BENJAMIN HARGREAVES
NEWSLETTER

23.10.26



1. SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

As part of our commitment to openness and transparency about our school's priorities and ongoing improvement, we are sharing the evaluated School Development Plan 2025/26 and our new School Development Plan 2026/27, now available on the school website.

These documents outline the key areas we have focused on over the past year, the impact of this work, and the strategic priorities that will guide the school's development in the current academic year. They reflect our ongoing commitment to providing the very best education, opportunities and outcomes for all pupils.

We encourage parents/carers to take a look at the plans, which can be accessed here:

https://www.benjamin.lancsngfl.ac.uk/page/our-school-development-focus/159950

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help every child shine and succeed.

2. QUICK INFORMATION

- Free School Meal reminder: If you are on Universal Credit, apply for Free School Meals regardless of your child's age (even if they are in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2). Apply here. It takes up to 5 minutes. If you need any help, come and speak to us, and we will help you complete the online form.
- Please remember: if you change any of your contact details (address, email, or mobile number), please let Mrs Buckley know.
- Reminder: School opens on Monday 2nd November (08:45 at the gate!) for Autumn 2.
- During the weeks beginning 2nd November and 9th November, we will be selling poppies. Please send your child to school with a donation to purchase different items. Poppies will also be available at the end of the day.
- All families have received information about photographs recently taken at school. We expect the ordering deadline to be 5th November. Please follow the information you have been given to complete the online ordering process. Orders will be delivered to school.
- For the families who will be having fun around Halloween time, please consider the safety message to convey to your children.

3. DATES FOR THE DIARY

AUTUMN 2 DATES

Monday 2nd November - School reopens for Autumn 2 half-term
Friday 6th November - SEND Support Plans shared with families
Friday 6th November - Class pages updated with Autumn 2 learning information
Tuesday 10th November - Class 1 Come and Learn - 9 am
Tuesday 10th November - NHS Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 11th November - Class 5 - Remembrance Service - 10:45 am (All welcome!)
Thursday 12th November - Class 4 visit to Haworth Art Gallery
Friday 13th November - Year 5 LTT Experience - The Snow Centre
Monday 16th November - ODD SOCKS DAY to start Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 16th November - Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18th November - Year 3/4 Hyndburn Sports Athletics Event - Selected children

LONGER TERM DATES:

Monday 16th November & Monday 22nd March - Parents' Evening
Tuesday 15th December - Class 1 & 2 Nativity - 9:15 am / Class 4 Christingle - 2:30 pm
Friday 5th March - Class 1 Mother's Day celebration - 2:30 pm
Wednesday 24th March - Class 2 Easter Worship - 9 am
Thursday 17th June - Father's Day Worship - Class 1 - 9 am
Friday 25th June - Sports Day
Tuesday 29th June - LTT Dance Festival (LATE NIGHT)
Tuesday 20th July - Year 6 Leavers Production - 6 pm
Wednesday 21st July - Year 6 Leavers Worship - 9:30 am

4. PARENT GOVERNOR

We need two Parent Governors to join our Local Governing Board. Being a Governor is not easy, but it is very rewarding! We meet four times a year. The meeting day varies each term but usually starts at 6 pm. Before meetings, you are expected to read the paperwork sent to you and prepare some questions. We also arrange for you to visit the school to complete monitoring in line with the school's development priorities. These meetings and visits play an important role in the school's leadership and governance, ensuring effective leadership and helping all children achieve and flourish.

If you have the time, energy, skill, and, most of all, a LOVE of Benjamin Hargreaves, and you want to see our school community shine and succeed, come and speak to me!

We will initiate parent elections in the coming weeks.







Talk with your child about...



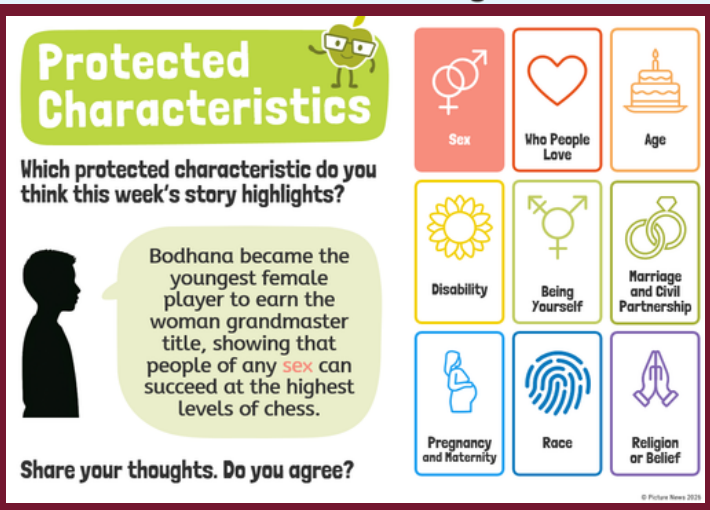
Let's look at this week's story

Eleven-year-old Bodhana Sivanandan from London has become the youngest person ever to earn the woman grandmaster title in chess. She achieved this while playing for England at an international competition in Uzbekistan. Bodhana said she was happy with her achievement and wanted to keep making history.

