



**Penwortham
Primary School**
Friday 2nd October 2026



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What another busy and brilliant week at Penwortham Primary! It has been lovely to see so much happening across school, from our first Attendance Day and Year 6 bringing history to life, to welcoming some rather fluffy new members to our school family!

🐣 There is certainly never a dull week at PPS!

Next week, we are really looking forward to our Mental Health and Wellbeing Week, with lots of opportunities across school to think about looking after ourselves and one another. We will begin on Monday with a special assembly from St Catherine's Hospice, and we will also be joining the Great Big Live Assembly as part of our Black History Month learning.

Then, on Friday 9th October, we will finish the week with Hello Yellow Day for World Mental Health Day. 🧡 Please remember to send your child into school wearing a yellow outfit or yellow accessories – the brighter the better!

It promises to be another special week of learning, reflection and coming together as a school family – a lovely opportunity to live out our values of Aspire, Belong, Care and Discover.

As always, if you need anything or have any concerns, please get in touch. Your child's class teacher should be your first point of contact via Dojo. For any behaviour or attendance queries, please contact Mr Noblett, and for SEND or inclusion support, please contact Mrs Barlow on dojo. We are always here to help and work together with our families.

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone, and I look forward to seeing lots of yellow around school next Friday! 🧡

Miss Penarski
Headteacher

Key Dates

7th October 2026
Reading Cafe Year 2

9th October 2026
Hello Yellow Day

14th October 2026
Harvest Festival & Foodbank
Collection

22nd October 2026
Last Day of Term 1

2nd November 2026
First Day of Term 2

2nd November 2026
Flu Vaccinations

8th November 2026
Remembrance Parade

17th & 18th November 2026
Parents Evening

19th, 20th, 23rd & 24th Nov
Book Fair

18th December 2026
Last Day of Term 2 (2pm)

4th January 2027
First Day of Term 3

12th February 2027
Last Day of Term 3

22nd February 2027
First Day of Term 4

25th March 2027
Last Day of Term 4 (2pm)

12th April 2027
First Day of Term 5

28th May 2027
Last Day of Term 5

7th June 2027
First Day of Term 6

16th July 2027
Last Day of Term 6



CHAMPIONS & READERS



★ of the Week ★

★ RECEPTION CLASS ★

★ CHAMPION 1 ★

Muhammed
DISCOVER

★ CHAMPION 2 ★

Dylan
CARE

★ READER ★

Jason

★ YEAR 1 ★

★ CHAMPION 1 ★

Hope
ASPIRE

★ CHAMPION 2 ★

Esmae
ASPIRE

★ READER ★

Felicity

★ YEAR 2 ★

★ CHAMPION 1 ★

Quinn
DISCOVER

★ CHAMPION 2 ★

Alice
ASPIRE

★ READER ★

Emilia

★ YEAR 3 ★

★ CHAMPION 1 ★

Ellis
ASPIRE

★ CHAMPION 2 ★

Mia
DISCOVER

★ READER ★

Theo

★ YEAR 4 ★

★ CHAMPION 1 ★

Arthur
ASPIRE

★ CHAMPION 2 ★

Emmeline
BELONG

★ READER ★

Heidi

★ YEAR 5 ★

★ CHAMPION 1 ★

Violet
BELONG

★ CHAMPION 2 ★

Amega
CARE

★ READER ★

Bellatrix

★ YEAR 6 ★

★ CHAMPION 1 ★

Jack
DISCOVER

★ CHAMPION 2 ★

Layla
ASPIRE

★ READER ★

Pippa



PENWORTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

**ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW**



THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Reception 98.6 %

Year 1 90.3 %

Year 2 96.4 %

Year 3 99.3 %

Year 4 95.0 %

Year 5 97.7 %

Year 6 97.3 %

OUR ATTENDANCE TARGET

Our target
for this year is:

97%



Let's work together so that
every child is in school every day
and not missing any learning!



MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Where possible, medical
appointments should be
made outside of school hours.

If this is not possible, please
notify the school office in
advance and provide evidence
of the appointment.

HOLIDAYS AND TERM TIME



Holidays must not be taken
during term time.

Term time holidays can result
in a fixed penalty notice and
a loss of learning.

**Every school
day counts!**

GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS...

100% 0 days missed

99% 2 days missed

97% 5 days missed

95% 10 days missed

90% 20 days missed

85% 30 days missed

BEING ON TIME REALLY MATTERS



In a school year, if you are late every day by...

5 minutes → 3.5 school days

10 minutes → 7 school days

15 minutes → 10 school days

20 minutes → 14.5 school days

30 minutes → 22 school days



ASPIRE



BELONG



CARE



DISCOVER

PENWORTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE!

Happy children who achieve

STAGE 1 – UNIVERSAL SUPPORT

97%–100% ATTENDANCE

We promote excellent attendance and punctuality for every pupil. We monitor attendance and promptly follow up unexplained absence and lateness.



STAGE 2 – EARLY INTERVENTION

95%–96.9% ATTENDANCE

We will contact you to discuss absence or lateness, understand any barriers, agree early support and monitor attendance closely.



STAGE 3 – TARGETED SUPPORT

90%–94.9% ATTENDANCE

We will arrange an attendance meeting and agree a support plan with actions and review dates. This may include pastoral support, reasonable adjustments, Early Help or referrals.



STAGE 4 – INTENSIVE & FORMAL SUPPORT

BELOW 90% = PERSISTENT ABSENCE
BELOW 50% = SEVERE ABSENCE

We will work closely with your family, Lancashire County Council and relevant services. Where support is unsuccessful, formal or legal action may be considered.



We consider the reasons for absence, individual circumstances, SEND and medical needs at every stage. Our first priority is to understand barriers and provide appropriate support.

ASPIRE • BELONG • CARE • DISCOVER



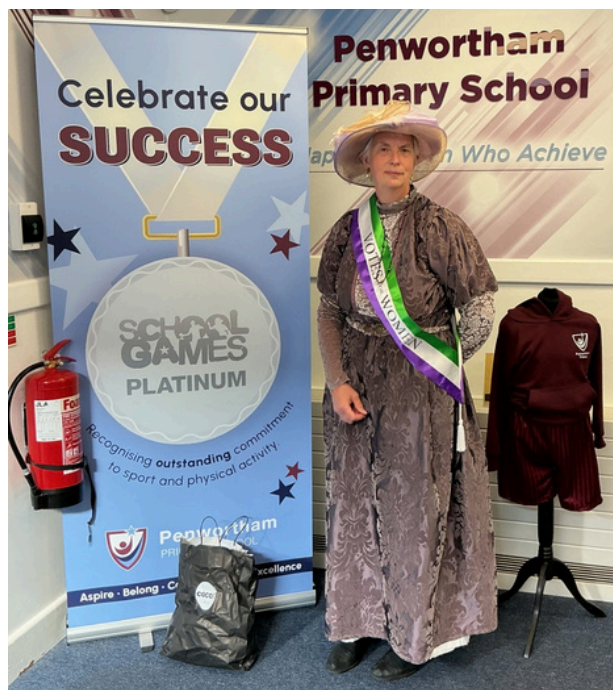
Fantastic day for our first ever 'Attendance day.'

A super day all round.

Congratulations to our winners... Hodder! And a huge well done to our House Captains who did a speech in front of the whole school. We look forward to lots more house events through the year. #belong #schoolfamily

Well done everyone, a great day 😊👍





BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE!

Year 6 had a fantastic visit from a local history visitor who brought the story of Preston suffragette Edith Rigby to life! The children were completely captivated as they discovered more about her life and her fight for women's right to vote. They were so engaged and loved every minute!

Well done, Year 6! 🌟



🐣 Our Newest School Family Members!

