

Lower Darwen Primary School

Milking Lane, Lower Darwen BB3 0RB

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Headteacher: Mrs S Addy BA (Hons)

Newsletter 21
Friday 13th February 2026

Diary Dates

School closes for Half-Term

School Re-opens

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:	Sadie
Reception D:	Arlo and Ashton
Class 1L:	Bobby
Class 1D:	Freddie
Class 2L:	Ezra
Class 2D:	Ben
Class 3L:	George
Class 3D:	Esme
Class 4L:	Addison
Class 4D:	Scarlett
Class 5L:	Beaux
Class 5D:	Matylda
Class 6L:	Emily
Class 6D:	Olivia
KS2 HIP	Khadijah

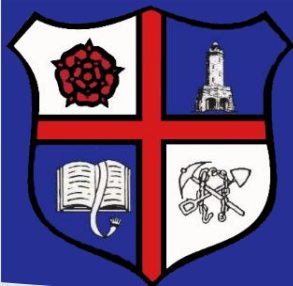
This week's 'Dojo Champions of the Week' are:-

Class RL	Ellis	Class RD	Jack	Class 1L	Wilf	Class 1D	Isla and Lenny
Class 2L	Ava	Class 2D	Arya	Class 3L	Julia	Class 3D	Charlie
Class 4L	Freya	Class 4D	Leen	Class 5L	Beaux	Class 5D	Ida
Class 6L	Erin	Class 6D	Lola	KS2 HIP	Habeeba		

Just a reminder that if you need to contact a member of school staff, please can you do this via the school office email –

office@lowerdarwen.blackburn.sch.uk

School is busy and the staff priority will always be teaching and caring for your child. With this in mind, we are not always able to respond immediately to requests but we aim to contact you within 48 hours. Thank you for your support with this.



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World Book Day Vouchers

Your child will be bringing home their World Book Day voucher today (ahead of World Book Day). I'm delighted to share the news that some of the local libraries this year will be acting as 'hubs', where children who would otherwise struggle to access a bookshop can exchange their World Book Day (WBD) book token for one of the official WBD books while stocks last.

The libraries taking part in this promotion are: **Darwen Library, Cherry Tree Library, Mill Hill Library and Roman Road Library** (Blackburn Central Library is not taking part, due to its proximity to a number of town centre bookshops).

There is more information about the branch (including opening hours) here:

<https://bwdlibraries.com/our-libraries/roman-road-library/>

Sports News

Year 3 /4 Sportshall Athletics

On Wednesday evening (**11th February 2026**) our lower KS2 team, followed on from the success of our older children earlier in the month, romping home as winners of the Year 3-4 Sports Hall Athletics finals at **Pleckgate High School**.

Our children took part in a number of individual field and relay events. The school is truly blessed by the high calibre of talented (and well behaved) athletes at our disposal. I am incredibly proud of our athletes and how they performed and conducted themselves at the competition.

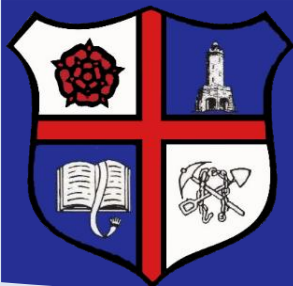


Mr Reid commented on the brilliant team spirit and self-belief and also the encouragement that the children offered each other. I would totally agree with him. Thank you to him and **Mr Eastwood**, for coaching the team to such a high standard and also to **Mrs Arrandale** for her support at the event and to **Mrs Taylor** for helping with transport.

Team: **Amelia, Freya, Grace, Harper W, Harper H, Harry, Karson, Macie, Maison, Millie F, Millie S, Olivia, Ollie-Jay, Orla, Oscar R, Rocco, Romeo, Rupert and Theo.**

SATS Information Evening

Thank you to those Year 6 parents who attended the SATS information evening on **Wednesday** evening. I hope you found it to be informative.



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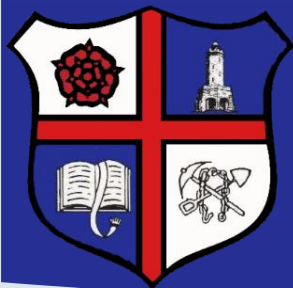
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Secret Readers

Several classes were treated to a Secret Reader this week.

