



# Larkholme Primary School

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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Welcome back!** We hope you all had a lovely break and are feeling refreshed for the term ahead. There's plenty to look forward to over the coming weeks.

Break the Rules Day smashed expectations, bringing in **£614!** As you know, all our events are to raise funds that ultimately benefit all the children during their time at Larkholme.

We would also like to thank Tesco for the wonderful array of Halloween decorations kindly donated via Kelsey and Danny (parents of Lexi in Year 1). We have them all stored for next Halloween and intend to make good use of them so once again we thank you for your amazing generosity!



## World Book Day 5th March 2026

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.

**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/>



### Parents' Evening Thanks

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening before half term. It was wonderful to see so many happy, smiling faces around the school and to have the opportunity to celebrate the children's learning together.

We truly appreciate all the positive feedback you shared with our staff — it means a great deal to the whole team. Most importantly, your support makes a real difference to the children. They thrive when home and school work in partnership, and it was clear to see how proud they were to share their achievements with you. **Thank you for your continued support.**



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## Chocolate Bingo

This year's Chocolate Bingo will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 from 6pm until 7.30pm. As always, we would like to ask for the following donations where possible, for us to create the prizes for the event.

Apple, Ash, Beech	Bars/Bags of Chocolate
Cedar, Hazel, Juniper	Easter Cakes/Easter Treats
Maple, Oak, Pine	Boxes/Bags of Chocolate
Rowan, Sycamore	Easter Eggs

If you would rather donate £1 towards the event instead of chocolate, that would also be greatly appreciated.

**Children bringing in chocolate or £1 donation will be in exchange for a Non-Uniform Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.**

The above is a guide only, to allow us to have a range of different chocolates to make up the prizes, however any donation is always greatly appreciated in these times.

**Entry tickets for the event will go on sale from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.** They are £2 each and the price includes your entry to the event and a free bingo game book, which will be exchanged for your ticket as you arrive – so please bring your tickets with you! Additional game books can be bought at the event for £1 per extra game book. BRING YOUR OWN DABBERS/PENS!

As always, due to space, ticket numbers are limited. No entry tickets will be available on the night and each member present must have their own ticket to attend the event. Staff on the door will be given a list of all who have bought tickets for the event just in case. To allow more families to enjoy the event, we will limit the number of tickets to 6 per family. Send your money in a NAMED ENVELOPE and we will get your tickets back to you via your child in their reading folder bags as soon as we can.

**PLEASE BE QUICK TO SEND IN YOUR MONEY AS WE SELL ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS AND THEY GO QUICK!**



Thank you in advance. We look forward to seeing you there! **Larkholme PALS**





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## Price Increase and New Lunch Menu

Due to an increase in food and labour costs, Lancashire County Catering Group have unfortunately had to increase the prices of school meals. With effect from **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April**, the cost will be **£3.00** per day, **£15.00** per week for children in Year 3 and above. There are quite a lot of dinner payments outstanding at the moment so please make sure that your dinner arrears are paid. If your child has a school meal regularly then their account should be in credit rather than building up a negative balance. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact school.

WEEK ONE	MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
<b>Traditional Main Course</b>	Chicken Curry with Rice or Vegetarian Curry with Rice	Mixed Beef or Vegetarian Chili with Rice	Pork or Vegetarian Sausages & Potatoes with Peas	Mix Chicken or Quorn with Rice	Golden Curry with Veggie Fries
<b>Alternative Choice</b>	Meat & Potato Casserole	Mixed Rice & Sausages with Peas	Vegetables & Sausages with Potatoes	Meat, Rice & Noodle Salad	Sausage Pies or Sausage Buns
<b>Jackets &amp; Sandwiches</b>	Handmade Curry Balls & Sausage Selection	Handmade Curry Balls & Sausage Selection	Handmade Curry Balls & Sausage Selection	Handmade Curry Balls & Sausage Selection	Handmade Curry Balls & Sausage Selection
<b>Dessert Choices</b>	Fruity Yogurt	Vanilla Mince & Fruit Wagon	Ice Cream & Dessert Sauce	Mixed Fruit Medley	Cakes, Choice of Cookies & Mince Pies

There will also be a new lunch menu after the Easter break. I'm sure the new menu will be a hit with the children as there are some great choices. A copy will be emailed out to parents/carers next week.

