

Newsletter

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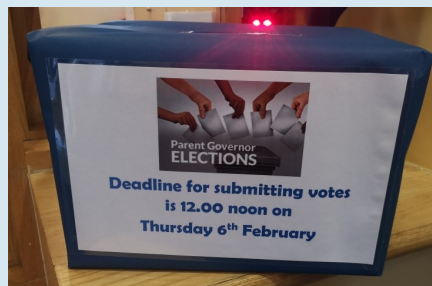


Parent Governor Election



Thanks to all those parents who have already voted in our Parent Governor Election.

For those parents yet to vote: please put your completed ballot papers in the ballot box. This is in the main entrance.



The deadline for submitting votes is **12.00 noon** on **Thursday 6th February**. Votes will be counted on Thursday afternoon then the outcome of the election will be shared with all parents.

SAFER INTERNET FOR CHILDREN

As part of our build up to Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 11th February, Mr Smith has asked children, parents and staff to complete a short survey about their internet use. Children completed a class survey, while parents and staff completed individual surveys. The deadline for parents to complete and return their online survey is **TUESDAY 4th FEB**. We really appreciate parental feedback as this helps us to inform our focus for working with both children and parents. We will be holding parent workshops to share feedback and next steps from surveys. Further info to follow.

Dates for your diary

After School Clubs are on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday this week

Thu 6th Feb

Deadline for Parent Governor Election voting is at **12.00 noon**

Library open from 3.30-4pm for children & parents

Fri 7th Feb

9.10 Celebration Assembly

Y4 swimming session

Term and Holiday dates for next academic year

Please check 2025-2026 Term and Holiday dates on page 4





Children's Mental Health Week

Every year, for the past 11 years, the week is organised and run by the children's mental health charity Place2Be. It is all about helping young people speak up and feel empowered to talk about mental health.

Each year the week has a theme, and this year's is **'Know yourself, Grow yourself'** and is all about encouraging you to build self awareness.

The first ever Children's Mental Health Week took place in 2015 and was launched to shine a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health. The week was designed to encourage more people to start talking, spread the word and raise money to help fund services to support children's mental health.

As well as to make sure anyone struggling knew they were not alone.

'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself' is all about how we can build and grow our resilience by understanding ourselves and recognising our emotions.

By understanding who we are, we can find out what makes us feel happy, or sad, or anxious, or scared - or maybe all of them at once!

The charity have linked up with the well known movie **Inside Out 2** this year. The Inside Out 2 characters can help you understand how different emotions might make you feel. Children will be thinking about this during circle times and during assemblies this week.

FREE

Thursday 27th February Parent Webinar 6pm - 7pm Children's mental health in the digital age Workshop

NHS
Lancashire &
South Cumbria
NHS Foundation Trust

We would like to invite parents/carers of young people to a workshop which explores Children's mental health in digital age

The workshop explores :

- Evidence around social media, technology and mental health
- Moving with the times
- Impact on mental health
- Thoughts, feelings, behaviour cycle
- What can you do to support your child.



Parents are welcome to ask questions or share any tips or strategies that they find beneficial in supporting their child.



Meeting ID: 363 868 611 921
Passcode: KHRBHE

Colne Junior Council Meeting

Colne Junior Council Invites Nick Alderson from Open Door

As Colne's Junior Council work towards fulfilling the Headteachers' Challenge, its latest meeting saw the junior councillors listening to a powerful address delivered by Nick Alderson of the Open Door charity.

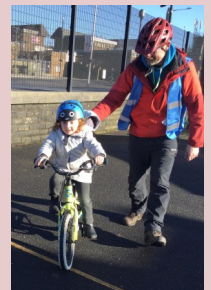
The junior councillors were set a challenge in September to research and choose a charity and then stage a big event alongside other fundraising efforts for that charity.

The children were clearly moved by the real-life stories told by Nick, and especially, the statistic that currently, Pendle is No. 1 for children's food poverty across the whole country.

There was a breakout brainstorming session to gather fundraising ideas and these came thick and fast! As stand in chairman, Ade, of West Street Primary said: "This isn't a thing we want Colne to be number one in, so let's see if we can shift us down this league table."

Later in the meeting, the junior councillors heard from Mr Peers about a potential visit to Parliament and to 10 Downing Street during the summer term.

Bikeability



Reception have had an action packed week, with Go Velo trainers in for three whole days teaching children how to ride balance bikes. All the children have had plenty of turns to practise their bike riding skills in small groups. Their confidence has really blossomed. Although some children were more reluctant to take part initially, once they tried it, they could not wait to get going again! Mrs Bayley Duerden, one of the EYFS Team, has learnt how to deliver sessions so we can provide children with on-going opportunities for children to improve their confidence and skills with riding balance bikes! Well done everybody!

February half-term holiday activities for children

February half-term holiday is the week beginning Monday 17th February.

Here are two suggestions for keeping your children busy!

Wild Explorers

Where nature, fun and adventure collide!

A child-led, fun and nurturing holiday club set in beautiful woodland on the Broughton Estate.

We are an OFSTED registered outdoor holiday club where children can play, enjoy a campfire, woodland crafts, tools and much more!