We have welcomed some very special new arrivals to Penwortham Primary – our chickens! 🐣💙

They are settling beautifully into their new home and have already become very popular with the children. We are looking forward to the children helping to care for them and enjoying all the learning opportunities they will bring.

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA for making this possible and helping us to create even more memorable experiences for our children.

We are so pleased to have them as part of our Penwortham Primary family! 😊🐣





🌳 Muddy Monday in Reception 🍂

Our Reception children have been busy exploring Autumn during this week's Muddy Monday! 🍁

The children headed outdoors on an autumn nature hunt, looking carefully for the wonderful colours of the season – yellow, orange, green and brown. They used their observation skills brilliantly, spotting lots of signs that autumn has arrived and talking about the changes they could see in the natural world.

A lovely morning of exploring, discovering and learning outdoors – and lots of happy little explorers along the way! 🌳🔍🍂



BAMBER BRIDGE FC v QUORN FC



CALLING ALL OUR PNE FRIENDS
YOUR HOME WHILE THE INTERNATIONALS ARE ON!

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER

BAMBER BRIDGE FC | HOME | 3PM KICK OFF



Bamber Bridge FC's record attendance is **2,300** set during a pre-Euro 96 friendly match against the Czech Republic national team.

LET'S BEAT THE RECORD!



MATCH TICKETS	
ADULTS (16+)	£10
CONCESSIONS (Inc. Students)	£5
UNDER 16s With an adult	FREE
EFL SEASON TICKET HOLDERS With valid EFL season ticket	£5

Q&A
MEET A FORMER PNE LEGEND BRIAN O'NEIL Q&A AFTER THE GAME IN THE CLUB HOUSE

DJ MUSIC
BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE GAME

RAFFLE
RAFFLE PRIZES

PNE
PNE MEMORABILIA SIGNED SHIRTS AND LOTS MORE!

EVERYONE WELCOME



SAT 3RD OCTOBER | **BAMBER BRIDGE FC HOME** | REAL FOOTBALL | GREAT PEOPLE | BIG AMBITIONS



Access School Health in a drop in session
Support for children, young people, parents and carers

HEALTH & WELLBEING SUPPORT

- ✓ Emotional health and wellbeing
- ✓ Healthy lifestyles
- ✓ Sleep concerns/ Toileting issues
- ✓ Behaviour support
- ✓ Growth and development
- ✓ School-related health concerns
- ✓ General health and wellbeing questions

DROP-IN SESSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

📍 **1 October 2026** | 9:30am-12:00pm
The Zone (next to Skelmersdale Library), WN8 6PZ

📍 **15 October 2026** 09:00-12:00
Coppull Library PR7 5BZ

📍 **08 October 2026** 2:00-4:00pm
Preston West Family Hub, PR2 1TU

📍 **21 October 2026** | 9:30am-11:30am
West Paddock, PR25 1HR

📍 **27 October 2026** | 2:00pm-4:00pm
Ribblesdale Family Hub, PR2 6EE

ACCESS TO WIDER SUPPORT

Delivered as part of the One Stop Shop in partnership with the Early Help Partnership, helping families access advice, guidance and local services.

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

Simply come along to a session that suits you.

★ MORE LOCATIONS • MORE DATES • BETTER ACCESS TO SUPPORT ★

Winter Warmer Event

Help us keep little ones warm this winter!

We are collecting clean, good condition children's items for 0-5 years.

A safe warm bed, warm clothes and cosy essentials can make a huge difference to a child's health, wellbeing and future.

Drop off points
Last day: Friday 23rd October

A 3 Eagleton Way PR1 9SL | **B** 294 Tag Lane PR2 3UY | **C** 3 Hillpark Avenue PR5 0AS

Message us here or text us on **07852304225** if you can help

Thank you for your kindness and support!

Training with a difference

SIMA
Abacus & Memory Skills

Shaping Brighter Minds for a Better Future

BACK TO SCHOOL!

