



# Larkholme Primary School

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What an amazing term we have had! Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Easter Bingo last night — together we raised an incredible **£954.79**. It was wonderful to see so many families taking part and enjoying the evening. A huge thank you also goes to Larkholme PALS and all the staff who organised and supported the event.

We're already looking forward to the summer term and, hopefully, some lovely sunny weather. It's going to be a very busy and exciting few months. When we return, summer gingham dresses may be worn, weather permitting.

**We wish everyone a lovely Easter holiday and we will see you all in the summer term on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 8:40am.**

## The Gazette Young Seaside's Art Exhibition 2026

Children in all year groups have been working extremely hard within their art lessons this year. We would like to say a huge well done to all children for producing some fabulous art work.

A special well done to the children who have been selected to have their work displayed in the Young Seaside's Art Exhibition.

All of our entries will be on display at: **The Gallery, Blackpool and Fylde College, University Campus, Park Road, Blackpool, FY1 4ES from Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.**

Feel free to drop in to have a look at the exhibition which is free of charge and have a look at the children's fantastic art work.

We would love to congratulate our two prize winners in the competition **Evie** and **Martha**, well done!





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## A Remarkable Act of Kindness

“At the weekend, Matthew in Year 6 took part in a scouting expedition where the teams were left to navigate a route independently. About halfway round, near Nicky Nook, Matthew’s team came across an elderly gentleman who had sustained a head injury. Instead of simply continuing with the walk, they stopped, administered first aid, and called for an ambulance. They stayed with him until help arrived to make sure he was safe and supported.”



How amazing that Matthew and his team willingly sacrificed completing their route in order to help someone in need. When they came across an injured elderly gentleman, they immediately stepped in, offered first aid, and stayed with him until help arrived.

His parents are incredibly proud — and we are too. It’s a wonderful example of compassion, responsibility, and the values we hope to see in all our children.

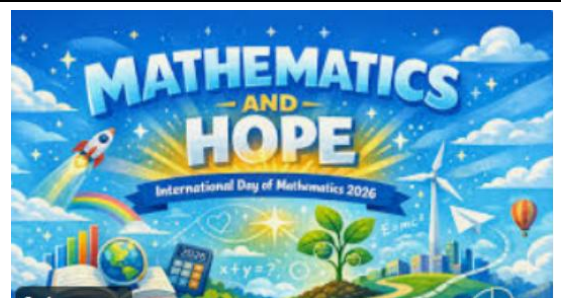


## A Big Springtime Thank You

A huge thank you to Miss Morgan, Miss Smith, and our brilliant Beech and Hazel class superstars for putting on such a wonderful Spring assembly yesterday. The room was filled with lots of smiles. Well done — every single one of you was amazing.

## World Maths Day Fun

Yesterday, we celebrated World Maths Day with the inspiring theme “**Mathematics and Hope.**” The children threw themselves into a whole range of activities — from bingo and shape hunts to times tables competitions and a thrilling estimating challenge.



We were also delighted to host special workshops for Pine and Juniper classes, delivered by Fleetwood Town FC as part of the Premier League Primary Stars programme. It was a fantastic day filled with energy, curiosity, and plenty of mathematical magic.





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## St Georges Day 2026



St George's Day is on **Thursday 23rd April**, and as Saint George is the patron of Scouting, we would like to mark the occasion in school. To celebrate, we invite all Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides to wear their scouting uniform to school for the day. It's a lovely way for our young people to show pride in their groups and the values they represent.

## Attendance Update: What Parents Need to Know

Regular attendance is essential for every child's learning, progress and wellbeing. Thank you for working with us to ensure children are in school and ready to learn.

### Attendance Expectations

- The local authority may issue a **Fixed Penalty Notice** if a pupil reaches **10 or more unauthorised sessions** (5 school days) within a **10-week rolling period**.
- **Unauthorised sessions** include absences without a valid reason or those that cannot be authorised under national regulations.
- **Late arrivals after the register has closed count as an unauthorised session.**

### Medical Absences

- Genuine illness will always be authorised, however frequent regular illness may be referred to the local authority.
- Please contact the school on the morning of each day your child is unwell.
- For ongoing or frequent medical absences, we may request medical evidence (e.g., appointment card, prescription, or confirmation from a healthcare professional).
- Whenever possible, medical appointments should be arranged outside the school day. Please provide proof of any unavoidable appointment.

### How We Support Families

If you are experiencing challenges affecting your child's attendance—medical, emotional, or family-related—please get in touch. We are here to help and want to work together to maintain positive attendance for every child.





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## Our Updated Mobile Phone Policy

We are committed to keeping our school a calm, safe and focused environment for every child. In line with the Department for Education's expectation that schools operate as mobile-phone-free environments by default, we have updated our Mobile Phone Policy.

### **Bringing Phones to School**

Pupils may bring a mobile phone to school only if it is handed in at the start of the day. Phones will be stored in a secure location and returned at home time. Pupils will not have access to their phones during the school day. Mobile phones are not to be used on school premises before or after school.

### **When Phones Are Not Handed In**

To ensure fairness and consistency:

- If a pupil fails to hand in their phone, it will be confiscated once identified.
- Any pupil who fails to hand in their phone will lose the privilege of bringing a phone to school in future.
- Any pupil who uses their phone on school premises before or after school will lose the privilege of bringing a phone to school in future.
- Parents/carers may be required to collect the device.
- Repeated breaches will follow our school Behaviour Policy.

These measures reflect the DfE's expectation that schools may use confiscation and reasonable sanctions to uphold a mobile-free environment.

### **Supporting All Pupils**

We will make reasonable adjustments for pupils with medical needs (such as diabetes monitoring), SEND requirements, or exceptional safeguarding circumstances. Please contact the office if your child requires an individual arrangement.

### **Thank You**

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a positive environment where pupils can learn, socialise and thrive without the distractions and pressures associated with mobile phone use.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the school office.





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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.

Children who arrive after the register has closed and without a valid reason for being late will be marked as code U, which is classed as an unauthorised absence but indicates that the pupil was physically present in school for part of the session.

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 **Pine** and **Ash** Class 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 **20** children late and **167** minutes lost of learning this week.



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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/>



## 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.



## Diary Dates

Golden Ticket Reward - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March

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**

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Year 4,5 & 6 Cheerleading – Monday - 3:15pm – 4:15pm (last session 30/03/2026) - currently full

Year 4 Times Table Club – Tuesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm – places available

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

## Future Clubs Planned

EYFS and KS1 Craft Club

Year 5&6 Tennis Club

Year 5&6 Netball

KS2 Boccia

Year 3&4 Football

KS1 Multi Skills Club



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## 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

## Lancashire County Council Info

### Casual Catering Assistant – Job advertisement

Lancashire County Council provide catering services to over 500 schools across Lancashire, serving over 60,000 school meals per day and they are looking for committed individuals to join the service

You will work as part of a team in various unit throughout Wyre area providing high quality, healthy, balanced meals for Primary school children in Fleetwood and surrounding areas on a casual engagement.

If you would like more information or would like to apply, please follow the link below:

[https://fa-esms-saasfaukgovprod1.fa.ocs.oraclecloud.com/hcmUI/CandidateExperience/en/sites/CX\\_1/job/17292/?utm\\_medium=jobshare&utm\\_source=External+Job+Share](https://fa-esms-saasfaukgovprod1.fa.ocs.oraclecloud.com/hcmUI/CandidateExperience/en/sites/CX_1/job/17292/?utm_medium=jobshare&utm_source=External+Job+Share)

### SEND newsletter – Spring Issue

The SEND Newsletter is for parents and carers of, and professionals working with, children and young people with special educational needs and/or a disability (SEND).

<https://mailchi.mp/a93962de4883/welcome-to-our-first-send-e-newsletter>





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## Things to do

**Morecambe Comic Con**

**Free Entry!**

**Easter Sunday & Monday**  
**10am - 4pm**

**The Platform, Morecambe**

*"Meet & Greets" - Photo Op's - Costumers - Cosplay - Stalls*

Explore amazing, mind-blowing research!

**CAMPUS IN THE CITY**

Brought to you by Lancaster University

Children must be accompanied by an adult

**Free family-friendly festival**  
Hands-on activities, crafts, games, experiments - and more!

**Friday 10 April**  
**10.30am-4pm**  
**More Music, Morecambe**

Meet OT the Humanoid Robot • Teddy Bear Hospital • Morecambe Seaside Cinema • The Big Coastal Quest Game • Physics Fun Factory • Be a Space Size Explorer • Minecraft Game • Sscience of Ssnakes • Northern Lights through Virtual Reality

Facebook: CampusintheCity.LU Instagram: @campusinthecity

lancaster.ac.uk/events/campus-in-the-city



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