Price
£35 per child per day
Childcare vouchers accepted

Age
Reception - Age 13

February Holiday Club

17th - 21st February

*Birthday parties also available year round
email us for more info*



Time
9.30am - 3.30pm

Location
Broughton Hall Estate



For the love of musicals at Colne Muni

The Muni Theatre in Colne is hosting a super-fun-filled kids holiday club this half-term for 7-14 year olds (flexible for ages 5-16). After the huge success of our Halloween workshops in October 2024, we are thrilled to bring back our half-term holiday club this February. Kids will immerse themselves in the world of musicals, exploring their voices, movements, crafts and performance skills through a range of iconic musicals.

All information can be found online:

[For The Love of Musicals](#)

FOR THE LOVE OF MUSICALS

Children's Musical Theatre Workshop

with talented professional performer



JESS MCGLINCHY

THE MUNI THEATRE

2025 –2026 Term and Holiday Dates

Please note date for return after Easter holidays
has been corrected to **Monday** 13th April

West Street Community Primary School

Term and Holiday Pattern 2025 – 2026

Autumn Term 2025

INSET (teacher training days): Monday 1 & Tuesday 2 September

Re-open to Y1 to Y6 pupils: Wednesday 3 September

Open to Nursery pupils and new YR pupils: Wednesday 3 September

YR part-time for Wednesday 3 & Thursday 4

New YR pupils start full-time: Friday 5 September

Half Term: Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October

INSET (teacher training day): Monday 3 November

Re-open to pupils: Tuesday 4 November

Close for Christmas holidays: Friday 19 December at 1.30pm

Spring Term 2026

Re-open to pupils: Monday 5 January

Half Term: Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February

Re-open to pupils: Monday 23 February

Close for Easter holidays: Friday 27 March at 3.30pm

Summer Term 2026

Re-open to pupils: Monday 13 April

May Day: Monday 4 May

Half Term: Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May

Re-open to pupils: Monday 1 June

Close for Summer holidays after school: Thursday 16 July at 1.30pm

INSET (teacher training days): Friday 17 July & Monday 20 July

Autumn Term 2025

New academic year starts: no date on LCC website yet

2026-2027 Term and Holiday pattern will be published for both parents and staff in Autumn Term 2025

Absence Procedure

When you know your child is off school ill please call and leave us a message. Then we know why your child is not in school.

When your child is not in school, the office staff will:

- send a text message to remind parents that school needs to know why your child is absent.
- make a phone call when they have not yet heard back from you.
- ask Mrs. Peake to make a home visit.

When you receive a text from school you can either reply to the text we have sent you OR just give us a ring.



Contacting School

The school office is open from 8.30am.

Please leave a message on the answer phone before 8.30am.

A member of staff will phone you back when necessary.

School Dinners

This is the menu for school lunches next week. We are unable to provide alternative meals.

Monday

Veg sausage roll with potatoes & baked beans
OR Loaded pizza pocket with tortilla chips, veg chips and dips
OR Jacket potatoes with filling

Tuesday

Chicken or Quorn burger in a bun with potato wedges & veg
OR Tomato pasta with dough balls & salad
OR Jacket potatoes with filling

Wednesday

Sausage/halal sausage & mash with veg
OR Oriental Veg Noodles with spring rolls & sweet chilli sauce
OR Jacket potatoes with filling

Thursday

Chicken or vegetable curry with rice & naan bread
OR Tomato & mascarpone pasta with herby bread & salad

Friday

Fish or veggie fingers with chips & peas
OR Pizza with chips & veg
OR Sandwiches

Desserts daily:

Cake OR Biscuits OR Fruit OR Yogurt

The cost of school dinners is:

£2.50 per day

OR

£12.50 per week

Parents who pay for their child's school dinners should pay directly to the office staff. Payments can be made either by cash or cheque.



A massive well done and congratulations to our learners and readers of the week!!

GREAT JOB - You have earned 10 Dojo points!



THANK YOU

to all those parents who joined us for this morning's Celebration Assembly to see your child receive an award.

Readerz of the Week

- YR Tate** for his excellent reading and consistent enthusiasm for all his learning
- Y1 Hunter** for spotting all the digraphs in words and applying this in his reading
- Y2 Adam** for fantastic improvement and confidence when reading aloud
- Y3 Chaise** for his growing enjoyment and enthusiasm for reading
- Y4 Azeema** for her great use of inference to identify the thoughts & feelings of characters
- Y5 Betsy** for being really engaged with our class
- Y6 Kyran** for being so resilient during tricky reading lessons—keep it up!

Learnerz of the Week

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| YR Jude for his more positive attitude this week | Harvey for his super enthusiasm with Maths |
| Y1 Murano for showing excellent gymnastic skills in P.E. whilst performing different rolls | Ellie for working more independently and being a resilient learner |
| Y2 Umaima for her super knowledge about continents and her enthusiasm for Geography lessons | Jensen for fantastic effort with his learning |
| Y3 Jasmin for always being a calming presence in the classroom | Layla for being resilient during our division work in Maths |
| Y4 Ali for his brilliant effort and determination in swimming | Deacon for his great effort and recall in Geography when investigating counties |
| Y5 Ryan for making us all smile every day | Oliver for a much more positive attitude to his learning |
| Y6 Alessa E for having an INCREDIBLE week in class, she has been so resilient | Lily T for being so switched on in Maths and being more vocal when sharing answers |