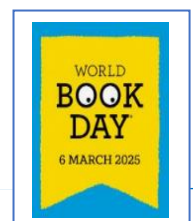
We have pages and pages of signatures now, to petition the council for a school crossing patrol and/or zebra crossing. After the half term break we will be sending the petition off, and awaiting a response from the council. If you still want to sign our sheet, please do come into the school office.

Thanks again to Lucy's grandma for her huge efforts with this.

World Book Day

To celebrate books and reading, we are inviting children to create a book character from a potato and bring it into school on Thursday 6th March.

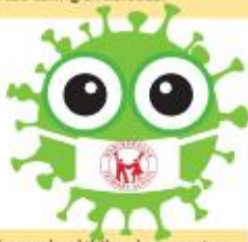
Perhaps use the half-term break to think about and begin the design?



IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

yes until...

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| CHICKENPOX | At least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over. |
| DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING | 48 hours after their last episode. |
| HIGH TEMPERATURE | If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away. |
| IMPETIGO | Their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics. |
| MEASLES | 4 days after the rash first appeared. |
| MUMPS | 5 days after their swelling started. |
| SCABIES | They've had their first treatment. |
| SCARLET FEVER | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics. |
| WHOOPING COUGH | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics. |



NO

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| CONJUNCTIVITIS | You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly. |
| COUGHS & COLDS | It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. |
| HAND, FOOT & MOUTH | If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly. |
| HEAD LICE | There's no need to keep your child off school. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing your GP. |
| THREADWORMS | Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend treatment. |
| SORE THROAT TONSILLITIS | You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. |
| SLAPPED CHEEK | You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. |

Business Partnerships

Today we have welcomed three businesses into school to work with our Y4, Y5 and Y6 classes.

Thanks to Fruity Llama, Forbes and Eric Wright for working with the children in our three classes: teaching them all about the world of work.

Year 4 particularly enjoyed finding out about AI during their visit from Fruity Llama. They designed a range of exotic-looking animals using ChatGPT.

Year 6 children have been problem-solving and building structures to construct even bigger structures with visitors from Eric Wright.

We look forward to working with them again in Summer.

Look out for photos on our Facebook page!

Swimming Sessions 24th February – 14th March

Please see separate letter for the timetable for each class.

On their swimming days, children will need to bring:

- a towel,
- a swimming costume (not bikini) or swimming shorts,
- swimming cap (girls and boys)
- goggles (if needed)
- sliders/flip flops/crocs
- dry-robe/oodie/dressing gown etc

- all in a swimming bag/carrier bag

Our youngest children will be helped to get dry and dressed if this is needed, but any practice towards this at home would be appreciated.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding these arrangements, please do speak to your child's class teacher.

Parent Feedback

FUNDA Holiday Camps have been a brilliant My child can't wait to go every morning and comes home happy, tired, and full of stories. Knowing he's safe and active gives me complete peace of mind while I'm at work.

Overall Rating: 4.9 ★★★★★

I love the giant inflatables and UV dodgeball! Every day is different, and I've made loads of new friends.

Fun Fact
FUNDA Holiday Camps are trusted by thousands of families, and our 4.9 average rating speaks to our commitment to quality, safety, and unforgettable fun.

Our testimonials say it all—FUNDA Holiday Camps are a place where a child on their parents' mind, and everyone leaves with a smile.

Ready to join the FUNDA family? Book now for an active, engaging holiday experience!

BOOK NOW

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FUNDAActive.com/holidaycamps
Childcare Vouchers, CCGPS & TFC Accepted

Venues Across The North West

Multi-Sports & Games
Creative Play & Free Play
Special Rewards

Giant Inflatables
UV Laser Tag
UV Dodgeball

Theme Days
Breakout Moments
Special Events

Themed Dress-Up Days
Surprise Guests
Giant Medal Awards

A Typical FUNDAstic Day...
(Daily Timetable Example Only)...

FUNDA Multi-Activities
(For Children Aged 4 to 12 years)

- Physical Activities: Sports, Activities, Games & Play
- Giant Inflatable, Obstacle Courses, Skills & Memory Games
- Outdoor Active Adventure Games & Challenges
- Competitions, Awards & Prizes
- Breakout Moments
- Theme Days

Please Remember To Bring...

