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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you all enjoyed a restful half-term break. The children have returned with real energy, ready for what is always one of the most exciting and lively terms of the school year.

This half-term promises a wonderful mix of learning and celebration. A particular highlight continues to be our 'Wild Ones' outdoor learning sessions. It is a genuine pleasure to see the children's confidence and curiosity blossom as they explore, create, learn in nature, and embrace getting wonderfully muddy as the seasons change!

Of course, the festive season is fast approaching! We are already buzzing with excitement as auditions for our KS1 Christmas performance get underway. We can't wait to welcome families to share in those special performances. To round off a brilliant term, we will be celebrating the children's hard work with our much-loved Christmas parties and festive activities.

Thank you, as always, for your wonderful and continued support. We've had a great start back and are looking forward to a very happy and busy run-up to Christmas!

Warm regards,

Mr. Matthews and the entire Ashleigh Staff



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REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

On Tuesday November 11th, a group of our children attended the Remembrance Service at Darwen Town Hall. They joined members of the local community to pay their respects to those who have served and sacrificed in conflicts past and present. The children represented our school with pride and took part in the act of remembrance with great respect and maturity.



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KS1 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION - WHOOPS-A-DAISY ANGEL

The infant children will be performing their Christmas production of 'Whoops-A-Daisy Angel' on the below dates and times: -

There will be performances on **Monday 15th December at 6pm** and **Wednesday 17th December at 2.30pm and 6pm.**

Each performance will last approximately 30 minutes.

Admission is by ticket only and the cost of a ticket is £2.00 each and this also enters you into a free raffle. Unfortunately, **we will have to limit tickets to 2 per child for the evening (either 2 on the same night or split over both nights) and 1 per child for the afternoon show.** A letter about this event will be sent home next week.



CHRISTMAS POST BOX

From **Monday 24th November to Friday 12th December**, our special post box will be open, so children can post Christmas cards to their friends. To help our hardworking posties (aka **Year 6**) deliver every card safely, please make sure each envelope includes the **full name and class** of the person it's for. We would hate for any cards to go undelivered because we didn't know who they were meant for!



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SPORTS NEWS

KS2 Blackburn Rovers Football Club Kids Cup

A huge well done to our KS2 football team, who represented Ashleigh brilliantly at the BRFC Kids Cup!

The team played exceptionally well and narrowly missed out on reaching the quarter-finals. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school and did themselves proud — we couldn't be happier! What an amazing experience and to top it all off, they even had the chance to grab a photo with a Blackburn Rovers player!



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DPSSA Boys Football League - Round 2

Another fantastic evening of football for Ashleigh in the DPSSA Boys Football League! Our boys showed amazing teamwork and determination in two tough fixtures against very talented opponents.

Game 1:

Ashleigh 2 - 1 St Peter's

A brilliant performance from Teddy, who impressed throughout, supported by a composed display in midfield from Nico. The whole team played some superb football!

Game 2:

Ashleigh 3 - 0 St Paul's Hoddlesden

Another excellent team performance with standout contributions from Joseph and Henry. A special mention to Harry in goal for an outstanding fingertip save to keep it at 1-0 in the second half - a real game-changer!

Well done, boys — two fantastic results to build on. Let's carry this momentum into next week's fixtures!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SANTAS GROTTO

Saturdays from 29th November to the 20th December and Tuesday 23rd December from 10.00am - 12.30pm and 1.00pm - 3.00pm and Wednesday 24th December from 10.00am - 1.00pm there will be a Santa's Grotto in Darwen Market Annex. There will be the chance for children to have their photograph taken with Santa with gifts available. This event is run by Darwen Rotary.



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MINI RANGERS SESSIONS

Mini Rangers sessions take place every Thursday evening from 5:00-6:00pm at the Soccerdome Blackburn. These sessions are perfect for beginners and young players who want to develop their skills in a friendly, supportive environment run by qualified coaches.

Session Details:

⚽ **Who:** Boys & girls aged 4-6

📅 **When:** Thursdays, 5:00-6:00pm

📍 **Where:** Soccerdome Blackburn



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Trinity Bazaar 2025



Café . Crafts . Toys . Bric-A-Brac

Cakes . Raffle . Tombola . Cards

Christmas Items . Jewellery & lots more



Saturday 15th November 10am – 3pm



Free Admission!

Come along and enjoy the fun!



PLEASE NOTE: WE ONLY TAKE CASH

Trinity URC Methodist Church, King Steet, Great Harwood, BB6 7JN



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TURTON YOUNG FARMERS TRACTOR RUN

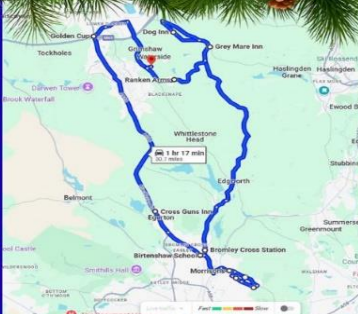
It's that time of year again when Turton Young Farmers Tractor Run takes place. This year it will be on Sunday 7th December. Please see below for the route and approximate times.

5 years of Tractor magic

**TURTON TRACTOR RUN
SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 2025
IN AID OF RABI & MADDIES
BUTTERFLIES**



4.00PM LEAVING TOWARDS STOPES BROW
• PROCEED DOWN SANDY LANE TO GOLDEN CUP 4:15PM
• RIGHT A666 THROUGH DARWEN CENTRE 4:30PM
• CONTINUE UP BULL HILL 4:45PM
• TO REACH CROSS GUNS EGERTON 4:55PM
• LEFT AT WAR MEMORIAL PASSING BIRTENSHAW SCHOOL (START SILENT ROLL)
• PROCEEDING TO BRADSHAW BROW 5:10PM



ARRIVE MORRISONS HARWOOD 5:15PM
• LOOP VIA HARDY MILL RD, STICHMI LANE & HOUGH FOLD WAY
• UP TURTON RD TO BROMLEY CROSS STATION 5:45PM
• PASSING BLACK BULL EDGORTH 6:00PM PROCEED ALONG BROADHEAD ROAD
• ARRIVE AT THE GREY MARE, GRANE ROAD 6:20PM
• PASS THE DOG INN, BELTHORN 6:30PM
• PASS THROUGH HODDLEDEN VILLAGE 6:50PM
• FINISH AND HOME



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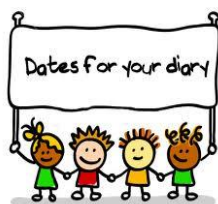
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Outdoor learning - Year 2	Wednesday 19 th November	AM
Outdoor learning - Year 1		PM
Outdoor learning - Rec Rabbits	Wednesday 26 th November	AM
Outdoor learning - Rec Bears		PM
Year 6 Height and Weight Checks	Monday 1 st December	9.30am
Outdoor learning - Year 4	Wednesday 3 ^d December	AM
Outdoor learning - Year 3		PM
Year 4 Violin Concert	Wednesday 10 th December	14.30pm
Christmas Lunch - Whole school	Thursday 11 th December	
Christmas Carol Singing Darwen Market	Friday 12 th December	AM
Christmas Selection Box Bingo	Friday 12 th December	6pm
KS1 Production of Whoops-a-Daisy Angel	Monday 15 th December	6pm
KS1 Production of Whoops-a-Daisy Angel	Wednesday 17 th December	2.30pm 6pm
School closes	Friday 19 th December	1pm
School Re-opens	Monday 5 th January	8.45am

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