



Larkholme Primary School

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Friday 12th December 2025

As we enter the final week of term, the countdown to Christmas is officially on! We have lots of festive activities planned including Christmas jumper and dinner day, Christmas parties and the Christmas singalong.

Don't forget we finish on **Friday 19th December at 2pm.**

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Christmas Sale



A huge thank you to everyone for making our Christmas Sale a success. We have managed to raise £345 towards an end of year treat for Year 6! Also a huge thank you to our helpers on the day who ensured that it all ran so smoothly and to our Year 6 for their great enterprise skills!

Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day

Monday 15th December will be our festive **Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day!** Children are invited to come to school wearing their favourite **Christmas jumper with school uniform** to help spread some holiday cheer.

A special Christmas lunch will also be served by staff and governors, making the day extra magical. It's the perfect opportunity for children to celebrate together and enjoy delicious food.

Please be reminded that if your child does not want a Christmas dinner they will need to bring a packed lunch with them to school.





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Christmas Party Days



On party days children are invited to come into school dressed in their favourite Christmas party clothes, sensible shoes and warm coat.

Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party Day – Tuesday 16th December
Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party Day – Wednesday 17th December
EYFS and KS1 Christmas Party Day – Thursday 18th December

Year 4 Christingle Assembly – Parents and Carers Welcome

Join us on **Thursday 18th December** as **Year 4** lead a special Christingle Assembly, filled with music, readings, and the glow of candlelight. This joyful tradition celebrates the meaning of Christmas and the light we share with one another. The assembly will start at **2.30pm** - we look forward to seeing you there!



Christmas Singalong

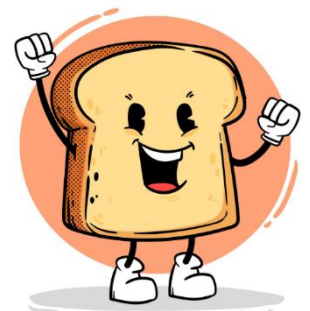


On the last day of term this event will bring Year 1 to 6 together to celebrate the season with music and lots of singing. Children will be singing a selection of favourite Christmas songs. The singalong will start at 1.30pm on the school playground. Parents and Carers are invited to join to spread some festive magic.

Toast

When we return after Christmas break on **Monday 5th January** there will an option for you to purchase toast for your child. **The cost is 20p a day and this can be paid daily or weekly via our online payment system School Money.** The cut off time for payment is 9am each morning.

The list to give to the kitchen will be printed at 9am so any payment made after 9am means your child will not have toast that day.





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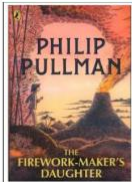
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Reading at Home



TV presenter Saira Khan encourages us to read her favourite children's book.



All about the author - Philip Pullman



This is our class novel and English text, and the children are really enjoying it. Check out the QR codes to find out more about it!



Audio Book - Full book.



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 **Oak Class** would like to share some activities with you.

The QR codes 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 😊

Uniform Policy Update

Our uniform policy has been updated to reflect statutory guidance. There are no major changes but we have identified items with a logo. Please find detailed below our uniform requirements for each Key Stage. Please also note information regarding jewellery, watches and hair accessories.

EYFS and Year 1:

- Navy blue joggers
- White polo shirt
- School sweatshirt with school logo
- Black trainers
- Waterproofs
- Wellies
- Navy reading bag with school logo (NO rucksacks)
- In summer the joggers can be replaced with navy PE shorts or navy blue jogger shorts.

No separate PE Kit is required for EYFS and Year 1.

EYFS and Year 1 pupils must wear their hair tied back if it is longer than shoulder length and must not wear any jewellery, including earrings.