Thank you to Betsy and Matilda's Dad who read in both 1D and 4D, Lenny's Dad also read in 1D. Zachary's mum read in 2D, as did Aida's mum and finally Macie's mum told a story to 3L. All the children thoroughly enjoyed this experience and we thank these parents for giving up their time.





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We Need Your Help?



Mrs Pickering is leading the way to create a fantastic outdoor learning environment within our wild woods area, for children to enjoy and utilise for lessons and extra curricular clubs in school. We are looking for anyone to help us with equipment (new and secondhand) so if you have anything lying around in your homes or gardens that you no longer use or need or work in or own a company that could donate anything then this would give us the headstart we need to create something amazing!

Some suggestions of things we need are:

spades, trowels, forks

Pots and garden trays (of all sizes)

Compost

Plants

Saws, Hammers, Nails

Garden Ornaments

Garden kneeling mats

Fence paint or stain

A strimmer

Poly tunnels or Green House

Compost Bin

Seating

A shed or storage 😊

....or anything else you may think would be useful.

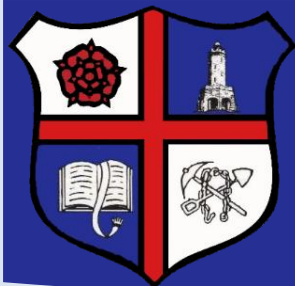
If you can help us in any way, please let the office know or send the items in with your child.

Spreading the love!

Mrs Pickering, Teaching Assistant, has hidden some red bags with a red plastic heart inside, around school, for the children to find and take home to give to someone they love.

In the interest of fairness, if your child finds more than one, please return any extra to school and ask them to re-hide for someone else to find.





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Cupid Cuddles

Thank you to our Year 6 girls for organising a very successful 'Cupid Cuddles' event. This was really well supported and a fantastic amount of **£218.45** has been raised, which will go towards funding for our outdoor provision.

Headlice

We have had a number of cases of headlice in various classes recently. Please can I ask you to take the opportunity over the half term holiday to thoroughly check your child's hair. If you do detect any eggs or living lice, you can obtain a free prescription from your GP for solution to treat them. It is always recommended to check the rest of the family too. Thank you for your help with this as always.

New Staff

We have recently welcomed two new teachers onto our staff team. **Miss Lowe** is currently teaching in 4D and **Miss Ward** in 4L. After half term, **Mrs Whittaker** will become the class teacher in Class 3L and we also have a new Higher Level Teaching Assistant starting, **Miss McDermott**, who will cover in a number of classes. I'm sure they will all quickly settle into life at Lower Darwen Primary School and become important additions to our school and the school community. During the holidays, **Miss Lowe** will be getting married – we hope she has a fantastic time and enjoys all the celebrations. Her married name will be **Mrs Dagnall**.

Finally...

Today we close for the half term holidays – I would like to thank you all for your continued support and wish you and the children a restful week and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 23rd February.

Simone Addy, Headteacher

Community Events

 <p>BWD SEN family support</p> <p>Join us at the Mill Hill community centre for our SEN stay and play sessions 9.30 to 11am.</p> <p>Where you can meet other SEN families, make friends and have a brew ☺ and be around people that just "get it!"</p> <p>Only £150 for an adult and child then 50p per extra person after that.</p> <p>That includes brews, juice, toast & biscuits. As well lots of toys for younger and older children, colouring in and sensory toys and a creche area.</p> <p>Upcoming dates are on Saturday the 7th & 21st February and 7th March</p>	 <p>Curious Cats Community FEBRUARY HALF TERM MUDDY MEET UPS Victoria Park, Cambridge Street Haslingden</p> <p>Weds 18/02/26 10am -12 pm Fri 20/02/26 10am -12 pm</p> <p>£7.50 per child incl. drinks and campfire treats for everyone! Discount is available for bookings of 10 or more. Under 2's and brews are always free!</p> <p>Join us for free swinging, mud pie making, nature creating, obstacle races, time to relax in the hammock, create secret dens and campfire cooking! Some activities will stay and some will change so there is always something to explore</p> <p>BOOK NOW Contact Nicola@Curious Cats Community 0775 146 0440 nicola.curiouscats@outlook.com</p>
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