GIVE YOUR CHILD THE POWER TO LEARN, THINK & SUCCEED!

JOIN OUR **ABACUS** CLASSES FROM **SEPTEMBER** & **MEMORY** CLASSES FROM **OCTOBER!**

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 5+

AMAZING BENEFITS FOR YOUR CHILD

- STRONGER MEMORY** Remembers more, learns faster.
- BETTER FOCUS & CONCENTRATION** Stays focused, achieves more.
- ENHANCED PROBLEM SOLVING** Thinks logically and solves with confidence.
- BUILDS CONFIDENCE** Encourages self-belief and motivation.
- STRONGER MATHS & STUDY SKILLS** Makes learning easier and more enjoyable.
- DEVELOPS CREATIVE THINKING** Boosts imagination, innovation & ideas.

LEARNING MADE FUN!
Through hands-on, interactive and creative methods

OUR PROGRAMMES

ABACUS SKILLS

- Mental arithmetic
- Faster calculation

MEMORY SKILLS

- Better recall
- Sharper thinking

CLASSES HELD IN

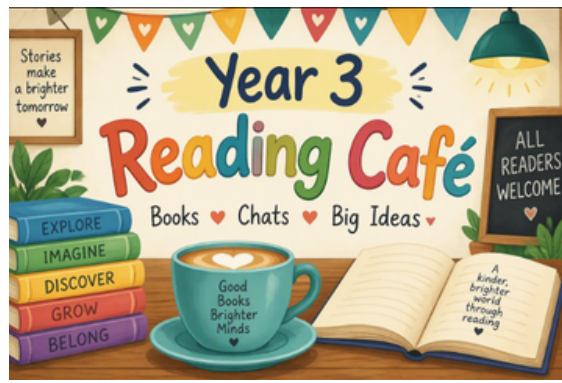
PRESTON
Gulzar Hindu Society
Hindu Temple
South Meadow Lane,
Preston, PR1 6UE

BLACKBURN
Blackburn Central High School (BCHS)
Hartington Road,
Blackburn, BB2 3HJ

ENROL NOW!
Give your child the skills they need for a brighter future.

Follow us on
@sima.abacus
Sima Abacus and Memory Skills

Contact Kiran **07934 722330**



Our Year 3 Reading Café was truly magical. The room was filled with warmth, smiles and the wonderful sound of stories being shared as children and their special adults spent time reading together.

There is something very special about opening a book and stepping into a new world side by side. Throughout the session, we saw children confidently reading aloud, discussing characters, predicting what might happen next and sharing their love of books. The joy on their faces was a reminder of how powerful these moments can be.

Thank you to all the families who joined us and helped make the event so memorable. Watching children snuggled beside loved ones, lost in the pages of a book, was a wonderful reminder that the greatest stories are often the ones we share together.





In just 3 weeks, Miss Penarski will be travelling to The Gambia, where she will be visiting local schools, orphanages and baby hospitals and taking much-needed donations with her.

We would love our Penwortham Primary community to help us fill our Gambia Collection Box! ❤️

If you have any of the following items that you would be happy to donate, please drop them off at school reception:

- 👶 Baby clothes – clean and in good condition
- 🍼 Baby items – bibs, muslins and blankets
- ✏️ School stationery – pencils, pens, crayons, colouring pencils, rulers and erasers
- 📖 Children's books – particularly picture books and early readers
- 🎨 School supplies – colouring books, notebooks and craft materials

⚽ Small toys and sports equipment – such as skipping ropes and deflated footballs

🪥 New toiletries – toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap and other unopened essentials

Please only donate items that are clean, complete and in good condition, as everything collected will need to fit into Miss Penarski's luggage!

Look out for our 🇬🇲 Gambia Collection Box in reception.