## Communication Policy

We know how important good communication is for our families, and we want to make sure you always feel informed and supported when you get in touch with us. While we will always try to respond as soon as possible, all messages will be managed within our agreed timeframes so that communication remains consistent, fair and manageable for everyone. As outlined in our Communication Policy, staff will aim to arrange requested meetings **within 5 school days** and respond to emails **within 3 school days**. Telephone queries that require a response will be returned **within 3 working days**. Please note that staff respond during their *working hours* only, and part-time staff may take a little longer as they are only expected to reply on the days they work.

These timeframes exist because, in addition to teaching, our staff also supervise children, lead extra-curricular activities, attend pastoral and safeguarding meetings, contribute to curriculum development and support the wider work of the school. Setting clear, realistic timeframes ensures that every family receives a thoughtful, supportive and well-considered reply rather than a rushed response.

**Thank you for your continued support and for helping us keep communication positive, respectful and effective across our school community.**



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## Pastoral Drop In Sessions

Starting on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** from 8.50am until 9.30am we are pleased to offer **Pastoral Drop In Sessions** with Mrs Sims and Mrs Zak. This will give parents and carers a friendly and informal space to chat with our pastoral team, share any concerns, or seek support to help their child flourish.

## 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.**





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## 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/>

## Best Attenders



Well done to class **Ash** for having the best attendance this week!!  
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 **24** children late and **181** minutes lost of learning this week.

## 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

Lancashire Sings, Blackpool Winter Gardens – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Chocolate Bingo Non-Uniform Day – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

World Maths Day – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Year 1&2 Spring Assembly - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm – 3pm – Parents Welcome

Year 3 Easter Assembly – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm – 3pm – Parents Welcome

**School closes for Easter half term – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 2pm**

**School re-opens – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 8:40am**



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## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Year 4,5 & 6 Cheerleading – Monday - 3:15pm – 4:15pm - currently full  
Year 3 Times Table Club – Tuesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm – places available  
Comp Choir - Wednesday - 3:15pm – 4:15pm - currently full  
KS1 Multi Skills Club – Thursday - 3:15pm – 4:15pm - currently full  
Year 1 Phonics Booster Club – Thursday and Friday mornings  
Year 5&6 Basketball – Friday - 3:15pm – 4:15pm - currently full  
Inside Out – Friday - 3:15pm – 4:15pm - currently full

## Future Clubs Planned

EYFS and KS1 Craft Club  
Year 5&6 Tennis Club  
Year 5&6 Netball

## Previous Clubs

KS1 Construction Club  
Year 5 Retro Club  
KS2 Dodgeball  
Year 5&6 Netball  
Year 5&6 Girls Football  
Year 4 Karaoke Club  
Year 3&4 Running Club  
Mad Science  
KS2 Multi Sports Club

We just wanted to share some of the lovely feedback we've had from parents about the Mad Science Club at your school!

Comment	Score
My child has absolutely loved every aspect of coming to this! He has never wanted to go to another after school club but this has absolutely brought him out of him self! Than you.	10
No comment	10
No comment	9

Thanks again for having us in school, and we look forward to returning in the future.



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## Information and things to do

### CHOCOLATE BINGO NIGHT

**Thursday 26th March 2026**  
**6pm-7:30pm**

TICKET ENTRY ONLY  
£2 per ticket  
on sale 2nd March  
send money in envelope  
(price includes one bingo book)

Limited seating.  
(anyone attending must each have their own ticket)

Refreshments available

**GREAT PRIZES! FUN FOR ALL!**

### Larkholme Pastoral Drop In Sessions

**Fridays 8.50 till 9.30**

Come and have a chat with our pastoral team  
Mrs Sims & Mrs Zak

Information- Ask questions and find out what support and activities are available.

Events- Find out all the information you need for upcoming school events.

