

# Lower Darwen Primary School

Milking Lane, Lower Darwen BB3 0RB

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Headteacher: Mrs S Addy BA (Hons)

**Newsletter 16**  
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

## Diary Dates

Visual Screening (Reception Classes)  
School closes for Half-Term  
School Re-opens

**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026**  
**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**  
**Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026**

## Message from Mrs Addy

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful break and are feeling refreshed for the term ahead.

As we start 2026, I wanted to take a moment to say how excited we all are about the amazing things planned for this term at Lower Darwen Primary School. Our children have already returned with such enthusiasm and energy, and we're looking forward to building on the fantastic progress they made last term.

## Celebrating Achievement and Progress

This term, we have some brilliant learning opportunities lined up across all year groups. We'll be continuing to focus on ensuring every child makes excellent progress, and we can't wait to celebrate their achievements along the way. Whether it's in the classroom, on the sports field, or through our enrichment activities, there will be plenty of chances for your children to shine.

## A Gentle Reminder About School Uniform

We've been so pleased to see how smart our children look when they arrive at school each day. It really does make a difference to their sense of pride and belonging. As we start the new term, I wanted to remind everyone about our uniform expectations:

Full school uniform should be worn every day – this helps maintain our high standards and ensures all children feel part of our school community

Shoes - plain black shoes

Earrings – we ask that children wear only one plain stud earring in each ear (if ears are pierced)

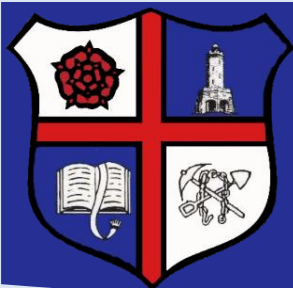
Acrylic nails – if your child has had acrylic or gel nails applied during the holidays, these must be removed before returning to school next week. This is important for health and safety reasons, particularly during PE and other practical activities

We really appreciate your support in helping us maintain these standards. If you have any questions about uniform, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

## Looking Ahead

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we'll make this term another successful one for our children.

Wishing you all a brilliant start to 2026!



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## Star of the Week

Every week we will tell you, on the newsletter, of the name of the child in each class, who has been awarded 'Star of the Week'.

This term's 'Star of the Week' winners are:-

Reception L:	<b>Orla</b>
Reception D:	<b>Archie</b>
Class 1L:	<b>Willow</b>
Class 1D:	<b>Olivia</b>
Class 2L:	<b>Remy</b>
Class 2D:	<b>Lily</b>
Class 3L:	<b>Margot</b>
Class 3D:	<b>Joseph</b>
Class 4L:	<b>Karson</b>
Class 4D:	<b>Oscar</b>
Class 5L:	<b>Zack</b>
Class 5D:	<b>Noelle</b>
Class 6L:	<b>Lottie</b>
Class 6D:	<b>Darcey</b>
KS2 HIP	<b>Carter</b>

This week's 'Dojo Champions of the Week' are:-

Class RL	<b>Ava</b>	Class RD	<b>Phoebe</b>	Class 1L	<b>Pippa</b>	Class 1D	<b>Oscar</b>
Class 2L	<b>Liam</b>	Class 2D	<b>Alicia</b>	Class 3L	<b>Skylar</b>	Class 3D	<b>Mia</b>
Class 4L	<b>Millie</b>	Class 4D	<b>Romeo</b>	Class 5L	<b>Cody</b>	Class 5D	<b>Sophie</b>
Class 6L	<b>Imaan</b>	Class 6D	<b>Grace</b>	KS2 HIP	<b>Khadijah</b>		

## First Aid Reporting

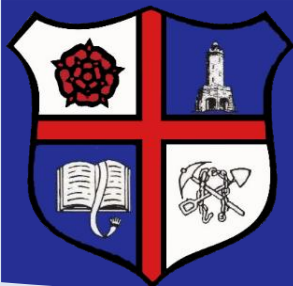
Starting this week, any accidents/ head bumps within school will now be reported to you 'paperless'. You will now receive an email from **First Aid Forms** if your child has an accident.

