Larkholme Primary School

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Friday 25th September 2026

Now that we have been back at school for a few weeks, it has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled into their routines. They have returned with enthusiasm, positive attitudes and a real eagerness to learn, making for a fantastic start to the term.

As the weather begins to get colder, please ensure your child comes to school with a suitable coat each day. To help us return any misplaced items, we kindly ask that all coats and other clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Attendance at school is vital if children are to achieve well and make good progress from their individual starting points. Every day in school provides valuable learning opportunities and helps children build confidence, friendships and positive routines.
As we move into the autumn months, some children may experience seasonal illnesses such as coughs and colds. If your child is genuinely unwell, please keep them at home and notify the school before 8:50am by calling **01253 874024** and leaving a message if the School Office is unavailable. However, if your child is feeling slightly under the weather but is well enough to attend, we encourage you to send them into school so they do not miss out on important learning unnecessarily.

It is important to remember that **90% attendance is not as high as it may seem**. A child with 90% attendance misses the equivalent of half a school day every week, adding up to significant lost learning time across the year.

To help ensure your child attends school regularly, please:

- Arrange medical and dental appointments outside school hours wherever possible.
- Plan family holidays during school holidays. Please note that penalty notices may be issued for unauthorised leave during term time.
- Check the school calendar and term dates in advance when making arrangements.
- Contact the school as soon as possible if your child is experiencing any worries or difficulties. Working together early can often prevent unnecessary absence.

Thank you for your support in helping us ensure every child has the best possible opportunity to learn, achieve and thrive.

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Absence Home Visits

At Larkholme Primary School, keeping children safe is our highest priority. If we are unable to make contact with a parent or carer regarding a child's absence, or if we have not seen a child in school for two consecutive days, we may carry out a home visit. This helps us ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our children, maintain accurate attendance records and offer support to families where needed.

Home visits are a supportive safeguarding measure, not a punitive one. They enable us to check that children are safe and well, understand any barriers to attendance and work alongside families to provide support where needed.

This approach is in line with the Department for Education's *Working Together to Improve School Attendance* guidance, which expects schools to follow up absence promptly and work in partnership with families to support good attendance.

A message from Miss Oldroyd

Cardinal Allen High School Open Evening

It was a pleasure to attend the Cardinal Allen High School Open Evening last Thursday and see so many of our children representing Larkholme School.

I was incredibly proud to see our children behaving so beautifully throughout the evening. They enthusiastically took part in the activities on offer, showed excellent manners and conduct, and represented both themselves and Larkholme School fantastically.

I also noticed in the Maths department they had a times table challenge on the board with our pupils scoring highly among the top 10 across all local primary schools that attended!

It was wonderful to see them demonstrating such confidence, enthusiasm and respect. They were a real credit to themselves, their families and our school community.

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Mrs Sims and Mrs Oldroyd are running a Larkholme PALS School Fundraiser on **Thursday 8th October, from 3:30pm to 4:30pm**.

Create Your Own Halloween Window Art

- £10 per child (adults free)
- Only 13 places left
- An adult must attend with each child

This will be a fun opportunity to get creative together while supporting our school. Refreshments, including biscuits, hot drinks and cordial, will be provided during the session.

As we are a cashless school, payment must be made via School Money. We are unable to reserve places, so places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Reception Starters for 2027 School Tours

Are you looking for a school place for Reception Class September 2027? Book in to see our wonderful school in action at one of our tours by phoning the School Office on 01253 874024.

Monday 19th October – 9.30am
Friday 6th November – 9.30am
Wednesday 11th November – 1.30pm
Monday 16th November – 9.30am
Friday 20th November – 1.30pm

Monday 28th September, Wednesday 30th September and Monday 5th October are fully booked

School admissions are now open for children joining primary and secondary school in September 2027.

Apply at https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/

The deadline to apply for a September 2027 Reception place is Friday 15th January 2027.

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School Uniform

It has been wonderful to see how smart and proud our children look in their school uniforms this year. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting our high standards and helping children take pride in their appearance.

A reminder that on **PE days**, children should wear **black or white** trainers rather than school shoes. Please ensure all PE clothing is plain, as branded sportswear is not permitted.

Please also make sure that all uniform, PE kit and footwear are clearly labelled with your child's name to help us return any misplaced items.

Class Dojo Reminder

Class Dojo is used to celebrate and reward children's efforts, achievements and positive behaviour in class and around the school. We enjoy sharing these successes with families and recognising our children's hard work.

Please remember that Class Dojo is not used as a communication tool. Class teachers are unable to respond to messages sent through the platform. If you need to contact the school or speak with a member of staff, please do so via the school office by telephone or email.

Expanding free school meals eligibility

From September 2026 all households receiving Universal Credit, regardless of household income, will qualify for free school meals.

Who should apply

If you receive Universal Credit and your child is not getting free school meals, apply by filling in our online form.

If you have already applied for free school meals and your child has been confirmed as eligible, you do not need to apply again.

https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/

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Diary Dates

Brain Architecture Workshop for Parents – Monday 29th September, 2pm – 3pm
Halloween Window Art Fundraiser - Thursday 8th October, 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Year 5&6 trip to University of Lancashire – Wednesday 14th October
Pine Class Harvest Festival Assembly – Parents welcome – Friday 16th October, 9am
Parents Evening – Tuesday 20th October

School Breaks for Half Term – Wednesday 21st October at 3:15pm
School Re-opens – Monday 2nd November at 8:40am

Extra-Curricular Clubs
Year 3&4 Running Club – Tuesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Comp Choir – Wednesdays 3:15pm – 4:15pm
Year 5&6 Boys Football – Wednesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Taekwondo – Thursday 3.15pm – 4.05pm
KS1 Multi Skills – Friday 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Football Match Report – Larkholme vs Hambleton

Well done to our football team who represented Larkholme brilliantly in their recent match against Hambleton. Despite a closely contested game ending in a 5-4 victory for Hambleton, our players showed great determination, teamwork and resilience throughout.

A special congratulations goes to Dillan, Reggie and Bobby, who all got on the scoresheet for Larkholme. The team should be very proud of their efforts and the excellent attitude they displayed from start to finish.
Well played everyone, and we look forward to the next match!

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

Tuesday 29th September vs Carleton Green
Tuesday 6th October vs Shakespeare
Tuesday 13th October vs Poulton St John's
Tuesday 20th October vs Flakefleet

Headssup Bronze Award Year 6 Transition

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Information and things to do

The Big Future is asking children and young people about their lives, their experiences and their hopes for the future. I will be using what they tell me to build a national picture of what matters to children today and to ensure their views are heard by Government.

The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and can be accessed here:

https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture