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As we approach the final few weeks of this half term, it has been great to see the progress the children have made across the school. There has been plenty of hard work, learning and enthusiasm, with many children growing in confidence and becoming increasingly independent in their learning.

A special mention goes to our Year 5 and 6 Paris group, who had a fantastic few days exploring Paris and enjoying time at Disneyland. They represented Ashleigh extremely well throughout the trip and were a credit to the school, as well as to their parents and carers. We hope they came home with some great memories of their time away. Of course, residential trips like this simply cannot happen without the immense dedication and goodwill of our team. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the staff members who generously gave up their own time away from home—working essentially 24 hours a day—to accompany the children and give them such a memorable experience.

The next few weeks continue to be busy, with our individual and sibling school photographs taking place, the open evening and Bikeability for year 6. Mad Science and Young Voices will also be continuing after school as usual.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for everything you do to help the children have a positive and successful time at school.

Mr. Matthews and the entire Ashleigh Staff

## OPEN EVENING - WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding an open evening for prospective parents to come and look around school from 6.00pm - 7.30pm. If you know any parents whose children will turn 5 after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2027, it would be great if you could pass on this date to them.



Let them know that if they can't make the 7<sup>th</sup> October that they can contact school on (01254) 703171 to make an appointment to look round on almost any school day.



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## INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

We're pleased to let you know that JS Photography will be visiting the school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October to take individual portraits as well as sibling photographs. If you would like your child to have a photograph taken with their sibling, who is not at school, please come to the office area at around 8.15am.



This is a wonderful opportunity to capture a special memory of your child during the school year.

The photographs make lovely keepsakes and are perfect for sharing with family and friends just in time for Christmas!

## HARVEST 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

Harvest Collection to Support Darwen Food Larder

Our Harvest collection will take place on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, and it is a wonderful time to reflect on what we have and to give back to those in our community.



Once again, we are proud to support the vital work of the Darwen Food Larder. They do an incredible job of providing emergency food parcels to individuals and families facing hardship in our area. To help them, we are collecting donations of long-life food items and toiletries.

They are especially in need of any tinned meats e.g. corned beef, mince in gravy, chill con carne, chicken in sauce etc. alternatively tinned fruit and carrots and long-life milk. They have enough soup and beans, so ideally please do not donate these.

Donations of toiletries, including shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toilet roll, nappies and baby wipes would also be very appreciated.

Please ensure all items are in date and sealed. Every donation, no matter how small, can make a real difference to a local family in need. Please bring in your donations between now and the 16<sup>th</sup> October.



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## ROTARY WRAP UP

Darwen Rotary Club is once again supporting its annual "Wrap Up" event, which aims to collect good-quality coats and jackets to help people in our local community stay warm during the colder months.

If you have any clean, good-condition coats that you or your family no longer wear, please consider donating them. Coats of all sizes, styles and for all genders are very welcome, whether they are for children or adults.



There is a collection box in the school office, where donations can be dropped off. The collection box will be in school until the week before the October half-term, so there is plenty of time to have a sort through at home and see if you have a coat that could be given a new lease of life.

Every coat donated could make a real difference to someone who needs a little extra warmth this winter.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!



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## FUNDA OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB



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## PUMPKIN PATCH

### TURTON YOUNG FARMERS

DATE: SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2026

LOCATION: Field behind the Bowling Green, The Barlow, Bolton Rd, Edgworth BL7 0AP

TIME: 10:00 - 16:00

PRICE: £5 PER PUMPKIN

TO BOOK: CONTACT 07375 530326

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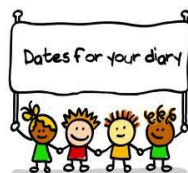
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| Mad Science After School Club (letter has been sent home, course is now full) | Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September until 15 <sup>th</sup> October | 3.30pm-4.30pm |
| JS Photography Individual and Sibling Photographs                             | Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October                                     | Am            |
| Year 6 Bikeability Part 1                                                     | Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October                                     |               |
| Open Evening for 2027 Reception starters                                      | Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October                                   | 6pm-7.30pm    |
| Year 6 Bikeability Part 2                                                     | Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October                                    |               |
| Harvest Collection                                                            | Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October                                     |               |
| School Closes                                                                 | Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October                                     | 3.30pm        |
| School Reopens                                                                | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November                                     | 8.45am        |



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