

Lower Darwen Primary School

Milking Lane, Lower Darwen BB3 0RB

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Headteacher: Mrs S Addy BA (Hons)

Newsletter 19
Friday 30th January 2026

Diary Dates

Children's Mental Health Week
SATS Information Evening (for Year 6 parents) 6pm
School closes for Half-Term
School Re-opens

w/c 9th February 2026
Wednesday, 11th 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:	Ellis
Reception D:	Axel
Class 1L:	Jax
Class 1D:	Betsy
Class 2L:	Albie
Class 2D:	Carter
Class 3L:	Arthur
Class 3D:	Rocco
Class 4L:	Rupert
Class 4D:	Andrea
Class 5L:	Alana
Class 5D:	Harry
Class 6L:	Austin
Class 6D:	Jessica G.
KS2 HIP	Inaaya

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

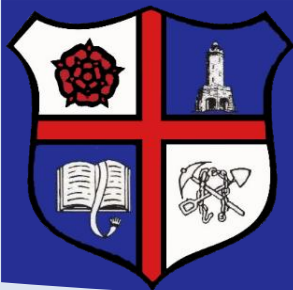
Class RL	Ace & Sienna	Class RD	Evie-Leigh	Class 1L	Hunter	Class 1D	Oscar
Class 2L	Thomas	Class 2D	Bonnie	Class 3L	Harry	Class 3D	Jack
Class 4L	Evie	Class 4D	Oscar	Class 5L	Barkley	Class 5D	Kanye
Class 6L	Ben	Class 6D	Sophia	KS2 HIP	Habeeba		

SATS Information Evening

Year 6 parents are invited to a SATS information evening on **Wednesday 11th February at 6pm**. I hope as many as possible can make it – a link has been included on the dojo message to confirm your attendance.

Bulb Planting

Bulbs will shortly be being planted in the tyres outside the school office to enhance our school outdoor area. Please treat these with respect and avoid standing on them. Hopefully they will transform our school entrance in the Spring.



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Sports News

Our KS2 deaf pupils attended a Boccia Tournament in Liverpool on **Monday 26th January**, competing against schools from across Liverpool and the surrounding North West.

The matches were closely fought and full of tension, with our children showing excellent focus, teamwork, and determination throughout the day. Their hard work paid off for the girls, as they secured an impressive fourth place in the finals. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day, and everyone involved had a wonderful time. Thanks to **Mrs Almond** and **Miss Varey** for transporting and supporting the children at the event.

Team: **Ahmed, Habeeba, Katie, Muhammad Ahmed and Muhammad Awais.**



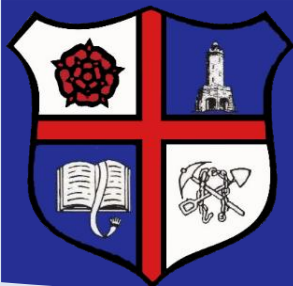
Year 5/6 Girls Football

The girls did us proud this week (**Wednesday 28th January**). Mr Hesketh reminded them before the game that we were a team and we worked for each other and they didn't disappoint. They were all running for each other non-stop all night.

Our first game against **Olive** was taken in our stride winning 12 - 2. **Minnie** scored 4 goals but I was more impressed that we had 7 different goal scorers in one game! It shows how selfless the girls were being. They were playing as a team, looking for passes and playing some excellent football. **Longshaw** were a tougher opponent and it was a close game until half time where it was 2-2. We pulled away in the second half, our hard work and relentless pressing paid off. Our goals weren't as shared in this game with **Katie** scoring 5 and forcing an own goal from a throw-in. By the end of the match it was 6-3 but it could have been even more.



Team: **Alana, Ava, Bella, Jessica, Katie, Lucy, Mia, Minnie and Olivia.**



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On Thursday evening, (29th January 2026), LDPS entered a team into the Year 5-6 Sportshall Athletics qualifying competition at St Wilfrid's.

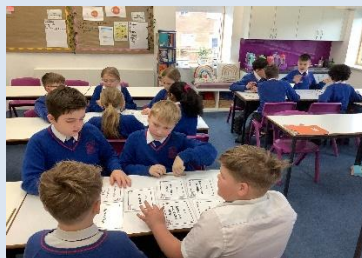
Over the past decade, we have excelled in this event and this year was no exception. The children competed in a number of athletic events and displayed some real skill and talent.



Mr Reid said, "Their team spirit was fantastic and their sporting behaviour to others and each other was first class." Our athletes finished in 1st place and will now progress to the final to be held next week. Well done to you all - you have made school proud! Special thanks to **Mr Eastwood** and **Mr Reid** for their excellent support and coaching and to **Mrs Taylor** for helping with transport.

Team: **Alana, Alfie, Austin, Barkley, Ben, Brooklyn, Esta, Evie, Grace, Hayden, Isabella, Joseph, Katie, Kayden, Mia, Minnie, Olivia, Owen, Ted, Tillie and Toby.**

This week, pupils took part in Life Education workshops as part of our SCARF PSHE curriculum. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit from Harold the Giraffe and friends, engaging enthusiastically throughout the sessions. A wide range of important topics were covered in an age-appropriate and engaging way, and Steven, who led the workshops, praised the children for their excellent behaviour and involvement.



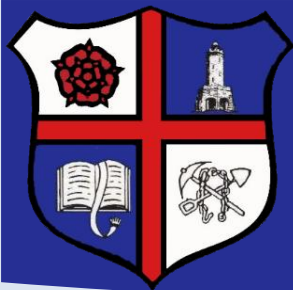
Junior Bake Off

Applications for the 12th series of Junior Bake off, a Channel 4 competition series celebrating Britain's young baking talent are now open.

If you are or know a budding baker between 9-15 years old they can apply online at -

www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk





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Dentist accepting NHS Patients

Richmond Terrace Dental Centre in Darwen is now accepting NHS patients of all ages. All NHS patients are welcome, with free dental care available for children and teenagers under 18.

To make registration simple, see this poster. Registration can only be completed via this QR code, which parents (and staff) can scan to register quickly and securely.

Simone Addy, Headteacher

Community Events

DARWEN FOOTBALL CAMP
FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2026

OUR FOOTBALL CAMP
Give your child the opportunity to train at an elite football camp led by ex-professional players including Stephen Sano, MVP's Baiter League coach.

Our camp focuses on developing young players both on and off the pitch through high-quality coaching, a safe and positive environment, and fun, high-energy sessions that build confidence, discipline, and footballing ability.

Open to boys and girls aged 6-15 years.

DATES AND PRICES
MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY - £30
TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY - £30
WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY - £30
FULL CAMP (3 DAYS) - £85

10AM - 3PM AT DARWEN ALDRIDGE COMMUNITY ACADEMY, SUDELL ROAD, DARWEN, BB3 3HD

EARLY DROP OFF (9AM) OR LATE PICK UP (4PM) £5 EXTRA

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER NOW OR CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO.
07578 229 223 | joao.rocha@stephensamaacademy.com

SCHOOL'S OUT HOLIDAY SQUAD
FEBRUARY HALF TERM CAMP
FROM 7:30AM - 6:00PM

HOLIDAY CLUB AT SHADSWORTH JUNIORS

SPORTS
FOOTBALL
DODGEBALL
HOCKEY
HANDBALL
TAG RUGBY
AND MANY MORE

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- U8s has 5 Spaces
- U9s New Team 4 Spaces
- U9s High Ability
- U10s Full
- U10s New has 5 Spaces
- U11s Full
- U12s High Ability 2 Spaces
- U12s Low Ability 4 Spaces
- U13s High Ability 1 Space
- U14s Med-High Ability 1 space

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