

Newsletter

07.03.25



Attendance Update

Last week parents received their children's traffic light letters. These letters are sent home half-termly and tell parents about their child's current attendance.

Our whole school attendance up to February half-term was **91.1%**.

88 children achieved **95%+** attendance.

This is **51%** of the whole school — WELL DONE!

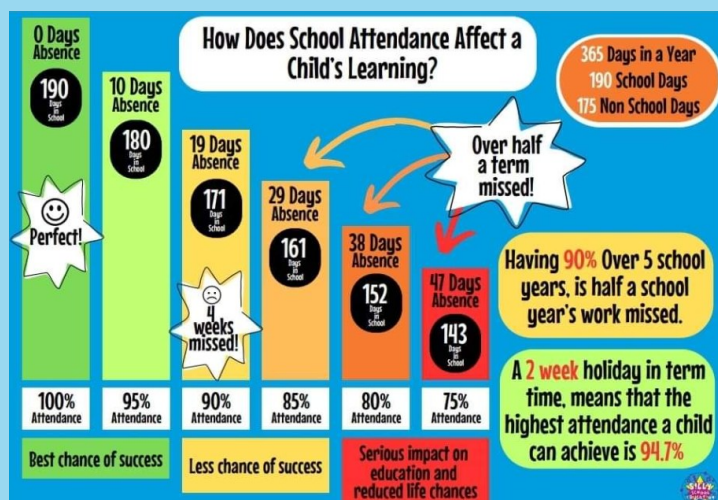
Another success for this academic year!

All of these children will receive their attendance

sticker worth **30** dojos during this

Friday's Celebration Assembly

KEEP UP your positive attendance everybody!



Dates for your diary

After School Clubs

will be on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday next week

Wed 12th Mar

2.30 SATs Meeting for Y6 parents

Thu 13th Mar

9.10 Phonics Screening Check Meeting for Y1 parents

Fri 14th Mar

9.10 Celebration Assembly

Y4 swimming session

Fri 21st Mar

Red Nose Day for Comic Relief

Mon 24th Mar

Wear odd socks for World Down Syndrome Day





On Friday Alan Ellis from Knowsley City Learning Centre visited West Street to deliver a one day Online Safety package. Alan led online safety workshops for children during workshops for each class from Y1 to Y6.

This Wednesday all children will be involved in an online safety assembly. Every class will present a five minute contribution to this assembly to share what they have learnt about online safety.



Success for young poets at West Street!

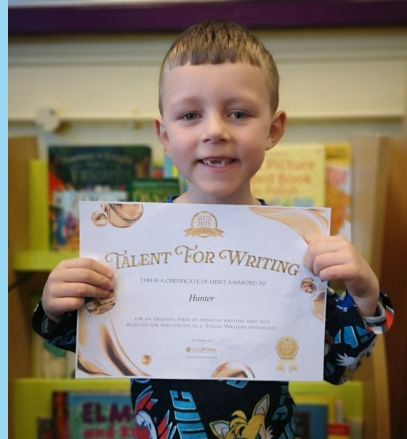
On Friday we received some fantastic news! Hunter, Murano and Tommy in Year 1 have all won a poetry competition. Their poems will be published in a book of poetry that will include winning poems from lots of other children. We are looking forward to reading the boys' poems when they are printed in the poetry book.

Hunter

H unts its enemies
U p and down, watching people
N ips its enemies
T ravel around
E xercises to keep strong and active
R uns and hides.

Hunter Kershaw (5)

West Street Primary School, Colne



Junior

J unior is hiding under my bed
U gly monster starts to whisper things in
my head
N ever seen in the light of day, he's scared
I tchy, sneaky, crazy and silly - he loves to
play
O pening his tiny eyes that sparkle and
gleam
R unning away, I giggle and hide with a
smile.

Murano Jones (6)

West Street Primary School, Colne

Toad

T oad the monster
O range skin colour
A cts very sad
D igging is his favourite.

Tommy Milner (6)

West Street Primary School, Colne



Supporting Year 6 with getting ready for SATs

Year 6 SATs will take place during the week beginning Monday 12th May.

Year 6 pupils and staff are already working hard to prepare for SATs Week.

Mrs Cumpstey will be running a meeting for Y6 parents on Wednesday 12th March at 2.30pm.

During this meeting, she will explain how children are already being prepared for SATs Week, what happens during SATs Week and how parents can support their Year 6 children.

