

# Newsletter

14.02.25



Both Nursery and School close at 3.30pm on Friday 14th February for half-term.

We will re-open on Monday 24th February at the usual times.

For info about local activities for your children during half-term please check pages 3, 4 and 5.

## Goodbye Miss Ali!

On Thursday afternoon, children and staff in Key Stage 2 said goodbye to Miss Ali.

Miss Ali has been teaching Year 5 as part of a job share with Mrs Duerden since September.

Miss Ali is leaving for some well earned rest until her baby arrives in March. We are looking forward to meeting Miss Ali's baby!



## Dates for your diary

### Sat 15th Feb

Colne Winter Bloom Light Festival

See pg 1 for more info

**School & Nursery both re-open on Mon 24th Feb**

### After School Clubs

will be on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday of week commencing 24th Feb

### Thu 27th Feb

**Library** open from 3.30-4pm for children & parents

### Fri 28th Feb

9.10 Celebration Assembly

Y4 swimming session





## **COLNE WINTER BLOOM FESTIVAL**

On Tuesday Year 4 created their own beautiful lanterns for the fourth Colne Winter Bloom Light Parade.  
Thanks to all the Year 4 parents and other family members who joined the children for their lantern making.  
We hope to see many of you this Saturday for the Parade!



## Online Safety

As part of our ongoing work to support children to stay safe online we will be running the following activities after half-term:



**Tuesday 25th Feb: Y3/Y4 Online Safety Workshop for Parents & Children led by Mr Smith in the Hall**

**Wednesday 26th Feb: Y5/Y6 Online Safety Workshop for Parents & Children led by Mr Smith in the Hall**


**Thursday 27th Feb: EYFS/KS1 Online Safety Workshop for Parents & Children led by Mr Smith in the Hall**

**Friday 7th March: Online safety workshops for children in their individual classes for Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4, Y5 & Y6 led by Knowsley City Learning Team**

**Wednesday 12th March: Online Safety Assembly with 5 minute input from children in each class**

**In addition to these activities, this half-term children will be learning about online safety both in Computing and P.S.H.E. (Personal Social Health Education) lessons.**

**Here is some info about an online workshop for parents**





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

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

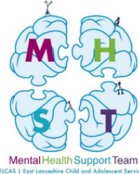

**The workshop explores :**

- 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**





## February half-term holiday activities for children

**February half-term holiday is  
NEXT week beginning Monday  
17th February. Here are some  
suggestions for keeping your  
children busy!**

A dark blue poster for a 'LANCS STEM STARS MOVIE MAGIC' event. At the top left, a film strip with blue sprocket holes curves across the frame. The title 'LANCS STEM STARS' is in red, and 'MOVIE MAGIC' is in large yellow letters. Below the title, white text describes the event: 'Join us for the launch of our brand new weekly STEM club, Lancs STEM Stars!' and 'Find out how we can use science and technology to create cinematic special effects!'. The event details 'Colne Library', 'Monday 17th February', and '4pm-5pm' are centered. At the bottom, it says 'Suitable for ages 5-11' and 'Free'. Decorative elements include yellow stars, a clapperboard in the bottom left, and a bucket of popcorn in the bottom right.

**★ ★ LANCS STEM STARS ★ ★**

# MOVIE MAGIC

Join us for the launch of our brand new weekly STEM club, Lancs STEM Stars!

Find out how we can use science and technology to create cinematic special effects!

Colne Library  
Monday 17th February  
4pm-5pm

Suitable for ages 5-11  
Free



# 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

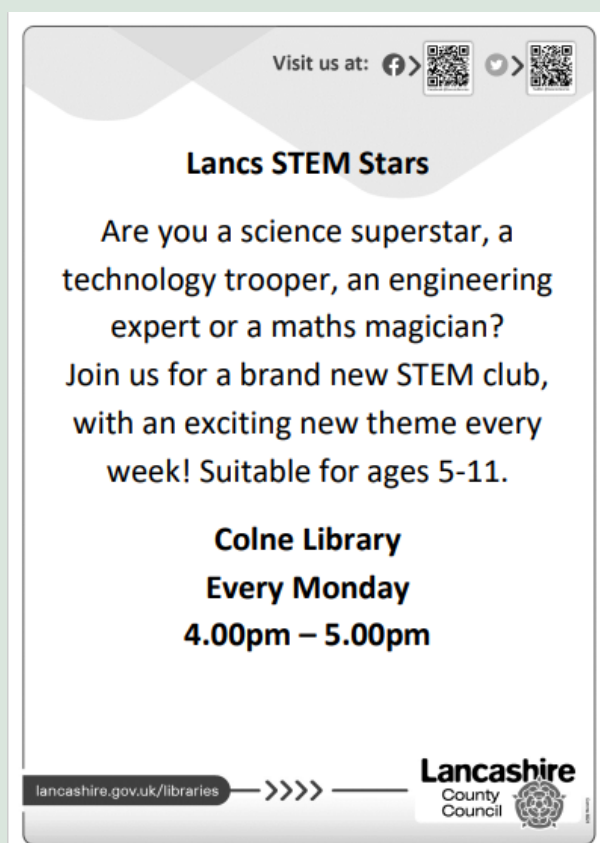


## For the love of musicals at Colne Muni

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



## **COLNE LIBRARY START NEW AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS!**

**Colne Library are starting a new after school club this half-term on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February with their launch event: Movie Magic!**

**Children will be experimenting with forces, optical illusion and technology to create their own silver-screen special effects.**

The upcoming programme of sessions is as follows:

24/2/25 - Mission to Mars - Can you land the Mars Rover?