Thank you, as always, for helping us show our school value of Care beyond our own community. We can't wait to share some photographs and stories from Miss Penarski's visit when she returns! ❤️



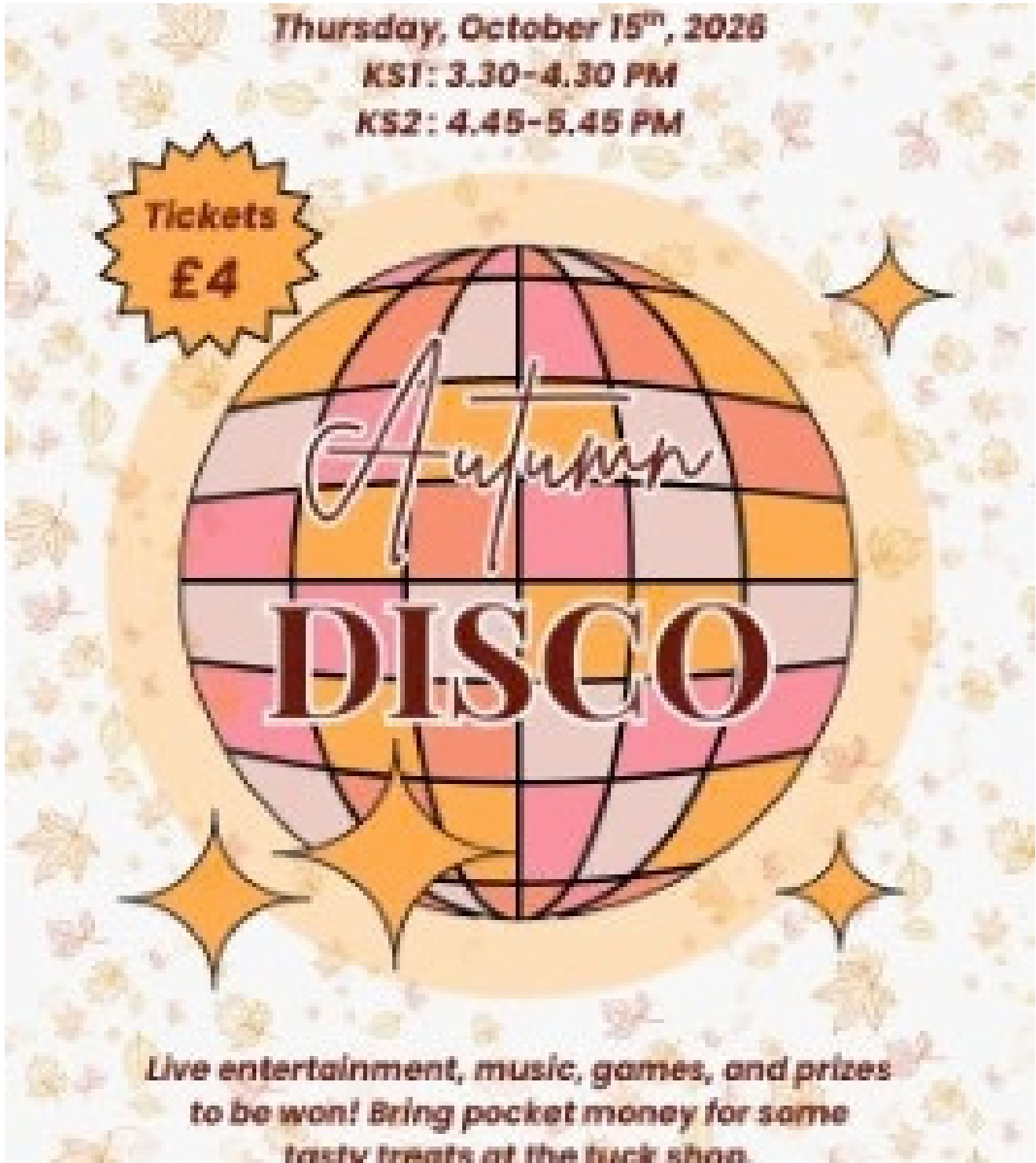
🎃 ✨ AUTUMN DISCO ANNOUNCEMENT ✨ 🎃

THURSDAY 15/10/26 🌐 🍃 🍁 🍂

Join us to help raise funds for our school 🧑🏻 🧑🏻 🌟

When making payment ensure your child's name and year group is noted in the comment box, or the PTFA will not know you have paid. Tickets can be purchased here:
<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QLADVDAJ>

