

Newsletter

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Welcome to the Spring Term

Staff were sad to hear about the loss of Carol Franks last week.

Please check the details about Carol's funeral on page 3.

Parents are very welcome to attend Carol's funeral on Monday 19th December.

Thankyou very much for the kind comments and fond memories you have shared on class dojo pages, Facebook and ColneTalk.

Dates for your diary

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After school clubs will restart from Monday 12th January next week. Letters have been sent home to confirm childrens' places at clubs.

MON: Dance

TUE: Football

WED: No club this week as children will be watching pantomime this afternoon. Club to start next week

THU: Archery

DEADLINE for submitting Reception applications for children to start primary School in September 2026 is

Thursday

15th January

NEXT WEEK

**ONLY 6 DAYS LEFT
TO APPLY!**

Check page 3

SAYING GOODBYE TO CAROL FRANKS

Carol's family have informed us that her funeral will take place on Monday 19th January. The family look forward to parents and staff attending Carol's funeral. The funeral will take place at Parish Church in Colne .

The funeral service will start at 1pm.

After the service, the funeral cortege will drive past West Street Primary School at approximately 2pm. We would like some of the Key Stage 2 children to line the street as the funeral cortege passes by.

EYFS and KS1 children will not take part.

Parents are very welcome to join us to pay their respects.

We understand that this is a very sensitive subject and that some children may not want to take part so this is completely voluntary. Children who do not take part will remain in school with members of staff.

On Monday Key Stage 2 parents will receive a letter to give permission for their child to take part in watching the funeral cortege drive past.

After the service, Carol's family have invited West Street parents to join them at Colne Cricket Club for the wake from 3pm.



APPLYING for RECEPTION PLACES for SEPTEMBER 2026

Is your child getting ready to start primary school in September 2026?

You only have **6** days to submit your application.
Please talk with us when you need some help.



**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
PRIMARY**

APPLY NOW!

at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

School transport



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.



CLOSING DATE
15 January 2026

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AMENDED TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2026-2027

West Street Community Primary School Term and Holiday Pattern 2026 – 2027

Autumn Term 2026

INSET 1 & 2 (teacher training days): Tuesday 1 & Wednesday 2 September
Re-open to Y1 to Y6 pupils: Thursday 3 September
Open to Nursery pupils and new YR pupils: Thursday 3 September
YR part-time for Thursday 3 & Friday 4 September
New YR pupils start full-time: Monday 7 September
INSET 3 (teacher training day): Friday 23rd October
Half Term: Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October
Re-open to pupils: Monday 2 November
Close for Christmas holidays: Friday 18 December at 1.30pm

Spring Term 2027

INSET 4 (teacher training day): Monday 4 January
Re-open to pupils: Tuesday 5 January
Half Term: Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February
Re-open to pupils: Monday 22 February
Close for Easter holidays: Thursday 25 March at 3.30pm

Summer Term 2027

Re-open to pupils: Monday 12 April
May Day: Monday 3 May
Half Term: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June
INSET 5 (teacher training day): Monday 7 June
Re-open to pupils: Tuesday 8 June
Close for Summer holidays after school: Wednesday 21 July at 1.30pm

Autumn Term 2027

New academic year starts: Wednesday 1st September 2027

2027-2028 Term and Holiday pattern will be published for both parents and staff in Autumn Term 2027

A message from Colne Junior Council

Cans for Cash Appeal

Do you know that Pendle has the highest rate of child food poverty in the country?

Colne Junior Council - which is made up of Y5 and Y6 school councillors from 5 primary schools in Colne: (Christ Church, Trawden Forest, West Street, Park Primary and Primet Primary) have been set a challenge to convert aluminium cans into cash. They will do this by collecting and re-selling aluminium drinks cans for scrap.

In doing so they will not only help the planet but also others in Colne. For every tonne in weight they collect we can earn £550. We will then give the cash to Colne Open Door Centre who in turn will use the money to help others in our community.

The more cans we collect, the more money we will raise!

Please collect, clean, crush and send into school your aluminium drinks cans to help us with this year long challenge!



Attendance so far this term is.....

90.88%

Last half-term 89 children achieved 95%+ attendance. They have earned an attendance sticker. They will receive this in next week's celebration assembly. The attendance sticker is worth 30 dojos!

Be an Attendance Hero...



Here Every day Ready On time

Good attendance means our children will...

- Achieve well and be successful
- Know the value of hard work and efforts
 - Be kind
 - Dream Big!

Work hard. Be kind. Dream big

Reporting Absence Procedure for Parents/Carers

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. You can also now report an absence on the School Spider app.

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.



(01282) 865840



SCHOOL LUNCHES

The cost of a school lunch is:

£2.70 per day OR

£13.50 per week

Parents can now order school dinners on the School Spider app



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 watch your child receive an award.

Readers of the Week

YR **Aamina** for knowing most of her phonic sounds and working really hard to blend and segment.

Y1 **Evie** for showing great understanding of the text in reading.

Y2 **Millie** for being a super librarian helping others scan in books in the library.

Y3 **Aaronas** for excellent vocabulary work during reading comprehension.

Y4 **Sam** for trying hard to find the definition of unfamiliar.

Y5 **Amelia** for working hard to improve her fluency.

Y6 **Daisy-May** for always putting in 100% effort in Reading lessons.

Learners of the Week

YR **Abdullah** for always trying so hard. He has been reading with speed and participating on the carpet.

Y1 **Darcie** for her amazing independent writing and her improved confidence with phonics. **Jasper** for identifying which groups animals belong in..

Y2 **Cleo** for great work in Science, recalling key facts, sharing ideas and working hard. **Jensen** for a great first week back, growing confidence and being more engaged.

Y3 **Thomas** for his fantastic handwriting. **Stanley-Jay** for his great effort in lessons all week.

Y4 **Maliyah** for her good effort in English when researching Tobago. **Chaise** for working hard in Maths when multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100.

Y5 **Skylar** for her fantastic knowledge of solids, liquids and gases. **Oliver** for his fantastic Atlas skills.

Y6 **Kaitlin** for being more engaged in lessons and joining in more. **Betsy** for creating descriptive sentences about a character using fantastic vocabulary.