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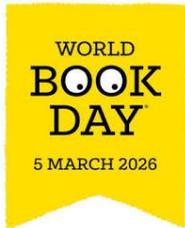
In our Christian family, we all **SHINE** in the light of Jesus.

Friday 27th February 2026

Dear Parents,

Book Fair

Thank you for supporting our Book Fair this week and the National Year of Reading. By being involved you have contributed to the opportunity to earn **£250** worth of books for school. Thank you!



World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2026

For World Book Day this year we invite the children to dress up as their favourite book character. The children will participate in lots of fun reading activities throughout the day and share their favourite stories. There is also a special World Book Day lunch on this day – see the flyer below.

PTFA Lucky Numbers

Congratulations to Mrs Cooper who is a member of staff in school who has won this month's lucky numbers draw - £20 its on its way to you! If you would like more information about the PTFA Lucky Numbers draw, please see the flyer on the PTFA noticeboard near Y2.

Parents' evening

Thank you for coming to parents' evening this week. We hope you enjoyed meeting with teachers and seeing the progress the children are making in their learning.

Ellison's Taekwondo

Eddie Ellison has been in school today demonstrating the sport of taekwondo to all the children. Eddie has been teaching this sport at our school for many years now and his lessons take place in the evening in our school hall. He currently has a special offer of a free suit worth £30 and 2 free lessons for any child who joins in. The lessons are Wednesday 5.45-6.45pm, Thursday 6-7pm and Sunday 6-7pm. If your child is interested in having a go at taekwondo, please contact Eddie on 07952 317485 or visit www.ellisonstktd.co.uk.

Glow Dodgeball Festival

Eight of our Y3 and Y4 children attended a Glow Dodgeball event at Holy Cross High School yesterday. They all had a fantastic time and were an absolute credit to our school. Thank you to Mrs Smith for being with the children and to parents for enabling the team to be there.

Y6 Residential

Next **Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th March**, Y6 children will all be heading off to Robinwood for an action-packed three days. The weather forecast looks mixed but I am sure some wet weather will not deter them from having a brilliant time. Mr Astle, Mrs Obertelli and Miss Killingbeck will be accompanying the children. Miss Haydock will be teaching Y1 in Mrs Obertelli's absence and Mrs Wiles will be teaching Y4. A huge thank you to the staff for their hard work in preparing for the residential and for giving their extra time to accompany and support the children.

Dates for this half term:

Lots of exciting things planned for this half term, please take note of key dates below.

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Friday 13th March – Y5 class worship for parents – theme of Mother's Day at 3pm

Wednesday 18th March – Rocksteady concert for parents 2.30pm

Thursday 19th March – Y3 and Y4 Easter worship for parents 9.10am.

Friday 20th March – Last celebration assembly of the term (due to works being started in the PE cupboard/ hall the following week)

Friday 20th March – PTFA Easter Bingo (details to follow)

Monday 23rd March – Y1 Ukelele performance for parents 9.15am

Thursday 26th March – Y4-6 Benchball festival at Holy Cross (details to follow)

Friday 27th March – end of term. School closes 3.30pm.



Online safety

Please see the poster below with information and guidance for parents about WhatsApp.

Request from Y2

If anyone is looking for a good home for a junior scooter, please consider donating it to our Y2 outside area – please speak to Mrs Smith if you think you may have one to donate. Thank you!

Diocesan letter

Please see attached a letter sent from Iain Parks, the Director of Education at Blackburn Board of Education, about the current Ofsted inspection framework. The aim is simply to offer parents some clarity and reassurance, given the number of questions arising nationally.

Easter Half Term Sports Camp

Please see the attached poster with details of a Sports Camp at Southlands High School in the Easter holidays.

School Uniform

We believe that a school uniform is important:

- It looks smart, clean and tidy.
- Contributes to a sense of belonging to our school family.
- Gives a common purpose.
- Fosters a feeling of pride and equality.

