



A message from Mrs Bell, Headteacher

What a fantastic week it has been! Our school has been buzzing with learning, hard work and achievement, and it has been a pleasure to see so many children demonstrating our school values each day. Today, we rounded off the week in a colourful way as we focused on Mental Health and Wellbeing, celebrating the importance of staying healthy in both mind and body.

Mrs Sarah Bell
Headteacher

Rock Kidz

Only **24 days** to go until we get our next visit from Rock Kidz on Monday 2nd November!

Have you got your rock star or pop star outfit planned?



School Attendance and Punctuality

Y1LC Canaries	98.81
Y6CH Hoopoes	98.61
Y4LN Narwhals	97.78
Y5CE Ermines	96.77
RCK Chicks	96.67
RAH Ducklings	96.30
Y3CE Elephants	96.17
Y6VH Huskies	96.06
Y5NM Meerkat	95.14
Y4AW Wolves	92.86
Y2US Swans	92.59
Y3EP Penguins	92.34
Y2JC Cranes	92.22
Y1IL Lions	91.67

Punctuality

A huge well done to **Y3 Elephants** and **Y4 Wolves**, who had **no late arrivals at all this week.**

Thank you to our children and families for helping everyone start the day ready to learn. Keep up the fantastic effort!

We are delighted to see attendance continue to improve this week, with several classes achieving attendance above 97%.

A huge well done to **Y1 Canaries**, who top this week's attendance table with an excellent **98.81%**.

It is particularly pleasing to see some of our most improved classes this week. **Rec Chicks** made the biggest gain, improving from **89.55% to 96.67%**.

Thank you to all families for your continued support. Regular attendance ensures children do not miss valuable learning opportunities and helps them achieve their very best. Every day in school matters.

Online Safety Advice

Online Safety Reminder - JusTalk Kids

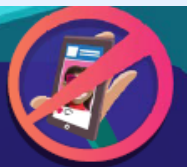
We would like to remind parents that **JusTalk Kids** has a **minimum age requirement of 13 years old**, and primary-aged children should not be using the app.

Whilst the app is marketed as a child-friendly messaging and video-calling platform, there are still potential risks associated with its use, including contact with unknown individuals, sharing of personal information, exposure to inappropriate content, and the possibility of cyberbullying.

Children may also be encouraged to communicate with people outside their trusted family and friendship groups. We encourage parents to regularly monitor their child's online activity, check age restrictions before downloading apps and talk openly with their children about staying safe online.

If you have any concerns about online safety, please contact the school for advice and support.

DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING



Some children might not understand the potential dangers of oversharing online. Set clear guidelines around what *is* and *isn't* safe to share on the internet, and discuss the concept of a digital footprint. Children need to understand that the things they say and share online can never be completely erased. Even if they delete it themselves, it can be saved and distributed by others.

Crossing Patrol

We are delighted that our new School Crossing Patrol is now operational and is already helping children and families cross the road more safely.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the introduction of this valuable service.

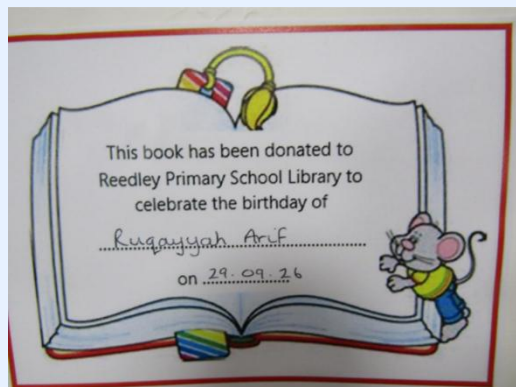
However, we have noticed some drivers still stopping on the crossing routes, parking on dropped kerbs or using the Reedfield entrance as a turning circle.

To keep everyone safe, please do not stop, park, drop off, pick up, or turn around in these areas. By working together and putting safety before convenience, we can ensure that this important facility remains safe and effective for all members of our school community.



Birthday Book

Ruqayyah donated a book to the library for her birthday this week. Thank you Ruqayyah!



Mental Health Day



Hello Yellow and Wellbeing Day

On Friday, we joined schools across the country in celebrating **Hello Yellow**, a national fundraising and awareness day organised by **YoungMinds**, the UK's leading charity for children's and young people's mental health. Throughout the day, children took part in activities focused on wellbeing, emotions and the importance of talking about how we feel.

It was wonderful to see so many children wearing yellow and bright colours to show their support. At Reedley, we are committed to promoting positive mental health and helping children develop the confidence to seek support, build resilience and look after their wellbeing.

Thank you to everyone who supported this important event and helped us raise awareness of children's mental health and wellbeing.



Cricket class have been focusing on empathy and self-care. They have made positive affirmations and appreciation cards.

Parent Meetings

Bookings are now open on School Spider for parents to make an appointment to see their child's teacher to discuss their progress. Bookings will close on Sunday 18th October at 12pm.

If you are not able to get a suitable appointment, you can call the school office and your child's teacher will make an alternative appointment with you.

Device Loans for Online Learning

School has a small number of electronic devices available to loan to families whose children need access to online learning at home.

If your child is unable to access online learning because they do not have a suitable device, please contact **Mrs Iqbal** to discuss your needs and be added to the waiting list.