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Year 2 - Year 6:

Navy blue school jumper, cardigan or sleeveless sweater with gold piping and school logo

White shirt or blouse

Navy / gold striped school tie (logo item)

Grey trousers / shorts / skirts / pinafore

Navy blue summer dress in the summer term (optional)

Sensible dark shoes

Coat or jacket suitable for all weather conditions

Fleece jacket with school logo (optional)

Year 2 - Year 6 PE Kit:

Polo shirt in house colours with school logo (red, blue, green, yellow)

Navy blue joggers or plain black leggings (no markings or branding)

School sweatshirt with school logo (optional)

Trainers

Navy school shorts or navy blue jogger shorts can be worn in summer

All children are gifted a navy reading bag in reception/ as they join school, and all children are gifted a school tie as they join Year 2.

THE ROLE OF PARENTS

We ask all parents / carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform in good repair. We have a stock of pre-loved uniform that can be purchased from the office with a donation to school. Our PTFA will also hold regular preloved uniform sales throughout the year.

SUPPLIERS

All jumpers, cardigans, sleeveless tops, ties, fleece jackets, PE polo shirts, navy shorts, PE sweatshirts, jogging pants, reading folders, and PE bags can all be purchased at S & P Separates in Fleetwood or Bispham Clothing. Items, without the school logo on them, can also be bought at other local outlets as long as they are the correct colour and style.

PE DAYS

Pupils are to come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE days, as well as when they have outdoor learning sessions and school trips. Class teachers will keep you informed of these days. On these days pupils should have long hair tied back and should not wear any jewellery.





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LOST PROPERTY

It is important that all clothing is labelled with the child's name, so that it can be identified if lost. We do have a lost property box at school so if your child's clothes are named they can be easily reunited. At the end of each half term, any lost property will be put out on display, with lost items for collection. Thereafter, any unallocated items will be donated to charities or sold on through the PTFA pre-loved uniform sales.

HAIRSTYLES

Hairstyles are an important part of our children presenting in a uniform and neat manner. We request that hair bobbles and clips be plain and children's hairstyles should be appropriate for school. It is not permitted to have designs shaved into very short haircuts, and all hair must be of the child's natural colour. Children with hair longer than shoulder length must have their hair tied back at all times. This is for the health and safety of children during class lessons and during PE.

JEWELLERY

To avoid accidents and distress caused by loss (accidental or otherwise), we must insist that jewellery is not worn in school. Children may however wear a wristwatch, providing it is not a smart device. Only small, stud earrings are permitted and parents are requested to have their children's ears pierced at the beginning of the summer holiday so that they have healed for the start of the new school year. Earrings and wrist watches must be removed for PE lessons; alternatively, earrings can be covered with surgical tape provided from home.

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.



Free School Meals and Vouchers

Your child may be eligible for free school meals and vouchers 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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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.

Reporting an absence.



Attendance

Yearly

National attendance data for schools covering academic year to date up to **21st November 2025**

- Attendance rate across all schools = 93.99%
- Absence rate across all schools = 6.01%
- Attendance rate for state-funded primary schools = 95.34%
- Absence for state-funded primary schools = 4.66% (3.32% authorised and 1.34% unauthorised)
- Attendance rate for Larkholme = **94.1%** 😊
- Absence rate for Larkholme = 5.9% (4.3% authorised and 1.6% unauthorised)

Weekly

National attendance data for schools in week commencing **17th November 2025**

- Attendance rate across all schools = 94.08%
- Absence rate across all schools = 5.92%
- Attendance rate for state-funded primary schools = 95.42%
- Absence for state-funded primary schools = 5.46% (4.26% authorised and 1.40% unauthorised)
- Attendance rate for Larkholme = **92.4%** 😞
- Absence rate for Larkholme = 7.6% (6.8% authorised and 0.8% unauthorised)

Compared to this time last year our attendance has decreased by **1.7%** 😞

Please make a big effort to be in school on time every day.





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Best Attenders



Well done to class **Beech** and **Ash** 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 **33** children late and **386** minutes lost of learning this week. This is the highest number of minutes late this term. Every minute in the classroom counts, and arriving on time ensures children don't miss out on vital learning opportunities.



