

Lower Darwen Primary School

Milking Lane, Lower Darwen BB3 0RB

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Headteacher: Mrs S Addy BA (Hons)

Newsletter 32
Friday 22nd May 2026

Diary Dates

School closes for Half-Term

School Re-opens

Phonics Screening Week (Year 1)

Induction Evening for new reception 2026 parents – 6pm

School Photographer (Individual Photos)

Father's Day event (reception classes – details to follow)

School Closes for the Summer Holidays (1.15pm)

Friday, 22nd May 2026

Wednesday, 3rd June 2026

W/C 8th June 2026

9th June 2026

Tuesday, 16th June 2026

Monday, 22nd June 2026

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: -

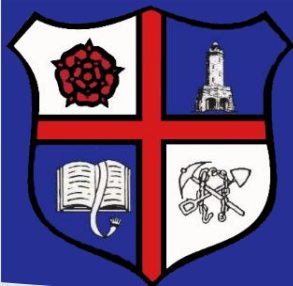
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| Reception L: | Avaya |
| Reception D: | Darcie |
| Class 1L: | Jamie |
| Class 1D: | Teddy |
| Class 2L: | Chase |
| Class 2D: | Alicia |
| Class 3L: | Louie |
| Class 3D: | Eva & Millie ST |
| Class 4L: | Millie |
| Class 4D: | Oscar R |
| Class 5L: | Alyssa |
| Class 5D: | Noelle |
| Class 6L: | Amy |
| Class 6D: | Isaac |
| KS2 HIP | Kingsley |

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

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| Class RL | Arabella | Class RD | Lottie & Rosie | Class 1L | Jenny | Class 1D | Betsy, Charlie I, Elle & Harvey Rocco |
| Class 2L | Wyatt | Class 2D | William | Class 3L | Margot | Class 3D | |
| Class 4L | Evie | Class 4D | Oscar D | Class 5L | Paris | Class 5D | Jack D |
| Class 6L | Lottie | Class 6D | Oakley | KS2 HIP | Muhammad Ahmed | | |

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.



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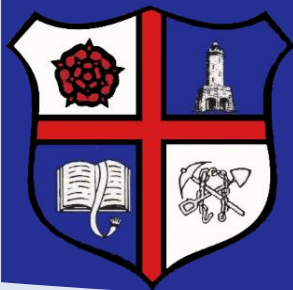


Hughie in Year 2 kindly donated a beautiful wooden bird box to school, which now has pride of place in our wild wooded area. He (with a lift from our Site Supervisor, Mr Henderson) actually hooked it on the tree himself.

It was a poignant moment for Hughie, as his late Grandad actually made the box and Hughie commented that when he looked at it, it would make him think of Grandad. How lovely !

Mrs Pickering, along with a number of Year 6 pupils have spent some time in the wooded area this week – cutting, tidying, planting, building a swing, playing games and just generally making improvements to enhance this wonderful outside space. They worked hard, having great fun at the same time!





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Birthday Celebrations

Cakes and sweet treats cannot be brought in from home for your child's birthday. This is due to allergies in school and especially the new laws that have and are recently coming out (Natasha's Law and Benedict's Law).

Birthdays are celebrated in Friday's assembly and the children are given an iced cake from school and are sung Happy Birthday to.

I trust you will all understand and respect this decision going forward.

A new Behaviour Policy will be sent out to all parents and carers starting from June 2026 who use the Breakfast Club and After School Club. Please take the time to read through the policy carefully, sign the attached letter, and return it to school as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Parking outside School

Please can we once again ask that you park with consideration outside school.

We have had a case again this week where a couple of parents walking with prams have been forced to walk in the road, as they can't get through with the limited space certain parked cars have left, as they park across the pavement.

This is a health and safety risk – please be mindful!

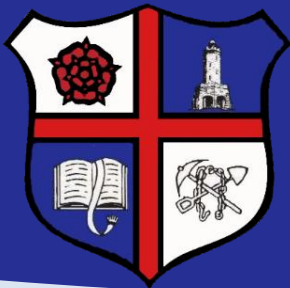
Thank you for your co-operation.

A friendly reminder to all parents and carers that if you wish to contact the school SEND Team, you can do so by using the contact form at the bottom of the SEND page on the school website, or by contacting the school office via email at or by telephone, with a brief outline of your request. A member of the team will respond as soon as possible.

Message from Mrs Conroy – (Year 5 teacher)

To all the wonderful children and families, after 12 years at Lower Darwen Primary school I am sadly leaving at the end of the Summer term. I wanted to thank you for making my time with you so special. It has been a joy and privilege to watch the children grow, learn, and shine each day. I will always treasure the memories, laughter, and kindness we have shared together. Thank you to all the parents for your support, encouragement, and trust throughout this journey. I started here as a newly qualified teacher and Lower Darwen has been a huge part of my life. It has been a great pleasure to be part of the Lower Darwen family and I have made so many wonderful relationships with staff, parents and children. I am excited to share that I will be starting a new role as a teacher in a special school and developing my knowledge and skills to teach children with specific learning difficulties. I am very looking forward to my new role and although it is difficult to say goodbye, I am so proud of every child and excited for all the amazing things ahead for them. I wish you all the happiness, success, and many beautiful memories in the future.

Simone Addy, Headteacher



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Community Events

SCHOOL'S OUT HOLIDAY SQUAD

SEND FRIENDLY FOOTBALL SESSIONS!

FUN • INCLUSIVE • LEARNING • GROWTH

AGES: 5-11 YEARS OLD

LOCATION: SHADSWORTH JUNIOR SCHOOL

DATE: FRIDAY 5TH JUNE

TIME: 5PM - 5:45PM

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE TODAY!
schoolsoutholidaysquad@gmail.com
07783165251

LET'S PLAY!

Sparkle & Play the SEND Princess Way

Come and meet a real life Princess in a SEND friendly environment!

Where there will also be sensory craft stations, paint your own under the ocean sea shell, decorate your own cupcakes and even an under the sea style photo backdrop to capture all those magical memories.

SENSORY CRAFT STATIONS | **DECORATE YOUR OWN CUPCAKES** | **UNDER THE SEA PHOTO BACKDROP**

At the Ivy Street Community Centre | **4th July 2-4pm** | **£10 per child**

This is a booking event only - to book please either message the BwD SEND family support Facebook page or email us on bwdsenfamily@yahoo.com