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Hello and welcome to the latest newsletter. The temperatures are starting to rise and the sun is shining. It is lovely to see and hear the children playing on the field at lunchtime.
Please remember to send your children in with sun hats and water bottles to keep them protected and hydrated. Please also apply sun cream each morning before your children come in to school.

Year 6 SATS Timetable

Year 6 will be taking their SATS tests next week. They have been doing lots of preparation in class so it's not a daunting experience for them. The ice cream van is booked and the hoodies have been ordered ready to be handed out on Friday 17th May as a celebration of their efforts.

Don't forget, Year 6 children must be in school, in usual uniform, on time next week in order to enjoy a special breakfast together every day.

- Monday 13th May - English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
- Tuesday 14th May - English reading
- Wednesday 15th May – Mathematics paper 1 and 2
- Thursday 16th May - Mathematics paper 3

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Dance Floor Heroes

Miss Smith will be taking part in a charity dance show, Dance Floor Heroes 2024 in June.
This is a Strictly Come Dancing inspired dance show, and she is one of 12 finalists who will be undergoing training to learn a routine with her dance partner Lydia. They will then perform this live at the Empress Ballroom. Whilst undergoing training Miss Smith has to try and raise £1000 for the charity. We have decided to help her at Larkholme by holding a **non-uniform day on Friday 17th May**. All children can come to school wearing their own clothes for a £1 donation.

All money raised will be going to local charity Tia's Crown. This is a charity that was set up to support mental and physical wellbeing through dance. It was a charity founded by dancers to give something back to local communities and organisations especially where the need is most. Please help to support Miss Smith and this amazing charity.

Keep Dancing Miss Smith!

Non Uniform – Kindness Counts

The children are allowed to come to school wearing bright colours on **Friday 24th May** to raise money for our local charity Kindness Counts who have supported school with donations to support our Anti Bullying Ambassadors such as personalised t-shirts and a buddy bench which is very much used.
Minimum donations of £1.

Punctuality Matters – Before and After School

We would like to remind parents/carers that school starts at **8:40am** and finishes at **3:15pm**. If your child is not in school on time and you have not notified the School Office of a sickness/holiday, you will receive a phone call to check on why your child is not in school. This is part of our safeguarding procedures.
We are also noticing an increase in the number of children who are waiting at the Office to be collected at the end of school day.
If your child/ren are regularly collected later than 3:15pm, you should expect a reminder text to collect your child on time. If your child is late being collected from an afterschool club, this may jeopardise their place.

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Picture News Crew

This week, our Picture News Crew delivered their first assembly and asked the question: Should we learn sign language at school? They shared lots of facts and we learnt that British Sign Language is now an official language. Pupils in England will have the choice to take a GCSE exam in British Sign Language (BSL) from 2025. Did you know there are approximately 72 million deaf people worldwide? There are over 300 different sign languages globally.
An estimated 150 000 people in the UK use British Sign Language. Well done News Crew! Look out for their next news report next half term.

Thank you!

Thank you to all those families who donated cuddly toys in aid of Team Breath / Asthma Uk. They managed to raise an amazing £1600 !!

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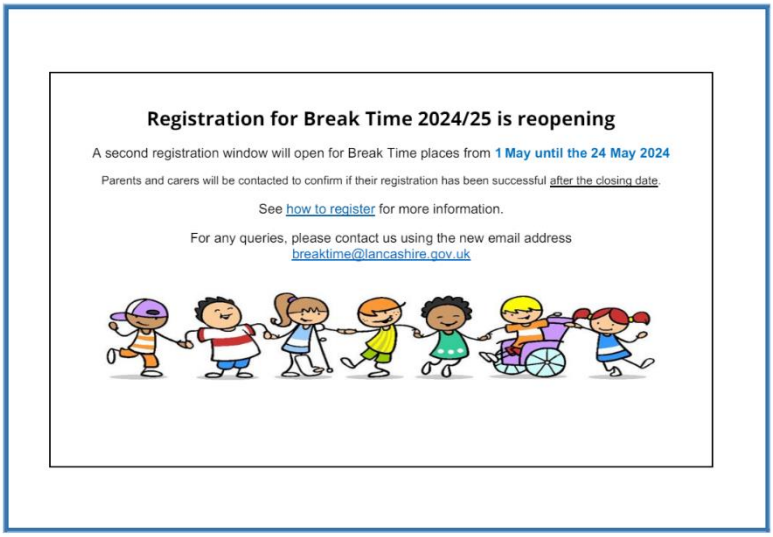
Registration for Break Time 2024/25 is Reopening



Break Time provides fun group activities for children and young people aged 4-18 with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Activities take place after school, at weekends and during school holiday periods.

