

Lower Darwen Primary School

Milking Lane, Lower Darwen BB3 0RB

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Headteacher: Mrs S Addy BA (Hons)

Newsletter 28
Friday 24th April 2026

Diary Dates

May Bank Holiday	Monday, 4th May 2025
School closes for Half-Term	Friday, 22nd May 2026
School Re-Opens	Wednesday, 3rd June 2026
School Photographer (Individual Photos)	Tuesday, 16th June 2026
School closes for the Summer Holidays (at 1.15pm)	Friday, 17th July 2026

Star of the Week

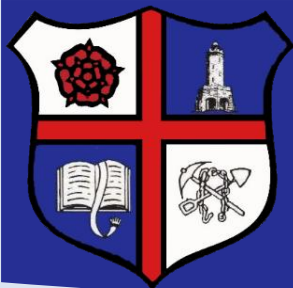
Every week we will tell you, on the newsletter, of the name of the child in each class, who has been awarded 'Star of the Week'.

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

Reception L:	Eva
Reception D:	Jimmy Boy
Class 1L:	Taylor
Class 1D:	Isabella
Class 2L:	Ezra
Class 2D:	Lucas
Class 3L:	Grace
Class 3D:	Ollie Jay
Class 4L:	CJ
Class 4D:	Scarlett
Class 5L:	Louisiana
Class 5D:	Isabella
Class 6L:	Gracie Leigh
Class 6D:	Whole of Class 6D
KS2 HIP	Carter

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

Class RL	Reggie	Class RD	Rosie	Class 1L	Zac	Class 1D	Freddie
Class 2L	Sadie	Class 2D	Emelia	Class 3L	Harry	Class 3D	Kayen
Class 4L	Olivia	Class 4D	Aadiya	Class 5L	Ted	Class 5D	Eshaal
Class 6L	Imaan	Class 6D	Deni	KS2 HIP	Habeeba		& Kanye



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Message from Mrs Addy

Recently, I've had the real pleasure of spending time with our pupils, chatting with them and listening carefully to their thoughts through questionnaires. They spoke so thoughtfully about their school experience, and one thing came through loud and clear — a large majority would love a school uniform that feels more comfortable, more flexible, and better suited to their active school day.

With their voices very much in mind, I put together a proposal to move towards an active-style uniform. I'm really pleased to share that the Governing Body were incredibly supportive and agreed that this is something worth exploring further.

However, this is very much something we want to shape together. Before any decisions are made, we will be starting a full consultation process with parents, pupils, and staff. Your views are so important to us, and this will be a genuine opportunity for everyone to have a voice. We expect this process to take around two terms so that it can be thoughtful and inclusive.

For now, nothing will change — children will continue to wear the current school uniform in September. If we move forward following consultation, we will take a gradual approach, with the aim of a full transition by September 2027.

Alongside this, we will also be refreshing our school's logo, vision statement, and values. This feels like a wonderful moment for our whole school family to come together and reflect on what really matters to us, and the qualities and values we hope our children will carry with them when they leave Lower Darwen.

This is a very exciting time for our school, and I truly look forward to working alongside you as we shape these next steps together.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support — it is deeply appreciated.

School Photographer

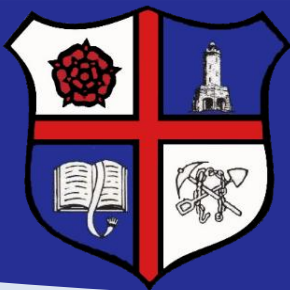
The school photographer is in school on Tuesday 16th June to take individual photographs. Sibling photos will also be taken. Ideally, weather permitting, these will be taken outside again.

Blackburn with Darwen Libraries Book Bingo Reading Challenge

Please remember about this challenge — all information was posted on whole school dojo recently.

LDPS Forest School

We need your ideas — please pick up a 'design your ideal forest school' from the front office. Please see Mrs Addy's message on dojo.



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Sports News



Team

Alana, Avia, Erin, Lia, Lucy, Lyla, Melody, Owen, Ted and Tillie-Mae.

Westholme Football

On Wednesday afternoon, we entered a Year 5/6 team in a netball tournament hosted by Westholme School.

The team played seven games against different schools and although didn't have much success results wise, they showed great team spirit and encouragement for each other. Their performances certainly didn't lack energy and they were great representatives for the school.

Thanks to **Mr Eastwood** and **Mrs Omar** for their support at the event and to **Mrs Taylor** for help with transport. Special mention also to **Mrs Dagnall**, who has been involved coaching the children in the after-school netball club.

Year 5/6 Football

On Wednesday evening our football team played two further league matches at **Witton Park** against **St Francis** and **Salesbury**.

Unfortunately, the team weren't playing at their best, losing both games 6-0 and 4-1 respectively.

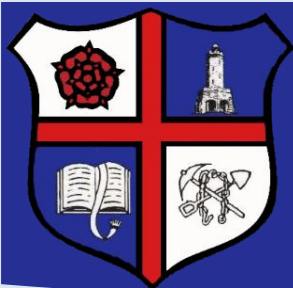
Despite the results they still represented the school well and playing with good team spirit.

Thanks to **Mr Reid** for his coaching on the night.

Team:

Alfie, Barkley, Harry, Hayden, Katie, Kayden, Leo (missing from photo), Oakley, and Zack.





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Lancashire Cricket Visitor

On Thursday, we had the pleasure of a visit from **John Cordingley** from **Lancashire Cricket Foundation** who led an assembly for us. This visit was in conjunction with the Women's Cricket World Cup tournament, which takes place in the UK in June.

John did some coaching with a number of classes, teaching them new skills, which all the children thoroughly enjoyed (photos below)

He also left some cards (available at the office) about getting 'girls into the game'

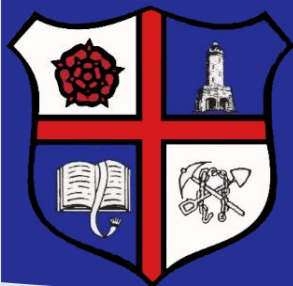
You can also look up '**All Stars cricket**' and '**Dynamos cricket**' and search where your local cricket facility is (for 5-8 year olds and 9 -11 year olds respectively).



Golden Ticket Winners

This week, myself and Mrs Dyrda had the pleasure of taking the winners of our very first Golden Ticket Award out for a well-deserved treat. We enjoyed a fabulous lunch together, filled with great food and even better company, celebrating the pupils who have truly gone above and beyond. Each half term, every teacher will award Golden Tickets to those who make that extra effort, with all tickets placed into our prize drum for a lucky draw. It's such a lovely way to recognise and reward dedication, and I'm already looking forward to spending time with our next group of winners.





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We are Proud of...



Sophie in Year 6 who will be performing on the West End stage over the May Bank Holiday weekend.

Sophie is part of the 'Made for Stage' theatre group.

Her parents are extremely proud of this achievement, as are we !

Simone Addy, Headteacher

Community Events

SWIM SCHOOL
NEW POOL Alert!!

Join us on Saturday afternoons at Westholme Pool, Blackburn, BB2 6QU

- From 3 years+
- Small class sizes
- Teachers in the pool
- Fun, themed lessons
- Term time only
- £9.00 per lesson

Swimming School of the Year 2025 WINNER

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THURSDAYS 6PM – 7PM

BOOK YOUR PLACE – THEY ARE GOING QUICK

FOR RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & 2
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