3/3/25 - Story Builders (World Book Day Special) - Become the architect of a fantastical setting!

10/3/25 - British Science Week - Explore changes and adaptations in the human and animal worlds.

17/3/25 - Climate Change Champions - Learn about climate change and what we can do to help!

24/3/25 - Zombie Apocalypse - Use your STEM skills to keep the undead away!

31/3/25 - Music Makers - Find out how we can make music with technology, science – and bananas.

**More information can be found at the following link to Colne Library What's On page**

**<https://events.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/event-detail?eventid=1652225>**



# More February half-term fun at our local family hubs!

**Lancashire**  
County Council

**FAMILY HUBS**  
NETWORK



**STRINGS AND STORIES**

Create your own puppet and put on a pup-

**FREE!**  
NO NEED  
TO BOOK

Wednesday 19th February  
1.30pm - 3.00pm  
Brierfield Family Hub  
Tunstall Square, BB9 5GZ

**Ages**  
0-11

**Lancashire**  
County Council

**FAMILY HUBS**  
NETWORK



**GLOW IN THE DARK DISCO**

**Ages**  
0-11

**FREE!**  
NO NEED  
TO BOOK

Monday 17th February  
1.30pm - 3.00pm  
Colne Family Hub  
Walton Street, BB8 0EL

**Wear Your  
Brightest  
Clothes!**

**Lancashire**  
County Council

**FAMILY HUBS**  
NETWORK



**FAMILY BINGO**

**Fun for  
all the  
family**

**Prizes to  
be won!**

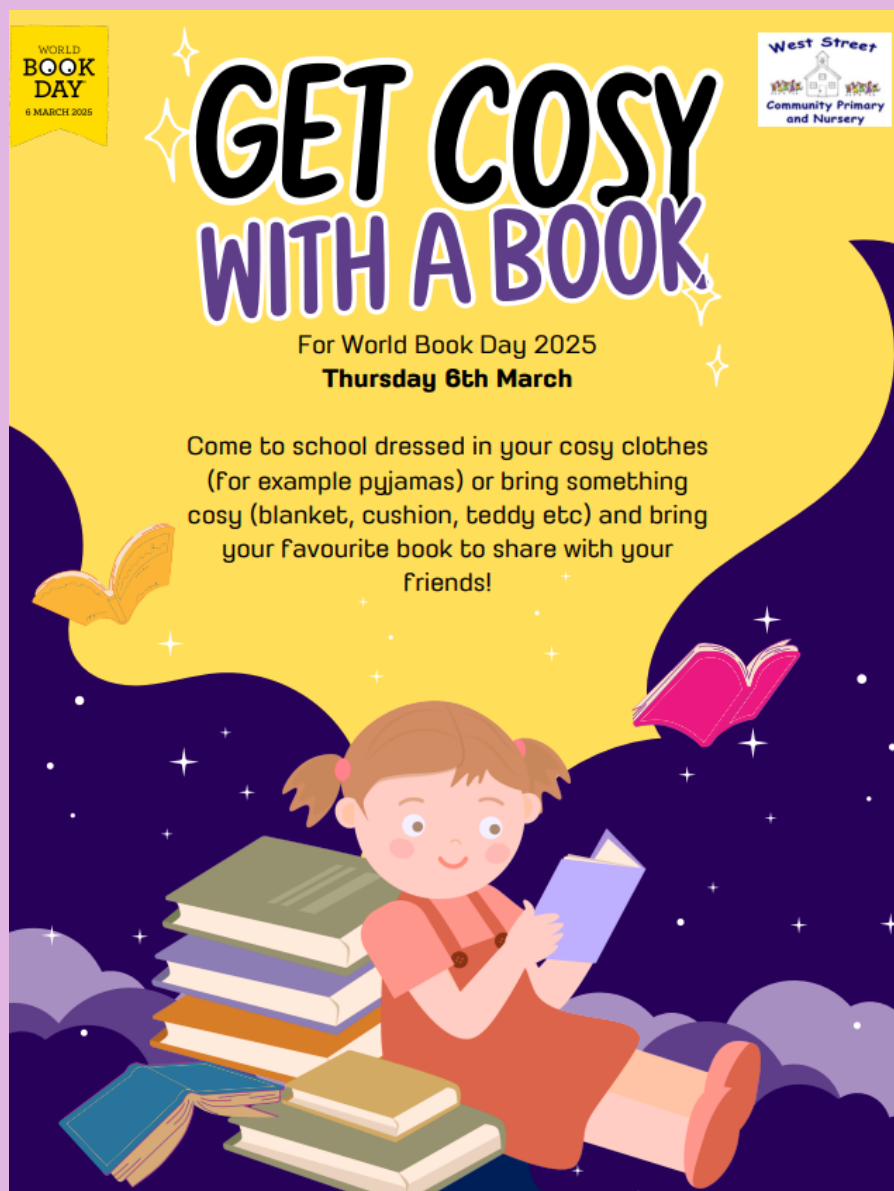
**FREE!**  
No need  
to book

Friday 21st February  
1.00pm - 3.00pm  
Nelson Family Hub/The Zone  
Leeds Road, BB9 8EL



Remember to complete your bookmark design during half-term and bring it back to school on **Monday 24th February**

World Book Day  
is on  
Thursday  
6th March





**SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS**

**FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!**

**COME TO THE BOOK FAIR**

**DATE: Wed 26th Feb - Wed 5th Mar**

**A POP-UP BOOK-STORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99**

**LAST YEAR YOUR SUPPORT HELPED DONATE £5.3M IN FREE BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE**

**Ages 2+**

**Ages 6+**

**EVERY BOOK YOU BUY EARNS FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL**

**Ages 8+**

**From the author of The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh**

**Payment at our Book Fair**

Please check with your school for the best way to pay for your books

- You may pay by card at the Fair via card reader machines if your school has one or by using the online payment link at [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay) and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu.
- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers) to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
- If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List - please ask your school for details.

**HELP EARN FREE BOOKS**

Scholastic is one of the largest providers of free books to schools via our Reward scheme which helps to ensure that as many children as possible have access to books that support reading for pleasure. Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy in your child's setting. Last year, with your help, we gave over £5.3M worth of free books to schools nationwide, which stocked school libraries and classrooms.

