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In our Christian family, we all **SHINE** in the light of Jesus.

Friday 7th November 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful break! Welcome back to a busy half term with plenty of learning and special occasions planned for your child



Anti-bullying Week

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school next **Monday 10th November**. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day and we were one of them 😊. This day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be

themselves, free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way. We would like children to come to school on Monday wearing a pair of odd socks to celebrate diversity. All we ask is for a small donation on the day, if possible, to help the charity Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on their important work. Thank you for your support for this important cause.



Remembrance Day

Y4 are leading Remembrance Day worships next week. On Tuesday 11th November they will lead worship for the school and the children will observe a 2 minute silence at 11am.

Next **Thursday 13th November**, Y4 parents and grandparents are invited to watch the class worship in the school hall at 9.15am. We look forward to seeing you.



Children in Need

Next **Friday 14th November** is Children in Need day. Our school council have decided that this year, we will be doing a cake sale!

If you are able to donate some cakes (nut free), they can be brought in to school on Thursday and Friday and our school council will be selling them **after school on Friday**. Please label any cakes and if anyone could make some gluten free items that would be great. If you would like to purchase a cake to support Children in Need, please bring some money at the end of the day on Friday. Cakes will be **on sale on the playground**. There will be a pot for monetary donations (recommended price of 50p per cake). Thank you for your generosity.

Class Enrichment

This week Year 6 enjoyed a Secret War trip at the Lancashire Museum as part of their WWII learning. Next week on Thursday, Year 1 will be going on trip to enhance their art curriculum by visiting the Lowry Museum in Manchester. On Wednesday, Year 2 and Year 5 will be investigating space via the Wonderdome which will be set up in the school hall – this is always an exciting visit for the children.



Online safety

Please see the poster below about guiding young voices to make a difference. This links in with Anti-Bullying awareness next week.

Attendance procedure

To help us ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students, we kindly ask that you contact the school **each day** your child is absent (unless agreed otherwise). This allows us to accurately record attendance and follow up as needed.

You can notify us by calling the school office or sending an absence request via the School Spider App. Please contact **before 9:00am** and include your child's name, class, and reason for absence. Thank you for your co-operation and continued support.

PTFA News

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the PTFA AGM on Monday evening. It was lovely to see some new faces. I would like to give sincere thanks to the PTFA for their continued support and dedication throughout the year. School would also like to pass on special appreciation to all the volunteers who have helped with events, fundraising, and school initiatives. A special thanks to Helen Shaw for all her time, efforts and support over the years as PTFA treasurer. Helen has stepped down from this role and we welcome Helen Foran (Millie and Ada's Mum) to the PTFA committee who was elected as our new treasurer. Emma Garbutt (Florence and George's Mum) continues to be our PTFA secretary. We look forward to working together to support the children and school 😊. We are still looking for someone to take on the role of chair Vice-Chair of the committee. This is a great role to start being involved in and would be a great support for our Chair Emma Ratcliffe. Please contact the team or the school office if you would be interest in joining the team.



PTFA Step into Christmas

The countdown to Christmas has begun!

Watch this space for more information about the Christmas fun which will take place after school in the school hall on **Friday 21st November**.

Anyone who is able to support that afternoon, please contact Emma Ratcliffe or one of the PTFA team via email

euxtoncofeptfa@gmail.com or speak to the team on the playground. We need support with helpers as unfortunately without volunteers we won't be able to go ahead with plans. Please do consider putting your name forward if at all possible. Thank you.

Christmas Shop Now Open!

The children have recently had the opportunity to create some Christmas artwork. This was done in the classroom when we came back to school in September! **The online Christmas Shop is now open** and you will have by now received the order form showing your child's art work and individual PIN number on it. There are some lovely gifts and keepsakes along with the best-selling Christmas cards and gift tags. There is a flyer attached detailing the products which will be available and prices. The shop will be open until **16th November** and the items will arrive in school in plenty of time for Christmas. All orders support the ongoing fundraising efforts of the PTFA. Thank you!

School Photos

Adam, our photographer, came into school this morning and took everyone's photos, siblings were grouped together and pre-schoolers called in to have their photo taken also. Your child will bring home tonight an order form with an individual link to the photos taken today. Please take the time to have a look at these photos and place any orders by **Sunday 23rd November** to receive free delivery to school and an extra 10% discount.



New Brass Band Club with Mr Crane

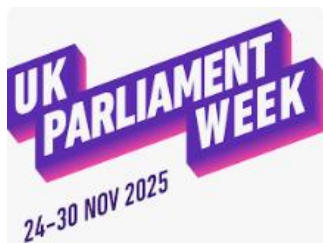
Next **Thursday, 13th November**, Mr Crane is starting a new club for Y4-Y6 children after school on **Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm**. Places are limited to 17 as this is the number of brass instruments in school (8 x trumpets, 4 x baritones and 5 x trombones). If your child is interested in joining in the Brass Band please email Mrs Hodges and let her know the instrument your child would like to play – it will be first come first served due to the restriction on instruments but hopefully we will soon have a brass band to be proud of. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to be part of something special in school and who knows what plans Mr Crane has for the band but one thing we do know is it will be a lot of fun!