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

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Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party Day – Tuesday 16th December

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EYFS and KS1 Christmas Party Day – Thursday 18th December

Year 4 Christingle Assembly (Parents/Carers welcome) – Thursday 18th December (2.30pm)

Year 1 to 6 Christmas Singalong – Friday 19th December

School closes for half term – Friday 19th December at 2pm

School re-opens – Monday 5th January 2026 at 8.40am

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Comp Choir – Wednesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm - currently full





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Future Clubs Planned

EYFS and KS1 Craft Club
Year 3&4 Karaoke Club
Year 5&6 Tennis Club
Year 5&6 Netball
KS2 Multi Sports Club
Year 5/6 Athletic Trials
KS1 Multi Skills Club
Year 3&4 Running Club

Previous Clubs

KS1 Construction Club
Year 5 Retro Club
KS2 Dodgeball
Year 5&6 Netball
Running Club
KS2 Multi Sports Club
Year 5/6 Girls Football
KS1 Multi Skills Club

Information and things to do

Larkholme Pastoral Drop in Sessions
Thursdays 8.50-9.30

- Larkholme Lending Library**— Borrow books, games and jigsaws
- Chat**— Come and have a chat with our pastoral staff Mrs Mellow and Mrs Zak
- Uniform Bank**— School uniform available for small donation
- Events**— Find out all the information for upcoming events in school
- Information**— Find out what external support events and activities are available





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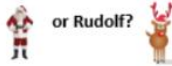


Communication skills are foundational to a child's academic success, social-emotional wellbeing, and future life opportunities. The home environment plays a critical role in supporting and reinforcing the speaking and listening skills taught in school. The key is to encourage frequent, high-quality "back-and-forth" conversations.

Activity of the half term

Discuss the question: **Who would you rather be:**

Father Christmas or **Rudolf?**



Encourage the children to give answers in full sentences with reasons.

Some sentence starters could be:

I would rather be Rudolf/Father Christmas because...

Being Rudolf/Father Christmas would be fun because...

Father Christmas/Rudolf would be my preference because...

I'd like to be Rudolf/Father Christmas because...

Larkholme Primary School Lending Library
Thursdays 3:30- 4:00 pm

A range of adult and children's books to borrow!
A selection of books that are free to a good home!
Any book donations welcome!
Why not come along and find a new adventure to share with your child!

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST with Santa

BREAKFAST SLOT 10AM - 12PM
BRUNCH SLOT 1PM - 3PM
*children must be supervised at all times.

SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER

THE HUB, BOLD STREET, FLEETWOOD, FY7 6HL

tickets £20 PER CHILD
includes child's breakfast, Christmas crafts, a personalised letter, gift and visit with Santa Claus.

brought to you by local charity **onefyld.**

TICKETS

<https://register.onefyld.com/>
www.onefyld.com/contact

FLEETWOOD TOGETHER CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2025
Spread Joy and Bring Happiness Throughout Wyre This Christmas!

WAYS TO SUPPORT

- Gifts for Boys & Girls (0-18yrs)
- Non-Perishable Food Items
- Financial Donations (For Supplies)

DONATE

DROP-OFF POINTS
Our drop-off locations are open Monday to Friday at the times and places listed below:

- West View Community Association**
2 Eden Avenue, FY7 8DH | 9am - 6pm
- The Boathouse Youth**
Highbury Avenue, FY7 7DJ | 1:30 - 9:30pm
- Club Shop, Fleetwood Town**
Highbury Stadium, FY7 6TX | 9am - 5pm
- Healthier Fleetwood**
The Hub, Bold Street, FY7 6BE | 10am - 2pm

HEALTHIER FLEETWOOD

For more info contact us at: 01253 870 133 or email: fleetwoodtogethercontact@gmail.com
Registered Charity: 1191394



Innovation and Improvement in Reducing Healthcare Inequalities Award



Headsup Bronze Award
Year 6 Transition