



Reedley Primary School

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Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Bell



Friday, 09 January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

10th Year Anniversary

This week Mrs Gorrell and I celebrated 10 years being the Deputy and Headteacher of Reedley School.

We have both loved being part of the school community and working with all our lovely families, children and staff.

We are some lovely memories of life at Reedley over the last 10 years and are looking forward to making many more in the coming years!



Attendance

Our overall school attendance this week was 94.71%

These seven classes met the target of 96% attendance this week.

Y5 Meerkat Class	99.11%
Y6 Husky Class	97.12%
Y4 Penguin Class	97.62%
Y3 Koala Class	97.35%
Y5 Ermine Class	97.32%
Y2 Crane Class	96.94%
Rec Duckling Class	96.70%

Reading Buddies

The Y5/6 Reading Buddies have had a very successful Autumn Term working with some of the Year 1 and Year 2 children and supporting them with their reading.

From Monday 12th January, the Reading Buddies will also be working with children in Reception.

We are proud of the Reading Buddies who give up some of their lunchtime to carry out their Reading Buddy duties and we know that the younger children are so excited when their Reading Buddy knocks on their door to work with them!

Primary School Admissions

School admissions are open and will close on 15th January.

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery you can now apply for their primary school place at: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/search/?search=school+admissions>

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in our school.

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Chaos to Calm TALK, LISTEN, SHARE

There will be a group for parents whose children may be displaying Challenging Behaviours
Sessions will cover:

- Identifying and understanding children's behaviours
- Build and develop relationships between parent and child
- Develop and build practical strategies
- Develop Calm Time
- Building strategy toolkit to continue progress

Group run by Children's Mental Health Team in school starting Monday 23rd February 9-10 for 6 weeks

Interested parents should contact Miss Cowell or Mrs Simmonds who can forward requests to the team.

They will complete an initial assessment with you to decide whether the group is suitable.

If not, they can offer advice or refer to another service.

Chaos to Calm
Parent Led Group
for Challenging Behaviours (Primary Aged Children)

Sessions will cover:

- Identifying and understanding children's behaviours.
- Build and develop relationships between parent and child.
- Develop and build practical strategies.
- Develop Calm Time.
- Building strategy toolkit to continue progress.

Group sessions for 1 hour over 6 weeks

It normalised so much of what we experience with our children it was good to share ideas and work out strategies that can help each other. We started out strangers, now we are supportive friends.
mum of 8 yr old - attended group 2023

"It was 'unexpectedly rewarding'"
mum of 6 yr old attended group 2023

We are LSCft

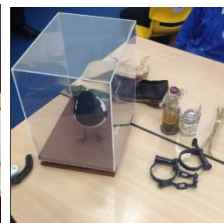
TALK, LISTEN, SHARE

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Pendle Witch Workshop

Year 3 had a Pendle Witches workshop this week run by Rachael Jackson from Cultural Services at Lancashire County Council.

The workshop explore the stereotypes that people have of witches. Then the children looked at artefacts and dramatised one of the Pendle Witch Trials, deciding whether or not it was a fair trial. They all loved it!



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Bad Weather

Whenever the weather forecast shows cold or icy weather, we work hard to make the school as safe as possible for everyone. We are delighted this week that we have been able to keep the school site safe for everyone.

- We now pay a company who come and grit the carpark and playground if the weather is cold.
- We find alternative routes into school if the paths are not safe to walk on.
- We prioritise clearing evacuation routes that the children can use to leave the building in an emergency, should we need to.
- We have contacted the local council about the fact that they failed to make pavements and roads safe around school this week.
- We ensure additional staff are around school to support families getting into the school grounds.
- We will make use of staff in school to cover any staff member that has not been able to make it to school on time due to the weather conditions.

Obviously we cannot foresee every eventuality but we will work to find solutions to problems to ensure that school remains open as much as possible.

If we are not able to make the site safe and have to close, we will notify you by sending you a message. This would usually be around 7am. There is no need to call the school.

Just check for messages on your phone before you leave.

You can help by

- Ensuring that we have your up to date contact details so that you will receive any messages that we send.
- Allowing more time for your journey or to de-ice the car.
- Ensuring that you drive and park safely and legally. Many people stopped on double yellow lines or yellow zig zags to drop children off on Wednesday this week. This is illegal and dangerous to other road users.

British Values

I spoke to the children today about the fundamental British Values that we promote in school.

These are **Democracy, the Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect, and Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.** The purpose is to preparing children for life in a diverse modern Britain by promoting good citizenship, respect, and understanding of rights and responsibilities.

Today in assembly, I spoke about the Rule Of Law. Many children initially think it would exciting to do whatever they like and to live in a world with no rules. I explained though that the rules we have in society, in school and at home are there to keep them safe. If there were no rules or punishments, we couldn't stop them from being hurt or having their things taken or damaged.



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Key Dates

- Wednesday 14th January – Mrs Hornby's Y6 class – trip to the museum
- Thursday 15th January – Mrs Hardman's Y6 class – trip to the museum
- Thursday 15th January – Y6 Girls' Cricket starts today. There will be 8 sessions.
- Wednesday 21st January – Clubs start 3.30 – 4.15pm. There will be 7 sessions.
- Monday 2nd February – Author Visit to school
- Monday 9th February – Y3E Trip to Bring Yer Wellies
- Tuesday 10th February – Y3K Trip to Bring Yer Wellies
- Thursday 12th February – Choir concert in school at 2.30pm
- HALF TERM school closed from Monday 16th February. Reopens on Monday 23rd February.
- Tuesday 24th February – Y5 Lego workshop
- Week Beginning 24th March – Parent/carer meetings with teacher
- School closed to pupils on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March
- EASTER HOLIDAY – school closed from Monday 30th March. Reopens on Monday 13th April.
- Week beginning Monday 11th May – Y6 SATS week

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Sarah Bell, Headteacher



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East Lancashire Young People's Mental Health

**Concerned about your Mental Health?
Are you under 18 or concerned about
someone under 18?**

Advice sessions are available on-line via
'Attend Anywhere'
Delivered by ELCAS
elcas.org.uk/ELCAS-18CFY



Enter the word "ELCAS" as the first name and "drop in" as the second
name followed by your date of birth.
You will then enter our virtual waiting area where we will collect you.

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What age can I?



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