### 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.



### March at Fleetwood Library

#### One-Off Events

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>: World Book Day Family Story Time (2.30pm-3pm)**  
Join us at our family story time to celebrate World Book Day. We will be reading popular children's stories from our selection of picture books. You can even dress up as your favourite book character.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>: Meeting with Nature - British Science Week (4pm-6pm)**  
For British Science Week, come and meet a variety of creatures with Hands on Animals, followed by exciting crafts and games. Booking is required. Book your place by emailing the Friends of Fleetwood Library - [fleetwoodlibraryfriends@outlook.com](mailto:fleetwoodlibraryfriends@outlook.com)

#### New Groups

**Saturdays: Family Board Games (2.30pm-4pm)**  
Families are welcomed to join us to play board games, you can bring your own or play a brand new one here at the library.

#### Regular Events

**Thursdays: Quiet Hour (5pm-6pm)**  
Enjoy all the library has to offer with a little less noise.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>: Sensory Story Time (9.30am-10am)**  
Join us on the first Friday of every month for sensory story time, an interactive way of telling stories.

**Fridays: Baby Bounce and Rhyme with Story Time (10am-11am)**  
Sing, bounce and jingle every Friday morning in our bubbly Baby Bounce session where all the classic nursery rhymes feature. All infants under school age are welcome to join in our lively sing-a-long and also stay for our Friday morning story time session too.

**Saturdays: Lego and STEM Club (10.30am-11.30am)**  
Calling all master builders and Lego enthusiasts. Come and share your passion and amazing creations at our Lego/STEM Club where you can also try out some fun STEM based games.

All children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.



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### School Crossing Patrol Signals

**Figure A** - Sign upside down - Not ready to cross pedestrians

**Figure B** - Sign sideways - Barrier to prevent pedestrians crossing, not ready to cross pedestrians

**Figure C** - Sign held up high - ready to cross pedestrians. Vehicles must stop unless unsafe to do so.

**Figure D** - Sign held up high - All drivers must stop

Please support your local School Crossing Patrol Service  
Find out more online - [www.roadafetygb.org.uk](http://www.roadafetygb.org.uk)

With thanks to Lynn Hopworth and Middleborough Road Safety Team for the original development of this leaflet.

### Stop means STOP

### School Crossing Patrol Service

**Information for Parents and Drivers**

Even where a School Crossing Patrol is provided, parents remain responsible for making sure their children get to school safely, just as they do when a zebra crossing or pelican crossing is provided.

**When children arrive at the Crossing Point:**

- The Patrol will tell them to wait on the pavement and use the Stop sign as a barrier to prevent them from edging forward, until they are called across (see Fig B overleaf).
- The Patrol will use the Stop sign to instruct traffic to stop (see Fig C). The Patrol may need to wait for a safe gap in the traffic.

**DO NOT FOLLOW THE PATROL INTO THE ROAD!**

When the traffic has stopped the Patrol will call you to cross over (see Fig D). Please walk in front of the Patrol so he or she can see you.

The Patrol will remain in the centre of the road until all the children and adults have completed crossing the road.

**Parents**

**Drivers**

When approaching a school you should reduce your speed and be prepared to stop, also be patient and considerate. School Crossing Patrols need to see and be seen! It can be difficult to see children on the pavement, especially if there are parked cars by the school. Children may run into the road without thinking about traffic.

**If you are a driver, remember:**

- By law you **MUST** stop when signalled to do so by a Patrol displaying a Stop sign.
- School Crossing Patrols can stop traffic to cross any pedestrian, adult or child.
- Do not move forward and remain patient.
- Do not park close to where a Patrol is working and NEVER on the zigzag markings.
- Look out for signs or flashing amber lights which warn of a School Crossing Patrol ahead.

Park with courtesy and consideration to others, observing all parking regulations in accordance with the Highway Code and in such a way that our children are able to enter and leave the school safely.

It is an offence under the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1994 if you do not stop when signalled to do so by a School Crossing Patrol.

**If you do not stop the possible penalties include:**

- A fine of up to £1,000
- 3 Penalty Points
- Disqualification

**Please slow down when approaching a patrol**

Remember that a child struck at 20mph will most likely survive but at 40mph they will almost certainly die.

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