In order to access the service, parents and carers must register their child annually, usually in the autumn term. Registrations for 2024/25 closed in December 2023, however since then we have received a large number of requests from families that missed the deadline.

In response, we are pleased to announce a second opportunity to register for the current year. This will take place from 1st to 24th May 2024 and the registration form, once open, will be at: https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/things-to-do/break-time/

Only those families that missed the original window need to complete the form at this time. ALL eligible families should re-register for 2025/26 in autumn 2024 - further updates will be shared then.

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Reading at Home

At Larkholme we love reading in school so here's something exciting to enhance your love of reading at home. Look out for future newsletters when we will be sharing other activities linked to reading in class. In this newsletter **EYFS** would like to share some activities with you. The QR codes above are linked to reading in class and will inspire and delight! Enjoy!

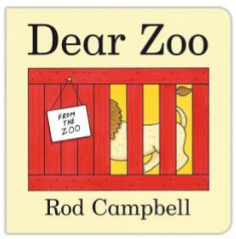
Instructions for parents/children:

1. Open the camera on your phone/tablet
2. Hold it over the QR code and it will give you the website

Click on the web address and enjoy

Share a story

Song time



All about Rod Campbell and more books to read

Activities you can do at home

Larkholme PALS

You may have spotted our new name on our Facebook page!
We are no longer Larkholme PTFA and are now Larkholme PALS.
We will still be doing all the fundraising that we usually do - but will need your help and support to keep us in a position to do so.
If you can spare any time at all to help us set up events "behind the scenes" or an hour or two maybe selling refreshments at an actual event, please get in touch on our Facebook page.

Our first "event" as Larkholme PALS is our "20p Tuck Shop". This is taking place on the last day of term (**24th May**) and is a one day only event so we can sell our overstock to avoid any food wastage.

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Attendance

Yearly

National attendance data for schools covering academic year to date up to 19th April 2024

- Attendance rate across all schools = 93%
- Absence rate across all schools = 7%
- Attendance rate for state-funded primary schools = 94.6%
- Absence for state-funded primary schools = 5.4%
  (4% authorised and 1.4% unauthorised)
- Attendance rate for Larkholme = 94.3%
- Absence rate for Larkholme = 5.7%
  (4.3% authorised and 1.5% unauthorised)

Well done Larkholme for having better attendance than the national attendance for this academic year to date!

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Weekly

National attendance data for schools in week commencing 19th April 2024

- Attendance rate across all schools = 93.3%
- Absence rate across all schools = 6.7%
- Attendance rate for state-funded primary schools = 94.9%
- Absence rate for state-funded primary schools = 5.1% (3.1% authorised and 2% unauthorised)
- Attendance rate for Larkholme = 95.3% ☺
- Absence for Larkholme = 4.7% (2.9% authorised and 1.8% unauthorised)

Compared to this time last year our attendance has declined by 0.2%! ☹

Please make a big effort to be in school on time every day.
Across the school we have had 9 lates and 195 minutes lost to learning this week.

This is too much valued learning time being lost. Please ensure your child is in school on time every day. ☹

We will be sending further information out over the next few weeks regarding updated DFE guidance on attendance

Best Attenders

Well done to class 1S and 5O for having the best attendance over the last 2 weeks!!

