



Larkholme Primary School

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Friday 6th February 2026

Well done Team Larkholme!

We are incredibly proud of this email we have received from Bridget Phillipson, Secretary of State for Education. Larkholme is one of "the very best nationally". What a fantastic achievement which demonstrates what fabulous children and staff we have at Larkholme.

"Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at Larkholme Primary School achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement."

This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.

Your school's achievements demonstrate what is possible, and I hope you will continue to share your experience and best practice with others. Even the strongest schools can go further. We encourage you to lead the way as a system leader - sharing effective practice, championing networks, supporting collaboration, and helping raise standards across the sector.

Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your staff and pupils. I look forward to working with you as we strive together to raise standards for all."

Bridget Phillipson, Secretary of State for Education

Whole-School Focus

This term, we're placing a renewed spotlight on one of our core school values: **Respect**.

Most of our children show respectful behaviour every day—through kindness, good manners, and thoughtful choices. We're incredibly proud of them. Our aim now is to make sure every child consistently demonstrates respect, both in school and beyond.





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Respect and good manners are essential life skills. They help children build strong friendships, communicate well, and contribute positively to their community. With your support, we can strengthen these habits even further.

Ideas to Try at Home

Small, everyday routines can make a big difference. Here are a few simple ways to build respect at home:

-  1. Model polite language
-  2. Practise active listening
-  3. Give small responsibilities
-  4. Praise respectful moments
-  5. Read stories about kindness and respect

Well done to Jacob and Jessica who have demonstrated respect in the community

"Some small examples of how they think about others are: litter picking on the beach, donating their toys to the local domestic abuse hub and asking me to buy a sandwich for a homeless man every time we pass by"

What an amazing example they are setting others.

Parents Evening

On **Thursday 12th February** we would like to invite you to book an appointment to see your child's class teacher. Invites have been sent via email but if you are unable to book please contact the school office and they can do this for you.



Don't forget
parents'
evening!





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Larkholme PALS

Break The Rules Day!

FOR ONE DAY ONLY
the children can break the rules below on...

Friday 13th February 2026

Choose up to 3 of these rules for
50p per rule broken
or
£3 TO BREAK ALL 10 RULES!!!!

1. Wear their own top.
2. Wear their own trousers/dress/skirt.
3. Wear their own shoes/trainers.
4. Wear crazy socks/tights.
5. Have coloured hair.
6. Have temporary tattoos.
7. Wear face paint and/or glitter.
8. Wear nail varnish.
9. Have juice in your water bottle.
10. Eat pudding before main course.

Children must bring correct money
for the amount of rules broken.

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As you know, all our events are to raise funds that ultimately benefit all the children during their time at Larkholme - including helping pay for reading bags for reception, ties for Year 2, hoodies for Year 6. We do rely on our non-uniform events like this to help us continue to fund these items. **This is a paid for event so children must bring correct money for the number of rules broken and hand it to their class teacher. No change can be given.**

Please can we remind children that even though it is Break the Rules Day, we still expect everyone to show their best behaviour. Please remember to be kind, respectful, and ready to learn so we can all enjoy a fun day together.

Free School Meals and Vouchers

Your child may be eligible for free school meals, holiday club and food vouchers during the school holidays if you receive certain benefits. Please follow the link or call the school office for more information.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>





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We are giving the children the option to **dress up** as a book character or **make a prop to bring in** for their favourite book character. We will be immersing ourselves in reading activities throughout the day.

**World Book Day
5th March 2026**



Let's **'Go All In'** for reading at Larkholme.

Together, let's celebrate what makes reading truly magical: its unique power to open doors to anything that sparks your curiosity, no matter where your interests lie.

Whether it's sports, music, history, video games... pick up a book about it today.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

Car Parking

We kindly remind all parents and carers that you must **not** park in the school car park when dropping off or collecting children, **unless you have been given authorisation by school staff.**

This rule applies at all times, including **Breakfast Club** and **After School Club.**

This measure is in place to ensure the **health and safety of all children, staff, and visitors.** Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school environment safe.



Innovation and Improvement in Reducing Healthcare Inequalities Award



Headsup Bronze Award Year 6 Transition



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Attendance, Absences and Medical Appointments

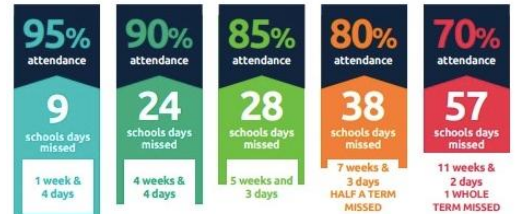
Parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure that their children attend school regularly. As our attendance policy states, all absences and appointments need to be reported to the school by 9.15am on the first day of absence. If your child is absent and we have not heard from you, we will telephone you on the first day of absence to find out what the reason is and when your child is expected to return. If we are unable to contact you, we will approach your emergency contacts and, if necessary, make a home visit. Please note that such home visits may be unannounced. Any future absences need a leave of absence form filling in which is available from the School Office.

The national target for attendance is 96%. As part of Larkholme's statutory duty towards monitoring attendance it has come to our attention that **148 children** in the school are **below** this target rate.

If a child's attendance rate is below 90%, they are considered as Persistent Absenteeism. A pupil becomes a 'persistent absentee' when they miss 10% or more schooling across the school year for whatever reason. All PA cases are also automatically made known to the Local Authority Attendance Team.

Regular attendance and being in school every day really does make a difference for your child. It helps them keep up with their learning and feel good about what they're doing.