**\*Free books are subject to terms and conditions. Please contact your Book Fair Organiser or Scholastic Book Fairs for details. All books subject to availability. Book range may vary. \*Warning: Not suitable for children under 3. Small parts.**

Parents and children are invited to come and visit the Book Fair in the Hall.

The Book Fair will be open from 3.30pm on Wed 26th, Thu 27th, Fri 28th Feb and Mon 3rd, Tues 4th & Wed 5th March.



## 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

Meatballs, rice & broccoli OR Macaroni & cheese with herby bread & salad

### Tuesday

Cheese & mash pie with veg OR Loaded veg quesadilla with herby wedges & salad OR Jacket potato with filling

### Wednesday

Roast chicken or quorn dinner with roast potatoes & veg OR Tomato & marscarpone pasta with herby bread and salad

### Thursday

Beef or veggie burger in a bun with paprika wedges, sweetcorn & ketchup OR Tomato pasta twists with dough balls & salad

### Friday

Pizza with chips, peas or baked beans OR Fish fingers with chips, peas or baked beans OR Sandwiches with chips, veg sticks and dips

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.

## Reader; of the Week

- YR** Kobi-Jack for his fantastic effort and progress with phonics
- Y1** Hasnain for always reading at home
- Y2** Jaxson for reading consistently at home
- Y3** Huriyah for having fantastic retrieval skills
- Y4** Azeema for making great progress and moving up two stages with her reading books
- Y5** India for always being passionate about reading in class and reading with expression
- Y6** Katie-Mai for having a love of reading, it's amazing what a passionate reader she has become!

## Learner; of the Week

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| <b>YR</b> <b>Jasper</b> for always joining in and great listening during carpet time          | <b>Jack</b> for his fabulous writing and phonic knowledge   |
| <b>Y1</b> <b>Cleo</b> for being a phonics superstar all week                                  | <b>Jensen</b> for beautiful handwriting on his non-chronological report about England               |
| <b>Y2</b> <b>Aarona;</b> for participating in all lessons and doing his best                  | <b>Jack</b> for doing his best in every lesson and giving 100%                                      |
| <b>Y3</b> <b>Jaxson</b> for always being willing to contribute to class discussions           | <b>Santa</b> for working really hard to improve her spellings                                       |
| <b>Y4</b> <b>Jaxon</b> for his brilliant effort and concentration creating a lantern          | <b>Texas-Rose</b> for her brilliant concentration creating a lantern                                |
| <b>Y5</b> <b>Addison</b> for always having a great attitude and for showing great improvement | <b>Mazie</b> for always making the right choice and for having a fantastic attitude to her learning |
| <b>Y6</b> <b>Louis;</b> for always being an incredible role model to the class, keep shining! | <b>Kyran</b> for being super resilient during a tricky reading test.                                |