## New Role for Mrs Eastwood

I am very pleased to advise you that Mrs Eastwood will be joining the school's Wellbeing Team. She will be working closely with children and their families to support emotional wellbeing and positive development. She has many years of experience working in education, including extensive work in nurture, planning and delivering targeted interventions and for the past five years she has worked with children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). I am passionate about helping children feel safe, supported, and confident, and she is looking forward to working together with families to help every child thrive.

## MHST Newsletter

Attached to the newsletter email is a copy of this month's Mental Health School Team's newsletter. You may find this informative.



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## Roblox

Roblox is a popular online platform that encourages creativity, social interaction and learning through user-created games and experiences, making it accessible and engaging for players of all ages; however it also has its dangers, including exposure to inappropriate content and interactions that require careful supervision.

Please read the following guide to ensure your child's safety..

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/roblox-parental-controls/>



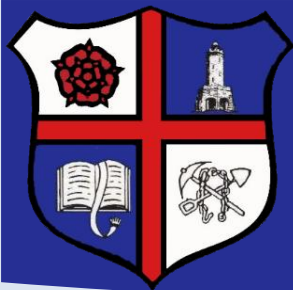
## Magic Bookings

Please could you ensure you check your bookings for After School Club and in particular Breakfast Club. We are having a number of children arriving most mornings who are not booked on.

## Careful Parking

Please can I once again politely remind you about parking courteously outside school at pick up / drop off time. A number of neighbours have complained that their driveways have been blocked – one neighbour in particular has a relative, who at any time may require urgent medical care and has to be able to get off his drive. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Simone Addy, Headteacher**



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## Community Events

**WESTHOLME FOOTBALL CAMP**  
16 - 19 FEBRUARY 2026  
In partnership with Matrix Soccer Academy

**WHY CHOOSE US?**  
Led by UEFA-qualified coach Charlie Jackson - Founder of Matrix Soccer Academy & currently works at Manchester City Junior Academy.

**DETAILS**

- COST**  
£120 per week or £32 per day
- OPEN ENTRY**  
For ages 7-15. Both Westholme & non-Westholme pupils welcome
- TIMINGS**  
9.00am - 2.30pm (optional late collection available for additional charge of £6)
- SKILL LEVEL**  
Suitable for all abilities, from grass roots to elite footballers

Scan to register

Westholme School, Wilmar Lodge, Pleasington, BB2 8QU

**THE FOOTBALL COMMUNITY**

RECRUITING NEW PLAYERS YEAR 1-6

Connecting players and fans through teamwork, passion, and community spirit. Together, we grow the love for the game.

CONTACT - MIKE ON TEL : 0736223382  
EMAIL : DARWEN@LSLADIES@HOTMAIL.COM

**FOX FOUNDATION FOOTBALL**

**HALF TERM SPORTS COURSE**  
FEB 16 - 20TH FOR AGES 5-11

FOOTBALL BASKETBALL DODGEBALL

Get ready for a half term full of fun, friends, and sports!

The Redeemer Primary School, Blackburn, BB2 4JJ  
8.30am - 4pm  
£20 per day or £80 Full Week  
For Fox Members OR Siblings

Spots fill fast - Sign up today for a half term they won't forget!

Join us for:  
• 5 FULL TERM SESSIONS  
• SPORTS CHALLENGES & ACTIVITIES  
• EXPERT COACHES  
• GAMES & TEAM CHALLENGES  
• SKILL-BUILDING, TEAMWORK & CONFIDENCE  
• DAILY AWARDS

Email for booking information: [info@foxfoundationfootball.co.uk](mailto:info@foxfoundationfootball.co.uk)

[www.foxfoundationfootball.com](http://www.foxfoundationfootball.com)

**BLACKBURN BISONS PICKLEBALL**  
11+ JUNIOR COACHING

STARTING ON...  
8th January 2026  
5-6pm

ST BEDE'S RC HIGH SCHOOL

4 weeks  
**£25**

JOIN NOW

Contact Rachel McCrae  
07872184783

**PICKLEBALL**

ST BEDE'S HIGH SCHOOL  
MONDAYS 6 - 7.30pm  
WEDNESDAYS 6 - 7.30pm / 7.30 - 9pm  
THURSDAYS 6 - 7.30pm  
DARWEN LEISURE CENTRE  
TUESDAYS 10 - 11am

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