School Choir

Calling choir members – if you love to sing and are in Y3-Y6, please come and join our school choir.

Thank you to those children who came along this morning – we have started practising Christmas songs. We are looking for more children to join the school choir – the more voices the better! We sing from 8.20am each Friday morning in the school hall. On **Monday 1st December** we will be singing at Euxton Library at 2pm. Please email Mrs Hodges if your child is interested.



School Council Elections in Parliament Week

Monday 24th November will be the start of Parliament Week. As part of our learning about the British Value of Democracy, we will hold elections for our new School Council and I hope that many children will aspire to run. The guidelines are; all children except current school councillors from Year 1-Year 5 may run for school council, this means that current school councillors will not be able to run for election again this year, but can try again next. However, all children in Year 6, including current school

councillors, may run for election. Those children who wish to run should give their name to their teacher on **Monday 17th November**, so that ballot papers can be prepared. They will then give a speech to their class on **Tuesday 25th November** about why they would like to be considered as a class representative. Voting will take place on the Tuesday morning and the children with the most votes will be presented with their badges in worship the following week.

Can I take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to the outgoing school council who have represented their classes so well and still have a few initiatives to complete to support our school. They have helped to run meetings, speak with visitors and put forward many great ideas. I know that the children are always keen to share and implement their ideas and always thinking of others. We are very proud of you all! 😊

Dates ahead (including festive dates):

Monday 10th November – Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 11th November – nasal flu sprays to whole school if permission given.

Thursday 13th November – Year 1 trip to Manchester Lowry Museum.

Thursday 13th November – Y4 class worship for parents. In the school hall at 9.15am.

Tuesday 18th November, 10.00am – Open Day – please sign up via the link on our school website.

Friday 21st November – Step into Christmas 3.30pm

Thursday 4th December, 9.30am and 2pm – Infant Nativity Performances for parents and grandparents – ticket allocations will be sent home shortly.

Monday 8th December, 2pm – Y5 & Y6 Christingle Service – parents welcome to attend

Friday 12th December, 3pm – Santa Dash – more details to follow.

Monday 15th December – Whole school panto of Peter Pan in school

Tuesday 16th December – Christmas Party Day

Wednesday 17th December – Grandparents Coffee Morning - more details to follow.

Wednesday 17th December, 2.45pm – Rock Steady concert

Thursday 18th December, 3pm – Carols in the hall

Friday 19th December – last day of term, school finishes at 1.30pm (no ASC on this day).

Chorley Fire Station Charity Fun Run

Please see the flyer below about this fabulous event taking place on Sunday 14th December raising funds for Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service.

Mental Elf Fun Run

Please see the flyer below with details of this fun run taking place in Worden Park on Saturday 29th November. All funds raised go towards the great work that Lancashire Mind do.



myHappyMind

We are proud to launch the myHappyMind programme across school next week. This is a mental health and well-being programme to support children in learning habits to support their own mental health. Each class will start the week with a myHappyMind session to support the children to build resilience, develop positive behaviours and mental health. The programmes give children the preventative strategies, skills and tools they need to thrive in the modern world. I am sure it will have a positive impact for the whole school family. More information will be shared via class

blogs once we are up and running. 😊

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Mairi Ash
Headteacher

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

GUIDING YOUNG VOICES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Bullying impacts the lives of many young people. In the UK, one in five pupils aged 10 to 15 report being bullied. The effects can be long lasting, affecting mental health, school attendance and self-esteem, and can impact long-term development into adult life. Adults play a key role in building young people's confidence to speak out, support one another, and stand up to unkind behaviour. This guide offers ways to help youngsters make a positive difference.

1 CELEBRATE DIFFERENCES

Help young people value diversity by showing that what makes us different is also what makes us strong. Encourage them to learn about different cultures, identities, and abilities through books, films, and conversations. By appreciating uniqueness in themselves and others, children can grow into open-minded individuals who build inclusive and welcoming environments.

2 MODEL RESPECT

Children watch and learn from how adults behave. Use respectful language, show patience in disagreements, and treat others with fairness – especially in front of children. By modelling inclusive behaviour and challenging unkindness, adults set a lasting example that respect should be part of every interaction, whether online, at school, or at home. Be the change you want to make.