All children are expected to wear **full** uniform which is listed below:

Winter & Summer – Boys
School polo shirt with logo
School jumper with logo
Grey trousers or shorts
Grey socks
Black school shoes

Winter – Girls	Summer – Girls
School polo shirt with logo	Blue/white gingham dresses or school polo with skirt
School jumper or cardigan with logo	School jumper or cardigan with logo
Grey pinafore, skirt, skirt or trousers	White socks
Grey tights, white or grey socks	Black school shoes
Black school shoes	
Hair accessories: Blue scrunchies, headbands or bobbles.	

We are noticing lots of trainers being worn throughout the day and variations of uniform. Please follow the uniform policy and speak with your class teacher if adaptations are ever required so that we can accommodate needs. Please also ensure all uniform items are clearly named so that missing items can find their way home. There is also the option of pre-loved uniform which can be obtained by contacting Christine Farrington (Katie and Lucy's mum) via the Facebook page EuxtonCofEpre-loveduniform or email Christine euxtoncofeuniform@gmail.com stating your requirements and she will do her best if she has any in stock. She sends them into school via the school office. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Communication Policy

As we continue to foster a positive and supportive school community, we kindly remind parents to follow the school's communication policy (on school website) when contacting staff.

Using the appropriate communication channels helps ensure your message reaches the right person efficiently and allows staff the time and space to respond thoughtfully. Please allow staff reasonable time to respond during school hours (staff endeavour to respond within 24 hours).

If parents would like to schedule a meeting with a member of staff, they should email bursar@euxton.lancs.sch.uk or call the school to book an appointment. We try to schedule all meetings within a reasonable amount of time taking into account diaries and availability. While teachers are available at the beginning or end of the school day, if parents need to speak to them urgently, we recommend they book appointments to discuss:

- Any concerns they have about their child's learning
- Updates related to pastoral support, their child's home environment, or their wellbeing

SUBJECT	WHO YOU NEED TO TALK TO
My child's learning/class activities/lessons/homework	Your child's class teacher
My child's wellbeing/pastoral support	Your child's class teacher; who can refer onto Mrs Smith (Wellbeing lead) or Mrs Ash (Headteacher)
Changes to collecting your child from school	Email bursar@euxton.lancs.sch.uk or c.crosby@euxton.lancs.sch.uk (for notification to after school club) Please email before midday on the day to ensure a message will get to the class teacher before the end of the day.
Special Educational Needs	SENDCO or Headteacher
Payments/school trips	School office
Uniform/lost and found	School office
Attendance and absence requests	School office or via School Spider If you want to request approval for a term-time absence, please complete a holiday request form (available from school office)
Bullying and behaviour	Mrs Ash (Headteacher)
School events	School office
The governing board	School office; they will forward your request to Mr I Ball, Chair of Governors
Catering/meals	School Office

We also ask that all communication remains respectful, considerate and supportive, reflecting the values we model for our children every day. Our shared goal is your child's wellbeing and success. Thank you for working together with school to maintain a positive, respectful, and efficient communication environment.

Good Luck Dancing Girls!

This weekend three of our pupils are having a very exciting experience in London – dancing in the West End! Good luck to **Poppy, Florence** and **Emily** who are all taking part with their dance club PQA Dance Academy – we look forward to hearing ALL about it girls.

Parking on Greenside

We have had a complaint from a resident of Greenside about inconsiderate parking around their home. If you do park your car to in residential areas please consider where you are leaving your car and ensure that residents driveways aren't blocked. Thank you.

Buckshaw Soul Children

Buckshaw Soul Children are holding a special event called "Spring into Soul," and children from Y3-Y6 are invited be involved. It is a fantastic opportunity for children to experience the energy of being part of a choir. The session includes:

- Learning and performing an upbeat new song.
- Interactive games to build teamwork and community.
- Reflective moments to explore God's love in an accessible way.

Please see attached a flyer with full details below.