Families borrowing a device will be expected to support their child in accessing online learning platforms such as **Maths-Whizz, Numbots, Times Tables Rock Stars and Nessy**. Parents and carers must also ensure that appropriate online safety measures are in place at home, such as **Qustodio** or **Google Family Link**, and will need access to their own Wi-Fi connection.

Please contact **Mrs Iqbal** if you would like further information about borrowing a device and you will be invited to a meeting to find out more.

Y6 Secondary School Applications

A reminder for parents and carers of Year 6 pupils that applications for **secondary school places must be submitted by 31 October 2026**.

We encourage families to apply as early as possible to ensure their preferences are considered. Applications can be made online through Lancashire County Council's school admissions process.

If you require any support with your application or would like advice about choosing a secondary school, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help. I have put an invite for an open evening at St John Thursby below, in case anyone wants to go and look around.

AMBITION RESPECT BELONGING

Date for your diary
SJT Open Evening
Thursday 15th October 2026
5.00pm - 7.00pm

We are excited to welcome you to visit and find out what makes SJT such a special place to learn. Our staff and students are looking forward to showing you around as you make this important decision about your child's next steps.

Open Mornings:
Monday 19th October 11.00am-12.00pm & Wednesday 21st October 11.00am-12.00pm

Contact Details:
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Sir John Thursby Community College, Eastern Avenue, Burnley, Lancashire, BB10 2AT

SIR JOHN THURSBY



COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Football Cards

I am pleased to announce that our Football Card Trading Club will be starting again for children in Years 3 – 6.

This is the **only time football cards may be brought into school**. Younger children should not bring any cards.

If children bring cards into school at any other time or trade cards outside of the club, the cards will be confiscated for a period of time and they may lose the opportunity to attend the club.

The club day may vary from week to week, but I will publish the day for the following week in the school newsletter.

Next week's club will take place on Tuesday.

Children wishing to take part must:

- Bring their football cards to school and hand them to their teacher on arrival.
- Bring a signed permission letter from home giving consent to trade cards. They only need to provide the letter on week 1, not weekly as I will keep hold of the letter.
- Sign a Football Card Trading Club agreement.

As part of the agreement, children will agree to:

- Make sensible and fair trades.
- Accept that once a trade has been completed, it cannot be reversed and cards cannot be asked for back.
- Only trade cards during the Football Card Trading Club.
- Not trade cards at any other time in school or elsewhere on the school premises.

We hope this club provides a fun opportunity for children to enjoy their hobby while learning about fairness, responsibility and making sensible decisions.

Let's Go Sing Choir

Our school choir has now been established for the year, with 24 children taking part in the Let's Go Sing concert at King George's Hall on Monday 15th March 2027. This exciting opportunity forms part of our wider music enrichment programme and will see our pupils perform alongside children from other local schools.

On Tuesday morning, Matthew Thomas from the Let's Go Sing project visited school to work with the choir and help them learn some of the songs they will be performing. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and showed great enthusiasm as they began preparing for the concert. We look forward to watching their confidence and skills develop over the coming months.

Practice next week will be on Wednesday lunchtime.



Important Dates for Your Diary

Monday 12 th and Tuesday 13 th October	All classes to take part in a skipping workshop.
Wednesday 14 th October	Y5 and Y6 to have a talk from 'Smoke Free Lancashire', to talk about their health promotion campaign about the dangers of smoking and vaping.
Parent Meetings	Parent appointments will be available on Tuesday 20th October and Wednesday 21st October Parents will be invited to book a meeting with teachers to discuss your child's progress. Bookings will open on Tuesday 6th October at 6pm on School Spider.
HALF TERM	School will be closed from Monday 26th to Friday 30th October
Monday 2 nd November	Rock Kidz are in school all day and all children will get to dress as a rock or pop star! 
Monday 23 rd November	School photographs
CHRISTMAS CLOSURE	School will be closed from Monday 21 December 2026 and will reopen to children on Tuesday 5 January 2027 .

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Sarah Bell,
Headteacher



Attendance Matters

A great education starts with great attendance. Every lesson counts and being in school every day helps children make the most of every opportunity.

- ◆ Please notify the school office before 8.50am if your child is absent.
- ◆ Tell us the specific reason for the absence so that we can meet our safeguarding responsibilities.
- ◆ You can phone, message on School Spider or notify us on Studybugs.
- ◆ Arrive on time every day. Even being a few minutes late can add up to lost learning over the year.
- ◆ Holidays during term time are not normally authorised and can have a significant impact on children's progress.

Thank you for your support in helping our children to attend, achieve and thrive.

If You're Concerned About Something...

We want to work in partnership with you.

If you are ever worried, unhappy or need clarification about a situation, please follow this order of contact via the school office:

- **Class Teacher** – your first point of contact
- **Phase Leader** – if further support is needed:
 - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 – **Miss Hume**
 - Years 3 & 4 – **Mrs Watson**
 - Years 5 & 6 – **Mrs Hornby**

Other staff members are available to help; however, your child's class teacher and Phase Leader will know them best and should usually be your first point of contact.

- **Assistant Headteacher** – Miss Hume
- **Deputy Headteacher** – Mrs Gorrell
- **Headteacher** – Mrs Bell

We're here to help and will always do our best to resolve any concerns quickly and fairly.