Every day in school counts...



and every minute counts...



Best Attenders



Well done to class **ASH** and **OAK** for having the best attendance over the last two weeks!!

Remember that we miss you when you are not in school and we love seeing your smiling faces every day.



Across the school we have had **29** children late and **353** minutes lost of learning this week.





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Child Places in Each Year



We have places available in the following current year groups: **Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y6**. If you know anyone who would like a place for their child at Larkholme, please ask them to apply through Lancashire County Council.



Diary Dates

Parents Evening – Thursday 12th February 3.30pm – 7pm
Break the Rules Day – Friday 13th February
Pancake Day (School Dinner Dessert) – Friday 13th February

School closes for half term – Friday 13th February at 3:15pm
School re-opens – Monday 23rd February 8:40am

Lancashire Sings, Blackpool Winter Gardens – Tuesday 3rd March
World Book Day – Thursday 5th March
Year 1&2 Spring Assembly - Thursday 26th March 2.30pm – 3pm – Parents Welcome
Year 3 Easter Assembly – Monday 30th March 2.30pm – 3pm – Parents Welcome

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Year 3&4 Running Club - Tuesdays – 3.15pm – 4.15pm – currently full (last session Tuesday 10th February)
Comp Choir - Wednesday - 3:15pm – 4:15pm - currently full
Mad Science - Wednesday - 3:15pm – 4:15pm - currently full (last session Wednesday 11th February)
KS1 Multi Skills Club – Thursdays - 3:15pm – 4:15pm - currently full (last session Thursday 12th February)
Year 4 Karaoke Club – Thursdays - 3.15pm – 4.15pm – currently full (last session Thursday 12th February)
KS2 Multi Sports Club – Fridays - 3:15pm – 4:15pm - currently full (last session Friday 13th February)

Future Clubs Planned

EYFS and KS1 Craft Club
Year 3 Timetables Club
Year 4, 5 & 6 Cheerleading
Year 5&6 Tennis Club
Year 5&6 Netball



Attachment & Trauma
Aware School ACEducation



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Award



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Previous Clubs

- KS1 Construction Club
- Year 5 Retro Club
- KS2 Dodgeball
- Year 5&6 Netball
- Year 5&6 Girls Football

Information and things to do

Oracy at Home

Ask Open-Ended Questions: Instead of "What did you do today?", ask specific questions like "What was the best part of your day?" or "What made you sad/happy/angry?" to encourage elaboration.

Read Aloud Together: Read to your child, even beyond the age they can read themselves, using different voices and explaining new words. This exposes them to a broader vocabulary and more complex sentence structures.

Engage in Dialogue: Move beyond simple question-and-answer exchanges. Try to have genuine conversations where you exchange ideas and take turns speaking and listening.

Play Games: Classic games like "I Spy," "20 Questions," or describing an image for the other person to draw help develop descriptive language and listening skills.

Value Their Voice: Create a safe space where children feel their opinions are valued and they are comfortable expressing themselves. It's okay to disagree, as long as reasons are given respectfully.

Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust

DROP IN SESSIONS

With our Primary Mental Health Worker Team

Where?
Thornton YMCA
FY5 3SX
&
Poulton Library
FY6 7DH

1st Thursday of every month

2:00PM-4:30PM	2:00PM-4:30PM
Thornton YMCA	Poulton Library
2 nd October 2025	2 nd April 2026
6 th November 2025	7 th May 2026
4 th December 2025	4 th June 2026
5 th February 2026	2 nd July 2026
5 th March 2026	6 th August 2026

* Aimed at Parents, Children and Young people and professionals seeking advice around Mental Health
* Including information around signposting and best services that meet your Mental Health needs

POOLFOOT FARM FOOTBALL CAMP
18th-20th February | 9am - 4pm

£14 per day

- Ages 5-13 Years (half days available for 4 year olds)
- Football Games & Activities
- Daily Themed Sessions & prizes!

Must wear appropriate football clothing:

- Shin pads
- Suitable footwear for AstroTurf
- Water bottle
- Packed lunches

For more info:
Community@fleetwoodtownfc.com
www.fleetwoodtownfcct.com

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FLEETWOOD TOWN MULTI-SPORTS CAMP
18th-20th February 2025

Carlton Green Primary (FY6 7TF)
Full day | £8 per day | 9am - 4:30pm

Chaucer Primary (FY7 6QN)
Full day | £4 per day | 9am - 4:30pm

Fleetwood's Charity School (FY6 0NN)
Full day | £4 per day | 9am - 4:30pm

5-12 Years (4 year olds are eligible for half days at our set retail price!)

- Multi-sports Games & Activities
- Fun Competitions Every Day
- Daily Prizes
- Daily Themed Sessions

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CALLING ALL YOUNG CRICKET FANS

JUNIOR TRAINING
Saturdays (Apr-Sep)

Friday
Girls: 5:30-7pm
Boys: 6:30-8pm
Fleetwood Cricket Club

Wednes (Feb-April)
Boys: Friday 6:7:30pm
Broadwater School

Girls: Thursday 6:7pm
Fleetwood High School

Come along and try it out...
Contact Andy Morley 07736 845808
or Bob Gray 07736 312812

Broadwater, Fleetwood, FY7 8AS

WHY CHOOSE FLEETWOOD CRICKET CLUB?

- Training available from aged 5 upwards
- Summer & Winter training
- Girls & Boys teams
- Fantastic grounds & facilities
- All abilities welcome
- A vibrant community club

We are proud members of
The Northern Premier Cricket League & Palace Shield