3 SPOT THE SIGNS

Adults and young people should learn how to recognise signs that someone may be experiencing bullying. This might include withdrawal from friends, hobbies or interests, changes in mood, reluctance to go to school, or unusual injuries. Helping young people recognise these clues ensures that support can be offered sooner and problems do not go unnoticed.

4 VALIDATE FEELINGS

When a child shares something that worries them, it's important to listen carefully and validate how they feel. Respond with empathy – not judgement – and let them know it's okay to feel upset or confused. Offering reassurance and understanding helps young people feel safe about opening up, and builds the trust needed to talk again in future.

5 TEACH ALLYSHIP

Show children how to stand up for others in safe, respectful ways. Allyship might look like sitting next to someone who's been excluded, reporting hurtful behaviour, or speaking up when they witness bullying. By practising these responses together, you're helping children develop the courage to be kind and to take action when it really counts.

6 PROMOTE REPORTING

Ensure young people know how to report bullying and feel confident that they'll be taken seriously. Talk to them about who they can speak to and what to expect when they do, such as reporting school incidents to teachers, and out-of-school bullying to parents or teachers. Reassure them that reporting is a brave and helpful choice – not tattling – and that it plays a vital role in keeping everyone safe.

7 ENCOURAGE KINDNESS

Everyday acts of kindness can make a big difference in creating safer, happier spaces. Encourage children to look out for one another by being helpful, saying kind words, or including someone who feels left out. These small actions set a strong example that kindness matters, and that it can be a powerful response to bullying.

8 USE YOUR VOICE

Encourage young people to speak up for themselves and others. Whether through storytelling, school campaigns, or peer-led projects, children can learn that their voice has power. Support them to express themselves confidently and safely, helping them understand that sharing experiences can challenge injustice and inspire real change in their communities.

9 BUILD COMMUNITY AND BELONGING

Children thrive when they feel supported. Help them build strong friendships, join clubs or teams, and connect with trusted adults who care. These networks offer comfort, encouragement, and protection – particularly during challenging times. Remind children that they don't have to face difficulties alone and that support is always within reach.

10 SUSTAIN THE CONVERSATION

Bullying awareness shouldn't be limited to one week each year. Create regular opportunities to talk about kindness, respect, and inclusion. Use books, news stories, and personal experiences as conversation starters. Embed anti-bullying initiatives into the school, and make tackling bullying a shared, ongoing commitment.

Meet Our Expert

Robert Allsop is an experienced pastoral and safeguarding practitioner, specialising in tutorials, behaviour interventions, and attendance management. A recipient of the Diana Award for Anti-Bullying, he has helped raise standards and improve Ofsted outcomes in some of the country's most challenging schools and colleges.



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The National College

Christmas Shop

OPENING SOON

Our Christmas Shop offers a variety of items
based on your child's artwork

Value Packs

Best
Seller

2 packs of 12 Christmas Cards
PLUS
42 self adhesive gift labels
Bundle price **£14.00**

Great
gift

Ceramic 11oz mug
PLUS
2 full colour MDF coasters
Bundle price **£11.50**

Stocking Fillers

Hanging Decoration



8cm design on MDF
– a precious way to
display your child's
artwork year after year
£5.50

Magnet

A fun way to share and
display this year's
drawings and ensure
they last
£3.50



Tea Towel

NEW for 2025
A special gift for
your favourite
Christmas Chef
£6.50



Ceramic 11oz Mug

Individually packed and dishwasher
safe to make a long lasting keepsake
£6.50



Keepsakes

2 coasters

MDF coasters for everyday festive use
£6.00



Stationery

12 Christmas Cards



A6 with envelopes – a personal way to
share your Christmas wishes
£6.00

42 self adhesive gift labels

38mm x 99mm semi gloss labels for
speedy yet personalised gift wrapping
£3.50



Previews of the artwork and online shop will be available soon!

Shop must close Sunday 16th November

Purchases will be in school by 2nd December



Mental Elf is coming back to Leyland!

Saturday
29th
November
Worden Park
10am-2.30pm

Festive Fun Run 2025

Be a part of the county's best
festive fun run experience and
support vital mental health
services across Lancashire!

Tickets
from
£7.00*

* Plus ticket
booking fee

 **Mind**
Lancashire

**Join your family
& friends for some
festive fun.**

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SPAR 

**2k, 5k or challenge
your sElf distances!**

- Surprise festive boosts every km
- Bespoke sustainable elf medal
- Goody bags for everyone who finishes



Find out
more



**Be the best dressed Elf and
get ready to Ho Ho Go!**





Charity Fun Run

at Chorley Fire Station

Sunday 14 December



In aid of
Fire Fighters
Charity



Race Schedule

10:00am: 1 km children's race

(up to 14 years)

11:00am: 5 km adult race



**Prizes for first place
and best dressed!**

Book your tickets:

www.lancsfirerescue.org.uk/christmas-gallop