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

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Diary Dates

Year 6 SATS – Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May
Year 6 Ice Cream Treat – Friday 17th May
Reception Zoo Trip – Thursday 23rd May
Non uniform for Kindness Counts (wear something yellow)– Friday 24th May
School closes for Half Term – Friday 24th May 3:15pm
Year 6 Careers Fair – Thursday 20th June 1:15pm
Transition Day – Friday 5th July
Year 6 Residential Trip – Wednesday 10th July – Friday 12th July
Year 6 Leavers Assembly – Thursday 18th July 2:15pm
School closes for Summer – Friday 19th July 2pm

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Choral Choir (Year 3-6) – Monday lunch time
KS1 Multi Skills Club – Monday 3:15pm – 4:15pm (last session 20/5/24) (currently full)
Netball Club – Tuesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm (last session 21/5/24) (currently full)
Pasta Club – Tuesday 3:15pm (currently full)
Year 5 and 6 Boys Football Club – Tuesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm (last session 21/05/24) (currently full)
Year 5 and 6 Ultimate Frisbee Club – Wednesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm (last session 22/05/24) (currently full)
Comp Choir (Year 3-6) – Wednesday 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Club – Thursday 3:15pm – 4:15pm (last session 23/05/24) (currently full)
Glee Club (Year 2-5) – Thursday lunch time
Future clubs are planned – watch this space.

Football Team Fixtures (note: these may be subject to change)

Child Places in Each Year

We have places available in the following year groups: Reception, Y1, Y4 and Y5. If you know anyone who would like a place for their child at Larkholme, please ask them to apply through Lancashire County Council.

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Wellbeing

May Timetable for Wyre area. For further information or to book onto any of the groups marked (B) contact 01253 741117

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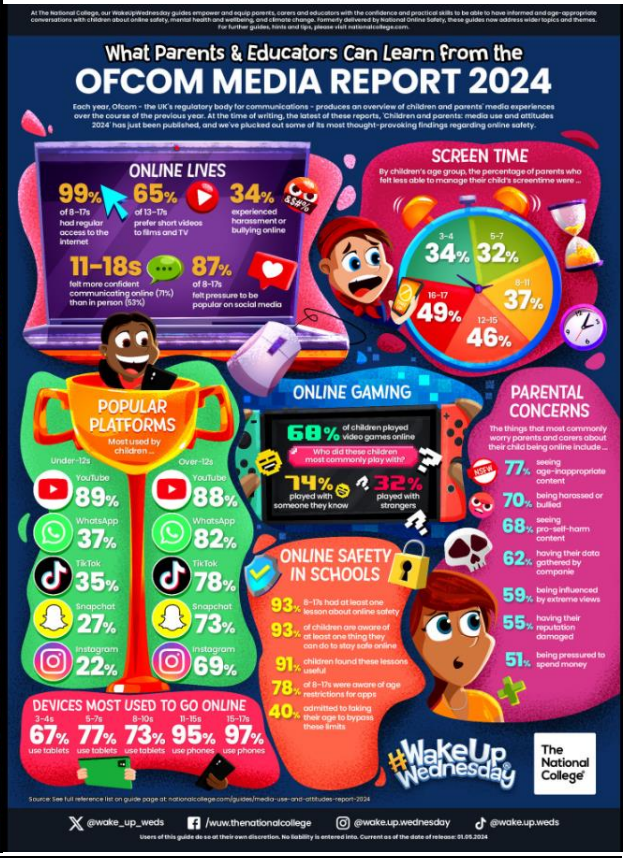

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LANCASHIRE MUSIC SERVICE

April 24th, 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers

As your child nears the end of their year of learning a Brass instrument, we are delighted to invite them to attend a brand new exciting Brass group, designed specifically for primary aged pupils who have been receiving Whole Class lessons.

The group will meet every Wednesday, starting on the 8th May, at Millfield high school from 3.45 – 4.15pm and will be led by our brilliant Brass teacher, Mrs Julie Rayton.

The group will be free up to the summer holidays and then the small fee of £28 per term thereafter.

In September, if your child requires an instrument, these will be able to hire for the nominal fee of around £45 per year.

There will also be different options for your child to start individual or small group lessons if he or she wishes and details of these will be sent to you in due course.

If you require financial assistance to help with costs, please see our website Financial Support - Lancashire Music Hub

To register your child to take part in this exciting new group, please let us know by completing this online form: https://forms.office.com/e/67k3qJiPjZ so that we know to expect your child and can ensure that you receive all up to date information.

Further information about other LMS activities can be found on our website: https://www.lancashiremusichub.co.uk/

Kind regards,

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