Parents may find this FREE Exam Stress Workshop useful. Details below.



Thursday March 20th Parent Webinar 6pm - 7pm Exam Stress Workshop



We would like to invite parents/carers of young people to a workshop which explores how you can support your child's exam stress-

The Webinar explores :

- To understand the body's natural reactions to worry and stress
- To discuss helpful ways of supporting your child in managing exam stress
- Normalising worry



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

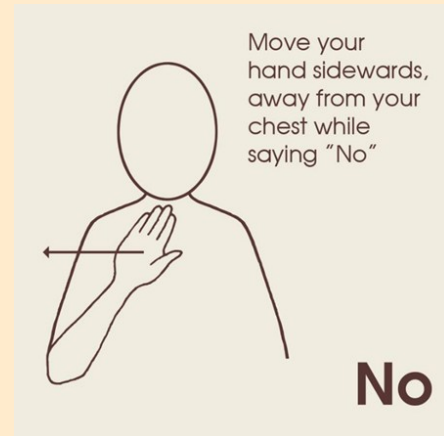
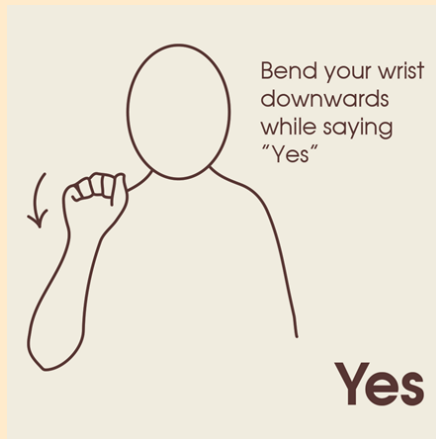


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MAKATON SIGNS OF THE WEEK

This week's new Makaton phrases are



Have a go at practising them with your child at home!



World Down Syndrome Day will be on Friday 21st March. This is the same day as Comic Relief so we will be celebrating World Down Syndrome Day on Monday 24th March.

Children will be invited:

- To take part in a colouring competition. Completed entries handed in on Thursday 20th March then winners announced in Celebration Assembly on Friday 21st March
- To wear odd socks on Monday 24th March
- To buy odd sock biscuits and pin badges. Money raised will be donated to the East Lancashire Down Syndrome Association

COLNE LIBRARY AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS!

Colne Library have started a new after school club on Monday\$ from 4.00pm to 5.00pm

The upcoming programme of sessions is as follows:

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>

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

Savoury beef or quorn mince & dumplings with mash & veg OR Tomato & marscarpone pasta with herby bread & salad OR Jacket potatoes with choice of fillings and salad

Tuesday

Big brunch with sausages, omelette, crispy potatoes & baked beans OR Salmon fish fingers with crispy potatoes, peas & sweetcorn

Wednesday

Roast chicken or quorn fillet with roast potatoes & veg OR Veg & chickpea curry with rice & naan bread

Thursday

Chicken curry with rice & naan bread OR Pasta Bolognese with herby bread & salad OR Jacket potatoes with choice of fillings and salad

Friday

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

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.

Readers of the Week

- YR Tom-Joseph** for his fabulous effort when he finds reading tricky
- Y1 Stanley** for his excellent comprehension skills during whole class reading
- Y2 Amber** for reading at home more often
- Y3 Samina** for working hard to improve her fluency & confidence
- Y4 Oliver** for his increased confidence when reading aloud
- Y5 Oliver** for reading regularly at home
- Y6 Ade** for reading daily all the time

Learners of the Week

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| YR Theo for being brave this week and dealing well with change | Darcie for her fabulous imagination in continuous provision |
| Y1 Ava-Rose for always doing her best and making us smile | George for writing a brilliant letter of advice to Orion |
| Y2 Lydia for her improved confidence and always being kind & helpful | Aaronas for growing in confidence, being more resilient and giving 100% |
| Y3 Scarlett M for her great understanding of fractions | Lola for writing a fantastic diary entry as Fern from Charlotte's Web |
| Y4 Lexi for creating an entire script for her group's Newsround report about online safety | Drake for his brilliant acting and expression when filming the class' newsround reports |
| Y5 Annie-Mae for being an excellent role model with a great sense of humour | Lily for working really hard to improve her handwriting |
| Y6 Zaeem for his consistently positive attitude to learning | Louis for being a consistently great role model |