Have a good weekend,
Mrs Mairi Ash
Headteacher

WORLD BOOK DAY

THURSDAY 5TH MARCH



If your child does not usually have a school meal on a Thursday and would like one please email a.croft@euxton.lancs.sch.uk
The cost is £2.90

Treasure Island

Chicken Goujons, Rice and Golden Corn & Ruby Pepper Medley
or

Hogwarts House Pasta

Pasta Spirals & Tomato Sauce with Gryffindor Garlic Bread

Charlie's Chocolate Factory Cake

Chocolate Sprinkle Cupcake

(Choice of filled Jacket Potatoes also available)



SOUTHLANDS
COMMUNITY SPORTS

Easter Half Term Sports Camp

£20 PER DAY

Ages 8-14

 **Southlands High School, PR7 2NJ**

DATES AVAILABLE;

- **MON 30TH & TUE 31ST MARCH**
- **WED 1ST & THURS 2ND APRIL**
- **TUE 7TH, WED 8TH & 9TH APRIL**



SCAN TO BOOK

- **FULLY SUPERVISED BY QUALIFIED STAFF**
- **SAFE, STRUCTURED DAYS OF SPORT & FUN**
- **PERFECT FOR AGES 8-14**



Southlands Community Sports



Instagram: [@southlandssports](https://www.instagram.com/southlandssports)

Contact: Southlandscommunitysports@gmail.com

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

WhatsApp is a free messaging app owned by Meta, allowing users to send text and voice messages, share multimedia, make video calls, and chat in groups. With end-to-end encryption, only the sender and receiver can view messages. This may offer privacy, but it also comes with risks that parents and educators need to be aware of.

GROUP CHAT PRESSURES

Group chats enable multiple users to message in the same space, but this can also make it easier for young people to feel excluded or overwhelmed. Negative comments can escalate quickly, and young people may feel pressure to respond or stay engaged even when the conversation is uncomfortable or upsetting.

SCAMS TARGETING YOUNG USERS

Scammers are increasingly using WhatsApp to trick users into sharing personal information. Common scams include fraudsters posing as family members in an emergency or tricking users into revealing security codes. These can lead to identity theft or access to private conversations.

DISAPPEARING AND HIDDEN MESSAGES

WhatsApp offers features like disappearing messages and 'Chat Lock', which can give users a false sense of security. While intended to protect privacy, they can be used by young users to hide inappropriate conversations or content, making it harder for adults to spot potential issues.

EXPOSURE THROUGH CHANNELS

'Channels' are an optional feature that allows users to follow updates from public figures or organisations; however, there is no way to block this feature or filter its content by age. Young users may encounter adult or distressing content, including misinformation and harmful ideologies.

UNWANTED CONTACT AND LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp users can share their live location, and if not managed carefully, this can allow others – even those in mutual groups – to track someone's whereabouts. Also, without the right privacy settings, young users may be contacted by strangers.

COMMERCIAL AND AI CONTENT

WhatsApp now includes ads in the 'Updates' feed and has introduced an AI assistant – Meta AI – across the app, which cannot be removed. These additions raise concerns about targeting, privacy, AI use, and the type of content children and young people might interact with.

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SECRET CODE

Advice for Parents & Educators

REVIEW PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Help young users check who can see their profile photo, status, and location. Activate the 'Silence Unknown Callers' setting and set group chat invitations to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...' for added safety.

TEACH HOW TO SPOT SCAMS

Encourage caution around unusual and unexpected messages, especially if they involve money or codes. Help young users understand the signs of scams and what to do if they receive a suspicious message. Enable two-step verification to add an extra layer of protection.

BE OPEN ABOUT HIDDEN CHATS

Discuss why children and young people might use features like disappearing messages or 'Chat Lock'. Encourage them to share if something made them uncomfortable, even if the messages are gone. Let them know that privacy should not mean secrecy.

TALK ABOUT ADVERTISING AND AI

Explain that WhatsApp now includes ads and AI tools. Discuss the difference between genuine and sponsored content, and the potential for AI to share inaccurate or age-inappropriate responses. Encourage young users to think critically before trusting or interacting with these features.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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