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

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents,



Welcome back to school and Happy New Year!  
I hope that you and your families had a wonderful festive break.

## **Multi-Faith Week**

Thank you to everyone who came into school this afternoon to see our class displays from Multi-Faith Week. The children have enjoyed exploring different faiths and beliefs.

Next week, on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January** we welcome Prags Birk, creative director of Cultural Educ-Aisan Ltd. She will deliver Hinduism and Sikhism interactive workshops, with traditional dancing, prayer and cooking, to every year group in the school.

This term will also see Y3, Y4 and Y5 go on a trip to another place of worship to further deepen their knowledge and understanding.

## **Musical success**

Congratulations to Joshua Wearden and Ollie Roocroft who were presented with their copper music medals (guitar) in Celebration Worship this morning. Well done boys and thank you to Mr Wadsworth for teaching and preparing the children for the music medals.

## **Admissions – Primary Places September 2026**

You can now apply via [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) for school places for September. Supplementary Faith forms are available in the school office for our school. The closing date for primary school applications is **next Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

## **Online Safety**



Please see below guidance on supporting children with their return to school and routine.

### **Winnie the Pooh Day Lunch**

On **Thursday 15th January** the kitchen will be providing a Winnie the Pooh Day meal. The options are Pooh Bear's BBQ meatball slider with fries or Tigger's Bouncing Cheese and Tomato Bake, followed by churros. If your child DOES NOT usually have a school meal on a Thursday and you would like them to, please email [a.croft@euxton.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.croft@euxton.lancs.sch.uk). The meal will be £2.90 and will be added to your ParentPay account on the day unless your child is in receipt of FSM or is an infant.

### **SEND Roadshow Event**

Any family welcome to attend the SEND Roadshow Event who may want to find out more about support and services available for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs. It takes place in Chorley on Wednesday 4th Feb (9:30am – 1pm at Inspire Youth Zone).

### **myHappymind**



Last term, we introduced a programme to all year groups at school called myHappymind. myHappymind is all based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves!

It is delivered in school by class teachers through a series of interactive lessons and then the children apply these learnings throughout the day.

To further embed this learning, myHappymind has developed a Parent App. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The Parent App will support you as a parent in understanding what your child is learning, activities for you to do together at home and also a Kids Zone featuring myHappymind Games plus much more! To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> to create your free account or simply scan the QR code (see poster below) to sign up. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code. The authentication code can be found on a sticker in your child's reading diary. If you have any questions about myHappymind, please contact your class teacher. We really encourage you to make use of this free content so that you can support your child in getting the best out of the curriculum. Thank you for your support.

### **National Year of Reading 2026**



The **National Year of Reading 2026**, led by the Department for Education (DfE) and National Literacy Trust, is a UK-wide campaign to boost reading for pleasure, tackling a decline in reading habits by making reading relevant to people's passions (like sports, music, films) through activities, events, and resources for all ages, with a goal to foster a lifelong love of reading. At Euxton CE Primary we love reading and we are proud to support this initiative. We will be sharing ways we hope to further boost reading across school! 😊

### **Playground Project**

You may have seen that work started this week for our exciting new play equipment on the astro turf area. We look forward to seeing the children play and explore this new area of our playground when it is finished. Thank you for your patience and co-operation as we work to enhance our outdoor spaces for all children.

To ensure everyone's safety and to support a smooth and safe start and end to each school day, we kindly ask parents/grandparents to closely supervise their children while on the school site. Please do not allow children to play with school equipment before or after school.

## **EL CLUB ESPAÑOL**

Please see a message from our Spanish Club leader -

*Hola! Do you plan to go on holiday to Spain or other Spanish-speaking countries this Summer? Wouldn't it be amazing if your child could speak some of the language there? Learning Spanish is a fun and useful skill and learning at primary school age gives your child the best chance of discovering a love of languages which will serve them throughout their education and life.*

*Our FUN SPANISH Club is restarting for the Spring term and takes place on **Tuesdays, from 13<sup>th</sup> January** for 10 weeks! The club is NOW OPEN TO Reception class up to Year 6 this term. These clubs take place during lunchtime for 30 minutes and the fees are £4.70 per session payable termly. Children have their lunch first at the beginning of lunchtime and then come to the club.*

*The membership fee for new members is £13.95 and children receive a songbook and CD with folder and sticker chart and it includes free access to our internet gamezone and access to all the LCF French & Spanish music via streaming on any device. Sibling discounts and monthly direct debits/card payment options are available.*

*If you would like to put your child's name down for a **no obligation taster**, you can sign up at [www.boltonlanguages.co.uk/enrol](http://www.boltonlanguages.co.uk/enrol) and pay later by skipping the payment until after the taster session. If your child doesn't wish to continue, then you don't need to pay anything.*

*Please contact Chris Abalain if you would like more information on this club, you can email [chris@boltonlanguages.co.uk](mailto:chris@boltonlanguages.co.uk) or call 07917 848745.*

## **Sleeping Beauty Pantomime by Brindle Players**

Our very own Miss Killingbeck who has started working at our school is performing in this panto in February – oh yes she is!

If you and your family fancy a fabulous night out please see the link below to purchase tickets and the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/BRINDLE-PLAYERS>

## **Little Voices**

Little Voices are now recruiting new members. Please see a message from them and their flyer below.