We hope to see you on the dance floor 💕 🌐



Free School Meals – Could Your Child Be Eligible?



Did you know that your child may be entitled to Free School Meals if you receive certain benefits?



As well as helping with the cost of school lunches, registering for Free School Meals can provide additional funding for the school through the Pupil Premium. This funding helps us to provide extra support, resources and opportunities that benefit our pupils.



We encourage all families to check their eligibility, even if you are unsure whether you qualify.

To find out more and apply, please visit:



Apply for Free School Meals through Lancashire County Council



If you would like any assistance with the application process, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

Thank you for your support.



Why register?



Free school meals for eligible children



Additional funding for Penwortham Primary School



Extra support, resources and opportunities for our pupils

Together, we can help every child thrive



Free school meals

Eligibility and how to apply for free school meals.

 Lancashire County Council



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PENWORTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN DAYS

Reception 2027

WEDNESDAY

30th September 2026

9:15am - 10:15am

THURSDAY

12th November 2026

1:30pm - 2:30pm

FRIDAY

8th January 2027

9:15am - 10:15am

★ CAN'T MAKE ONE OF THESE DATES? ★

Contact us to arrange a personal tour with the Headteacher and Head Pupils.

bursar@penwortham-pri.lancs.sch.uk ★ 01772 743321



HAPPY,
HIGH ACHIEVING
CHILDREN



MYHAPPYMIND
WELLBEING, CONFIDENCE
AND RESILIENCE



FOREST SCHOOL
OPAL AND
OUTDOOR LEARNING



PLATINUM ECO AND
SCHOOL GAMES
AWARD



OPPORTUNITIES FOR
EVERY CHILD TO LEAD,
CONTRIBUTE AND SHINE



A CARING
COMMUNITY WHERE
EVERY CHILD BELONGS





Reading CAFÉ

All sessions
run from
9.00 – 9.30am

COME AND SHARE A STORY!

We would love to invite you into school
for a relaxed reading session with your child.
Enjoy a book together.



YEAR 6

Wednesday 9th September



YEAR 5

Wednesday 16th September



YEAR 4

Wednesday 23rd September



YEAR 3

Wednesday 30th September



YEAR 2

Wednesday 7th October



YEAR 1

Wednesday 14th October



RECEPTION

Wednesday 21st October



Happy Children Who Achieve ♥



SEPTEMBER 2026

Autumn Term 1 • Children return Wednesday 2 September

DATE	EVENT	WHAT FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW
2 Sep	Children return to school	Welcome back to the new school year.
9 Sep	Reading Café – Year 6	Families of Year 6 pupils.
10 Sep	Pupil Leadership Celebration Assembly	Head and Deputy Boy/Girl and pupil leadership groups announced.
11 Sep	NASA Engineers Event – KS2	Special Teams Engineering Event at 2:00pm.
15 Sep	Mad Science Assembly	Special whole-school science assembly.
16 Sep	Reading Café – Year 5	Families of Year 5 pupils.
22 Sep	Phonics Workshops – EYFS & KS1	Parent workshops are at 3:30pm and 5:00pm.
23 Sep	Reading Café – Year 4	Families of Year 4 pupils.
24 Sep	Tempest Individual Photographs	Individual pupil photographs.
25 Sep	Macmillan Coffee Morning & Parent Workshop	Coffee morning with SEND, Pupil Premium and attendance information.
30 Sep	Open Day	9:15–10:15am – tours for prospective families. Please share it with friends and family.
30 Sep	Reading Café – Year 3	Families of Year 3 pupils.