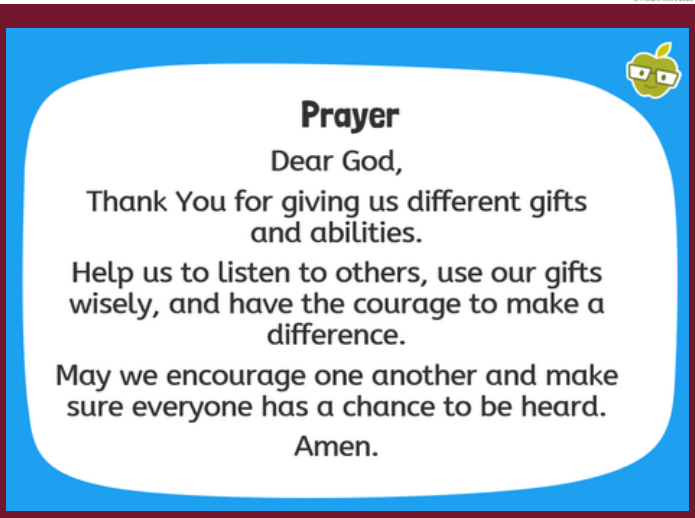
Reflection

Before deciding what someone can do, take time to discover their skills and experience, whatever their age.











Vision link

Discuss...

- What do you think about the quote below?





Blast off with Comets!

A safe space for disabled children aged 5 - 11 to kickstart their football journey

COMETS
Disability + Football



Scan here to see Comets in action!

Time and Date:	Every Tuesdays 5-6pm
Location:	Stanley Sports Hub, Thorneyholme Rd, Accrington, BB5 6BD
Contact:	Amber Kenyon
Phone:	01254 475013
Email:	Amber.Kenyon@stanleytrust.co.uk

ENGLAND FOOTBALL

Get in touch to book your first session



Sign up through School Spider Survey/Forms!



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Note: If you can't sign up for the club, it has already reached its limit of 16 children.

October half-term activities







Our official 'OPEN WEEK' has now ended. However, if you know of a family who would like to have a look around our school, please let them know to telephone us to book an appointment to view the school.

Open Evenings

The Hollins:
24.09.26
Mount Carmel:
24.09.26
St. Christopher's:
29.09.26
Rhyddings:
01.10.26
Accrington Academy:
08.10.29



The Methodist Church & Heritage Shop

Hyndburn Uniform Hubs

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Volunteer Service Providing
Pre - Loved School Uniforms & Shoes
for FREE at your Local Methodist Church



You can also drop off out grown uniform
or come and swap for a bigger size,
at any of the participating hubs.

Rhyddings Methodist Church
Chapel St, Oswaldtwistle BB5 3EP
For Parking Access: Watson St. BB5 3HH

Cambridge St Methodist Church
32 Lodge St, Accrington, BB5 6EH

Antley Methodist Church
Blackburn Rd , Accrington, BB5 ODE

For more information including dates, times and which hub supports your school:

Find Us On Facebook
www.facebook/hyndburnuniformhubs

Or Scan QR CODE

Email: hyndburnuniformhubs@hotmail.com

Together We Thrive

formerly Families First

A welcoming drop-in dedicated to prioritizing YOU.

We cater for everyone, from the youngest to the oldest, whether you're single or part of a multi-generational family

HELP FOR ALL

Support and Advice for All Ages

Join us for a Community drop in!

Come along for FREE support and the chance to chat with a range of local services.

Date: 1st Monday Of Every Month
Location: Rhyddings Methodist Church
Oswaldtwistle, BB5 3HH Time: 1pm ~ 3pm

LANCASHIRE FAMILY HUBS NETWORK

Lancashire County Council

NHS
Lancashire &
South Cumbria
NHS Foundation Trust

East Lancashire
Young People's Mental Health

Concerned about your Mental Health?
Are you under 18 or concerned about someone under 18?

Advice sessions are available on-line via
'Attend Anywhere'
Delivered by CYPMH East
tinyurl.com/ELCAS-LSCFT

Enter the word "CYPMH East" as the first name and "drop in" as the second name followed by your date of birth.
You will then enter our virtual waiting area where we will collect you.

1st - 4th Wednesday of the month	1pm – 3pm
2nd Wednesday of the month	3pm – 5pm
3rd Wednesday of the month	5pm – 7pm