*At Little Voices, we build confidence and valuable life skills such as eye contact, communication, and presentation through drama and singing lessons. These skills support children and young people to achieve both at school and beyond.*

## **Dates ahead for this half term:**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January** – Y6 SATs & Robinwood Residential information meeting for parents in the Y6 classroom at 5.30pm.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January** – PTFA Break the Rules Day (more information to follow)

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** – Y5 visit to St. Michael's CE High School to watch production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February** – Y2 Class worship for parents and grandparents, 9.10am in the school hall.

On behalf of everyone here, thank you so much for the kind cards, gifts and messages you gave at the end of term. Your thoughtfulness and support are very much appreciated. As always, please get in touch should you have any query or concern and we will try our very best to help. As we step into the new year, we're excited for the year ahead which will be full of enjoyable learning and memorable experiences.

Wishing you all the very best for 2026.

Mrs Mairi Ash  
Headteacher



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# Lancashire **SEND** Roadshow

2025/2026

The roadshows are for families and practitioners to find out more about support and services available for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers.

These Roadshows are happening across Lancashire bringing the SEND Local Offer to your area.

The SEND Local Offer brings together all services in Lancashire for children and young people aged 0-25 with SEND, and their families.





# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO RETURN TO ROUTINE

Most of us look forward to the school holidays as an opportunity to slow down and relax, stay up later, sleep in and generally approach life in a more leisurely fashion. However, this does mean that returning to normal school-day routines can feel like an uphill battle. Here are some practical tips to ease that transition, reduce stress and set children up for success.

## 1 START SMALL AND EARLY

Begin reintroducing elements of the school routine at least a few days before term starts. Gradually adjust bedtime, wake-up times and mealtimes to be more in line with school-day rhythms. Small changes can make a big difference in avoiding last-minute panic and helping children to readjust smoothly.

## 2 REVISIT THE SCHEDULE

Involve your child in mapping out their daily routine so they understand what's going to change. Visual tools like charts or calendars can help keeping to that schedule feel more engaging. When children understand and anticipate their personal timetable, they feel more secure and in control.

## 3 CREATE A SLEEP PLAN

Sleep can present one of the biggest challenges, as children can sometimes become night owls, prone to staying up late during the holidays. Limit screen time before bed and encourage winding-down activities like reading or listening to calming music. A restful night's sleep improves focus, mood and overall wellbeing, making mornings much smoother.

## 4 ENCOURAGE FRIENDSHIPS

Help your child to reconnect with school friends by organising playdates, catch-ups or arranging to go to after-school clubs. Re-establishing social bonds can make the return to school more exciting and less intimidating, allowing youngsters to focus on the positive aspects of the new term.

## 5 GRANT RESPONSIBILITY

Give children control over some aspects of the morning routine. Maybe they could be in charge of waking everyone up, serving breakfast or choosing the radio station that everyone listens to while getting ready. Something that gives them a sense of ownership over their morning schedule can help them view the task as one they've chosen to do, rather than being told to do it.

## 6 FOCUS ON NUTRITION

Make sure children are receiving balanced meals (with regular healthy snacks to boost energy and concentration), putting them in the best possible state to return to education. A nutritious breakfast is particularly crucial for a positive start to the day. Involve children in meal planning to make it enjoyable and collaborative.

## 7 COMMUNICATE OPENLY

Talk with your child about how they're feeling about returning to school: whether they're excited, anxious or a mix of both. Validating their emotions helps them feel supported and understood. Try asking them about the things they're looking forward to at school, such as seeing their friends again. Focusing on the positives can be useful for children struggling with change.

## 8 RECONNECT WITH LEARNING

Ease children back into a learning mindset by incorporating fun, educational activities into their home life. Reading a favourite book, playing games that involve maths or discussing an interesting topic can gently reawaken their focus and prime their minds to learn, which can have helpful impacts on their academic performance.

## 9 PREP TOGETHER

Turn preparation into a shared activity, to shoulder the responsibility together and provide support where needed. Pack school bags, lay out uniforms and plan lunch the night before. This not only reduces early morning stress but also gives children a sense of ownership over being ready for school.

## 10 BE PATIENT AND FLEXIBLE

Transitions take time, and every child adjusts differently: so, it's important to stay calm and supportive, especially if they're reacting adversely to the change in their daily life. Be ready to tweak routines as needed, and work with the child to make the return to education as easy as possible for them. Patience can go a long way to setting a positive tone for the new school year.

### Meet Our Expert

Becky Dawson is an education expert with a focus on mental health and wellbeing. Passionate about empowering adults who spend time with and care for young people, Becky specialises in creating practical strategies that promote wellbeing and resilience in children during life's transitions.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/supporting-children-to-return-to-routine>

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### Lunchtime Clubs:

Our FUN SPANISH Club resumes in Spring term, on **TUESDAYS** from 13<sup>th</sup> Jan after having lunch first, at 12.30-1.00 & is **NOW OPEN TO RECEPTION** to Y6 this term. Clubs are 30 mins , £4.70/session x 10 weeks inc. trial, + £13.95 membership pack fee. Monthly DD/Standing Order available to spread cost. Click the link at bottom of page for a **no obligation taster** session at the link below or email [chris@boltonlanguages.co.uk](mailto:chris@boltonlanguages.co.uk) for more info. To try the club, sign up and just make no payment until afterwards.



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