OCTOBER 2026

Autumn Term 1 • Term ends Thursday 22 October

DATE	EVENT	WHAT FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW
All month	Black History Month	Whole-school learning, assemblies and library focus.
1 Oct	Meet the Teacher – Part 2	Parents are invited at 3:30pm or 5:00pm.
1 Oct	100% Attendance – BELONGING Day	House challenges and fun. Children come dressed in their House colours.
5–9 Oct	Wellbeing Week	Wellbeing activities across school, including a parent wellbeing coffee morning.
7 Oct	Reading Café – Year 2	Families of Year 2 pupils.
9 Oct	Hello Yellow	Own-clothes yellow day for our World Mental Health Day focus.
14 Oct	Reading Café – Year 1	Families of Year 1 pupils.
14 Oct	Harvest Festival & Foodbank Collection	Please send in foodbank donations if you are able. Includes Year 4 class assembly.
16 Oct	Learning in Action	9:00–10:00am – parents invited into classes to join in a lesson with your child.
21 Oct	Reading Café – Reception	Families of Reception pupils.
21 Oct	Black History Month Celebration – Year 3 Assembly	Year 3 celebrate and share their learning.
22 Oct	Last day of Autumn Term 1	School closes for the half-term break.

NOVEMBER 2026

Autumn Term 2 • Children return Monday 2 November

DATE	EVENT	WHAT FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW
2 Nov	Children return to school	Welcome back to Autumn Term 2.
2 Nov	Flu Vaccinations	School nursing team administering pupil flu vaccinations.
4 Nov	Reading Café – Pre-School	Families of Pre-School children.
5 Nov	Outdoor Classroom Day	Lots of learning outdoors – please dress children appropriately for the weather.
8 Nov	Remembrance Parade	9am St Leonard's Penwortham, Marshall Brow, Penwortham, PR1 9JA
9 Nov	Diwali Curriculum Focus	Stories, traditions, light and celebration through the curriculum.
11 Nov	Remembrance Day / Year 6 Assembly	Whole-school remembrance focus led by Year 6.
11 Nov	Reading Café – Year 6	Families of Year 6 pupils.
12 Nov	Open Day	1:30–2:30pm – tours for prospective families. Please share with friends and family.
13 Nov	Children in Need	Own-clothes day; further activity details to follow.
16–20 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week	Whole-school focus including Odd Socks Day.
17 Nov	Parents' Evening	Appointments with class teachers – booking details to follow.
18 Nov	Parents' Evening	Appointments with class teachers – booking details to follow.
18 Nov	Reading Café – Year 5	Families of Year 5 pupils.
23–29 Nov	UK Parliament Week	Democracy and citizenship activities across school.
25 Nov	Reading Café – Year 4	Families of Year 4 pupils.

DECEMBER 2026

Autumn Term 2 • Term ends Friday 18 December at 2:00pm

DATE	EVENT	WHAT FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW
2 Dec	Reading Café – Year 3	Families of Year 3 pupils.
9 Dec	Reading Café – Year 2	Families of Year 2 pupils.
9 Dec	Panto in a Day – Dick Whittington	Whole-school panto in the school hall, 1:00–3:00pm.
10 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper.
11 Dec	Christmas Around the World Day	Children explore Christmas traditions through Geography and RE.
15 Dec	KS1 Nativity	Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 – performances at 9:30am and 2:00pm.
16 Dec	Christmas Lunch	Whole-school Christmas lunch provided by the school kitchen.
17 Dec	KS2 Christmas Celebration	Years 3–6 – performances at 2:00pm and 5:00pm.
18 Dec	Star Awards Assembly	9:00am – end-of-term Star Awards Assembly.
18 Dec	Last day of term	School closes at 2:00pm for the Christmas break.