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UKS2 Workshops Bring Learning to Life

Pupils across Upper Key Stage 2 have recently enjoyed two fantastic enrichment opportunities designed to educate, inspire and prepare them for the future.

Year 6 took part in a powerful Prevent 2 Protect workshop, which combined an educational session with an energetic boxing-themed circuit. Through real-life stories, discussions and practical activities, pupils learned about grooming, county lines exploitation, personal safety, healthy choices and where to seek support if they are worried. The boxing activities promoted confidence, resilience and emotional regulation, helping children to understand how to manage challenges positively. Pupils were highly engaged throughout and gained valuable knowledge that will help them stay safe as they move towards secondary school.













Meanwhile, Years 5 & 6 stepped back in time during an immersive Viking History Workshop, providing an exciting introduction to our upcoming History unit. Children met a 'real life' Viking, explored artefacts, discovered fascinating facts about Viking life and culture, and learned about the Futhark runic alphabet. Pupils also created their own Viking-inspired jewellery and enjoyed dressing up and taking part in a Viking themed photoshoot. The workshop captured children's imaginations and sparked great enthusiasm for their forthcoming learning.

Both workshops provided memorable, hands-on experiences that brought learning to life and left pupils excited, informed and eager to learn more.

For Remembrance Day, children in Upper Key Stage 2 have been writing first person narratives from the perspective of an object.

My war journey.

By Otis

I was made to carry a soldier, but I never could have prepared myself for this. Gabriel stood amongst the other recruits, his new uniform stiff and uncomfortable against his skin. He stood straight when the officer approached. He was now leaving his old life behind. Our first steps were part of a long line of soldiers, marching towards an uncertain destination. He never knew what war would teach him.

We were led into a network of trenches, where soldiers worked and slept in cramped conditions. His legs ached from marching and his skin around his heels had become painfully sore. Gabriel's job was to keep an eye on the enemy line. Men carried fresh supplies, repaired damaged support beams and moved equipment. Days and nights felt the same.

The trench floor was a foul mixture of rotting straw, stagnant water and churned earth; nothing stayed clean for more than a moment. Blisters split beneath his socks his skin rubbed raw; still, there was no chance to rest. Some men could barely stand straight. Others limped along with bandaged feet, determined not to fall behind. Nobody knew when the attack would come; the waiting was almost as bad as the fighting itself.

By Hughie

The first explosion was followed by another, then another, until there was no space between the thunderous impacts. He hesitated for a fraction of a second. Then, the order came again and he ran. Torn uniforms, splintered rifles and abandoned packs lay scattered across the ground half-buried beneath the debris. Nearby, a young man reached towards his comrades but the pain was too great for him to move any further. John ran blindly through the chaos, shrapnel as fragments of metal flicked through the air around him. John stopped beside a familiar face, but they preferred who had shared his rations that morning would never speak to him again. There was no celebration, no cheering - only exhausted men counting those who were missing.



If you would like to complete the school age childcare in Lancashire survey, please use the link below:

https://sway.cloud.microsoft/H8g2hqBJbGETe1aC?ref=Link





THIS WEEK'S BEHAVIOUR STARS

ASH
Score: 318

HAZEL
Score: 359

OAK
Score: 324

WILLOW
Score: 331

AT THE END OF HALF TERM, THE WINNERS GET A NON-UNIFORM DAY!

Attendance Matters

We aim for at least 97% attendance each week.

Class	Attendance
Green	95.9%
Pink	96.3%
White	92.1%
Red	95%
Yellow	95.1%
Orange	97.8%
Lime	94.7%
Turquoise	98.6%
Gold	97.3%
Purple	96%

Our overall attendance for last week is: 96.1%

FRIENDSHIP & KINDNESS AWARD

INFANTS

Elliot P.

For showing care and checking on a friend who was upset.

Please remember to visit our website for long term dates. Thank you.

November:

Monday 16th November: Reception prospective parent 2027 open day– 4-5:30pm.
Monday 16th November: Anti bullying week begins.
Monday 16th November: Turquoise Class library visit– PM.

Thursday 19th November: Eco Team meeting 8:30am.

Friday 20th November: Non-uniform day– fill a cup.

Tuesday 24th November: School Council meeting 3:30-4:30pm.

Thursday 26th November: White Class library visit– PM.

Friday 27th November: Nursery parents' stay & play 9-9:30am.
Friday 27th November: Non-uniform day– bring chocolate donation.
Friday 27th November: Tonacliffe Christmas Fair 5-7pm.

Monday 30th November: Gold Class library visit.

December:

Wednesday 2nd December: EYFS to visit Bacup Fire Station– children collected @ 1pm.

Friday 4th December: Red Class library visit.

Tuesday 8th December: Years 3/4 prospective panto trip.

Wednesday 9th December: KS1 Nativity—2:30pm prompt.

Thursday 10th December: Rocksteady concert—9:30am prompt.

Thursday 10th December: Reception/Nursery Nativity- 2:30pm prompt.

Friday 11th December: Years 5/6 prospective panto trip.

Tuesday 15th December: Christmas Jumper/ non-uniform day.
Tuesday 15th December: Christmas Dinner day.
Tuesday 15th December: Rocksteady concert– 2:45pm prompt.

Wednesday 16th December: Christmas Carol Concert—2:15pm prompt.

Thursday 17th December: Nursery settling in session– 9:30am.

Friday 18th December: Christmas party day– non uniform day.
Friday 18th December: Last day of Autumn Term 2.

School Term Dates 2026/2027

September 2026

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August 2027

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Holiday

Training Day