

Lower Darwen Primary School

Milking Lane, Lower Darwen BB3 0RB

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Headteacher: Mrs S Addy BA (Hons)

Newsletter 18
Friday 23rd January 2026

Diary Dates

Children's Mental Health Week
School closes for Half-Term
School Re-opens

w/c 9th February 2026
Friday, 13th February 2026
Monday, 23rd February 2026

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 week's 'Star of the Week' winners are:-

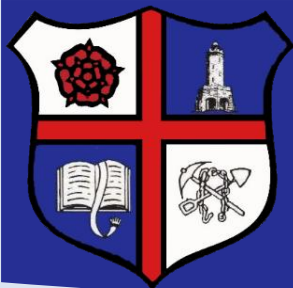
Reception L:	Connor
Reception D:	Lottie
Class 1L:	Jennifer
Class 1D:	Daniella
Class 2L:	Rory
Class 2D:	Neerja
Class 3L:	Florence
Class 3D:	Georgia
Class 4L:	Millie
Class 4D:	Andrea
Class 5L:	Adam
Class 5D:	Isla Raine
Class 6L:	Zayd
Class 6D:	Bruno
KS2 HIP	Muhammad Ahmed

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

Class RL	Zachary	Class RD	Rosie	Class 1L	Harry	Class 1D	Charlie & Albie
Class 2L	Thomas	Class 2D	Carter	Class 3L	Asher	Class 3D	Kobi
Class 4L	Aaron & Evie	Class 4D	Oscar R	Class 5L	Ted	Class 5D	Noah
Class 6L	Leo	Class 6D	Peyton	KS2 HIP	Inaaya		

Children's Mental Health Week

Wednesday, 11th February 2026 will be dedicated to this important theme. **Mrs Dyrda** will lead an assembly talking about not only our own mental health but how important it is to boost other children's mental health, just simply by being kind and saying nice things to each other. The children will enjoy various fun activities, moving from class to class on a carousel basis. We are proud of all our children and celebrate all their qualities and individualism. This may also be a good time for you to have any open discussions with your child on this subject too.



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At Lower Darwen Primary School, we occasionally take photographs and videos of pupils to celebrate their achievements, document school activities and promote our school. We are committed to protecting your child's privacy and will only use images with your consent the following ways:

- *On our school website*
- *In our school prospectus and other printed publications*
- *In our school newsletter (printed and/or emailed)*
- *On our social media accounts (e.g., Instagram and Facebook)*
- *Class Dojo *DISCLAIMER Class Dojo is a password-protected platform governed by the school's user policy. While access is restricted, the school cannot be held responsible for any inappropriate misuse or the reposting of content by users**
- *In local newspaper articles or press releases*
- *On display boards within the school*
- *In presentations at school events*

Important Information

What we will do:

- *Only use images that are appropriate and in the best interests of pupils*
- *Ensure pupils are appropriately dressed*
- *Not include full names with photographs on our website or social media*
- *Store images securely and only share them with authorised staff*
- *Remove images if you withdraw your consent*

What we won't do:

- *Include detailed personal information alongside images*
- *Share images with third parties without your permission*
- *Use images for commercial purposes*

Your Rights

You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time by contacting the school office. If you withdraw consent, we will remove images of your child from future publications, though we may not be able to recall materials already in circulation. This consent will remain valid until you withdraw it or until your child leaves Lower Darwen Primary School.

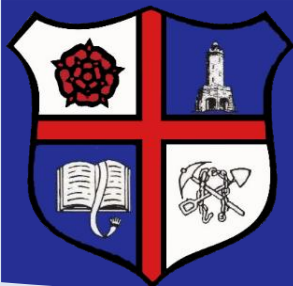
Please complete the following consent form [Parental Consent for Use of Pupil Images – Fill in form](#)

Children's Choir

Our new school choir will be having their first practice next week. The choir will consist of a mix of pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6.

Mrs Dyrda and **Mrs Eccles** will lead this and have plans going forward of the choir performing shows and entering competitions, as well as singing at local venues. Exciting times ahead for the LDPS choir

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Lunchtime and After School Clubs

Exciting plans are being made to expand on the lunchtime and after school clubs available to pupils after half term.

Hopefully there will be a variety to suit everyone! Further details to follow.....

Message from Mrs Critchley

'I would like to share with you that I have resigned from my role at Lower Darwen Primary School. It has been a difficult decision to make, as this school community has felt like a second home to me since I began teaching here fourteen years ago.

Every child I have taught has left an impression and shaped me into the teacher I am today. I am deeply grateful for the trust you have placed in me and the kindness I have always received from school families.

Although I am very excited for a new chapter, saying Goodbye is bittersweet. I will treasure my memories of LDPS and the wonderful staff I have worked with past and present.

I wish each and every family that I've had the pleasure to meet as a teacher at Lower Darwen, a happy, successful future. I want to express my sincere thanks for your support'.

*Thank you
Laura Critchley*

Simone Addy, Headteacher