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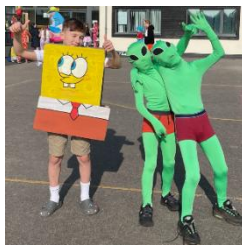
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Friday 13th March 2026



We're now over halfway through the half term, and we're beginning to look forward to the first signs of spring, especially around the school grounds. The mornings are becoming brighter and the evenings lighter, bringing a positive start to the school day. Let's hope the warmer weather isn't far behind.

World Book Day was a wonderful celebration of reading across our school. Children and staff embraced the day with enthusiasm—sharing favourite stories, taking part in reading activities, and showcasing an impressive range of book-inspired costumes. It was a brilliant reminder of the joy that books bring and the power they have to spark imagination. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day so special.



Chocolate Bingo Event

Our Non-Uniform Day has been a great success, and we're delighted to share that we received an impressive number of donations. Thank you to everyone who contributed. All donations will go towards creating prizes for our Chocolate Bingo event on Thursday 26th March.

Entry tickets 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!

Raffle tickets are £1 per strip.





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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.



Can we ask Parents/Carers to state on the envelope if the money is for ENTRY or RAFFLE tickets.

Lancashire Sings



On Tuesday 3rd March, our amazing **Choir** took to the stage at the Blackpool Winter Gardens Empress Ballroom for *Lancashire Sings*—and they absolutely shone. They performed a fantastic selection of songs alongside choirs from across Lancashire and Blackpool, filling the ballroom with music, smiles and a whole lot of pride.

A **HUGE** thank you to Mrs Bonham, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Melia, Mrs Birks and Mr and Mrs Thwaite for getting everyone there in one piece (and on time!), and to all the parents, families and friends who came along to cheer them on. The atmosphere was incredible, and the performance was nothing short of **AMAZING!**

And of course, a big **THANK YOU** to **Mr Hall** for the brilliant work he does with the choir—his energy, enthusiasm and musical magic make all the difference.

Communication Timeframes at Larkholme

To keep communication fair and manageable, we follow set response times. We'll always try to reply as soon as possible, but staff will:

- Arrange requested meetings within 5 school days
- Respond to emails within 3 school days (part-time staff may take longer)
- Return phone queries within 3 working days

These timeframes help staff balance teaching, supervision, meetings and wider school responsibilities while still giving families a thoughtful, supportive response.

Thank you for helping us keep communication positive and effective.





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Punctuality

Punctuality continues to be an important focus across the school. Arriving on time each morning helps children settle calmly, take part in the day's opening routines, and make the most of every learning opportunity. Even a few minutes late can mean missing key instructions or the chance to start the day positively. Thank you for your continued support in helping pupils arrive promptly and ready to learn.

Reporting an absence.



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.

Best Attenders



Well done to class **Ash** and **Juniper** for having the best attendance 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 **12** children late and **117** 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 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.





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Diary Dates

World Maths Day – Thursday 26th March

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

Chocolate Bingo Event - Thursday 26th March 6pm – 7.30pm

Golden Ticket Reward - Monday 30th March

Year 3 Easter Assembly – Monday 30th March 2.30pm – 3pm – Parents Welcome

School closes for Easter half term – Tuesday 31st March at 2pm

School re-opens – Monday 13th April at 8:40am

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Year 4,5 & 6 Cheerleading – Monday - 3:15pm – 4:15pm - currently full

Year 4 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





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Information and things to do

We're continuing to develop children's oracy skills across the school. Talking, listening, and sharing ideas help build confidence and support learning in every subject. Chatting together at home—about their day, a book, or something they're curious about—gives children valuable practice.


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.



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B 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!

March at Fleetwood Library

One-Off Events

Thursday 5th: 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 12th: 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**

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 6th: 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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MINI CODS
£5 per session | Chaucer Primary - FY7 6QN

Unlock your child's full potential at Fleetwood Town Community Trust's **mini cods sessions** that offer: Skill Development, Teamwork, Leadership, Expert Coaching, Confidence and **much more!**

Saturdays & Sundays - 9:00am to 11:00am
9:10-10:00 | 18 months-2 years
10:10-11:00 | 3-4 years

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For more info: community@fleetwoodtownfc.com

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DEVELOPMENT FOOTBALL SESSIONS
£5 per session | Poolfoot Farm - FY5 4HX

Unlock your child's full potential at Fleetwood Town Community Trust's **development football sessions** that offer:

Skill Development, Teamwork, Leadership, Expert Coaching, Confidence and **much more!**

Every Tuesday:
Age 4-5, 6-8 & 9-12 | 5pm-6pm

Every Friday:
Age 4-5, 6-8 & 9-12 | 4:45pm-5:45pm

Every Saturday:
Age 4-5, 9:15-10am | Age 6-10, 10-11am

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Stay Strong, Get Vaccinated

Information for parents to protect their children through vaccination

We know your child's health is your top priority and so protecting them from serious disease is incredibly important. That is why the NHS offers a free childhood vaccine programme, safeguarding your child from certain illnesses.

Vaccines work by causing the body's immune system to remember the specific infection targeted in each vaccine. If your child comes into contact with an infection and they have had their vaccines, your child's body will recognise that infection and quickly respond to fight off diseases like measles, mumps, rubella, whooping cough and more.

Illnesses like measles can spread very easily between children who are not vaccinated, and such infections can have a huge impact on your child's life. They can miss out on school due to time spent unwell, be hospitalised, and even experience life-long complications and disability. In some cases, these infections can tragically cause death.

Recent data shows that in 2024¹, over 2,900 measles cases were confirmed in England, the highest figure in decades. As a result, the UK has lost its World Health Organization (WHO) measles elimination status. Vaccination rates also remain well below the 95% target needed to prevent outbreaks.

Health experts warn that falling vaccination rates are putting more children at risk of severe illness and long-term complications, many of which are entirely preventable through the free NHS vaccinations programme.

Vaccination remains one of the most effective public health interventions, second only to clean water. Immunisation protects millions of children from severe illness, long-term complications and death globally each year.

We understand that you may have questions about vaccine safety and effectiveness. All routine childhood vaccinations offered by the NHS have an excellent safety record.

As well as directly protecting vaccinated children, many vaccines also reduce transmission across the population, helping to protect those who are too young or too vulnerable to be vaccinated.

What's new in 2026?

For the first time, the NHS is offering free protection against chickenpox as part of the routine childhood schedule through the MMRV vaccine. This single injection protects against:

¹ Parents urged to protect children through vaccination campaign - GOV.UK



- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella
- Varicella (chickenpox)

The second dose is now offered earlier, at 18 months, to ensure children are fully protected before starting school.

Parents: What should you do?

Check your children are up to date with their recommended vaccinations and to book an appointment through their GP practice when invited so they are not put at an unnecessary risk.

If you do have any questions, do not hesitate to speak to your GP or health visitor, they will be happy to discuss vaccines and guide you through the vaccination schedule. Although it is important that vaccines are given on time for the best protection, if you or your child have missed a vaccine, simply contact your GP anytime to check if you can catch up.

Separately, spread the message within your family, friends and your wider community circles about the benefits of vaccination and help more children access the protection they need.



For more information, please visit:
[NHS vaccinations and when to have them - NHS](#)
[Why vaccination is important and the safest way to protect yourself - NHS](#)



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