- Healthy Packaged Lunch & Drink
- Healthy Snacks & Refreshments (water bottle)
- Partnered & Licensed For Physical Activities
- Travel & Change @ Customs & Border
- Bag of Home Comfortables

EASY & FLEXIBLE BOOKINGS

Book Holiday Camps Online and see your child flourish with FUNDA!

Get in touch: 01282 525 200

BOOK NOW

FREE Half-term Activities – for the whole family!

BLACKBURN MUSEUM & ART GALLERY **WORKSHOPS WITH CATH FORD**
 ALL SESSIONS 12 PM TO 3 PM

TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY
 Make a bird finger puppet or headdress using scrap paper and card inspired by the bird collection

WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY
 Decorate a wooden heart inspired by the Lancashire Rose

THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY
 Use scrap paper and card to create your own mask inspired by Picasso and the Cubist artists.



BLACKBURN MUSEUM & ART GALLERY **OBSCURA DARKROOM**
SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY
 11 AM TO 3 PM

Take an old-school selfie using a 70-year-old large-format camera, learn about the traditional photographic process, and capture your portraits on 4x5 paper negatives. These will be displayed on an expanding photo wall throughout the Museum's 150th year. At the end of the exhibition, participants can collect their original portraits from the museum.

BLACKBURN MUSEUM & ART GALLERY **ALSO AT THE MUSEUM**
TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY TO SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY
 11 AM TO 4 PM

A range of free, family friendly activities including: "Get Crafty sessions", still life drawing, trails, and quizzes. Inspired by the local work in the ART OPEN 2025 exhibition.

FAB LAB THE MAKING ROOMS
EVERY SATURDAY & SUNDAY
 10 AM TO 6 PM

Fab Lab Blackburn Open Days at The Making Rooms enable anybody to come and try designing and making things using some pretty advanced but easy-to-use equipment, such as 3D printers, laser cutters, and lots more.



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BLACKBURN DARWEN

FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES
FEBRUARY HALF-TERM






DARWEN MARKET **BLACKBURN MARKET** **BLACKBURN MUSEUM & ART GALLERY** **DARWEN LIBRARY** **BLACKBURN LIBRARY** **ROMAN ROAD LIBRARY**

Read Now Write Now

CLIMATE CHAMPIONS

Learn about climate change and get creative by writing a short, inspiring story and designing an illustration on a postcard for display across Blackburn with Darwen libraries to inspire others to become Climate Champions.

Visit all four locations across town to build up your own Blackburn print. Stamp four different colours at four different stations across town to complete an amazing keepsake design.

BLACKBURN PRINT RALLY



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FRIDAY 21 & SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY
 DROP-IN BETWEEN 11 AM & 3 PM

BLACKBURN CENTRAL LIBRARY **MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY**
 10.30AM TO 12.30PM

DARWEN LIBRARY **MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY**
 2PM TO 4PM

ROMAN ROAD LIBRARY **THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY**
 9.30AM TO 11.30AM

BLACKBURN MARKET **ASK-ME THE MALL**

BLACKBURN CENTRAL LIBRARY **BLACKBURN MUSEUM & ART GALLERY**

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ALICE ROWBOTTOM **DARWEN MARKET** **MONDAY**
CRANKIE MAKING **BLACKBURN MARKET** **17 FEBRUARY**

BLACKBURN MARKET **WEDNESDAY**
19 FEBRUARY

Make your own crankie theatre to take away. Crankies are a way of telling stories with pictures. Draw, craft and create your very own cardboard crankie theatre. DROP IN BETWEEN: 11 AM & 3 PM

DARWEN MARKET **WEDNESDAY** **THE MAKING ROOMS**
19 FEBRUARY

BLACKBURN MARKET **FRIDAY** **SEED-BOMB WORKSHOP**
21 FEBRUARY

We'll craft sustainable seed bombs using recycled cardboard. Discover how to spread a little flower power while learning fun and eco-friendly ways to make a difference. Let's make something beautiful for the planet together!
 DROP IN BETWEEN: 11 AM & 3 PM

GOOFUS THEATRE **DARWEN MARKET** **FRIDAY**
WHERE DO THE NOSES GROW? **BLACKBURN MARKET** **21 FEBRUARY**

BLACKBURN MARKET **SATURDAY**
22 FEBRUARY

Come and join Lucy for a fantastical journey full of strange encounters to the island of noses where the strange nose rose grows.

HALF-HOUR PERFORMANCES AT 11 AM, 12 PM, 1PM & 2 PM

