

# Lower Darwen Primary School

Milking Lane, Lower Darwen BB3 0RB

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Headteacher: Mrs S Addy BA (Hons)

**Newsletter 33**  
**Friday 5th June 2026**

## Message from Mrs Addy

As we head into our final half term of the school year, it is shaping up to be a very busy and exciting one!

All of our trips and coaches have now been booked, and we are looking forward to taking our children on some wonderful adventures and creating lasting memories together.

Our Year 6 children are currently having a fantastic time at Robinwood. I had the pleasure of visiting on Wednesday and was delighted to see them embracing every challenge with enthusiasm and confidence. They were full of life as they tackled the trapezes, braved the giant swing, and took the plunge into the piranha pool! It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and children stepping outside their comfort zones.

Our whole-school transition day will take place on Thursday 2nd July. This will give all children the opportunity to visit their new classroom, meet their new teacher, and begin to look forward to the next stage of their learning journey. We will also be welcoming our new starters for a series of Stay and Play sessions. We cannot wait to meet the next generation of Lower Darweners and welcome them into our school family.

Mr Reid is also busy planning this year's Sports Day. We know how much our children and families look forward to this special event, and we are working hard to make it another enjoyable occasion for everyone. We will share further details and confirm the date as soon as all arrangements have been finalised.

Please don't forget our Summer Fayre on Wednesday 1st July from 5:00pm–7:00pm. We would love to see as many families and friends there as possible. It promises to be a lovely evening filled with fun, laughter, and community spirit, while helping us continue to raise funds for our exciting new outdoor spaces.

Last, but certainly not least, our Year 6 production of *The Greatest Show* is fast approaching. We are all eagerly anticipating what promises to be a truly spectacular performance and a real treat for everyone who attends.

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their forms with ideas for our new School House Groups and School Values. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to help shape the future of our school, so please keep those creative ideas coming. The closing date for submissions is Friday 12th June.

As always, thank you for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated, and together we will make this final half term a memorable one for all our children.

## Diary Dates

**Phonics Screening Week (Year 1)**

**W/C 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Induction Evening for new reception 2026 parents – 6pm**

**9<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**School Photographer (Individual Photos)**

**Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

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

**Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026**

**Summer Fayre (5 – 7 pm)**

**Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026**

**Whole School Transition Day**

**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026**

**School Reports out to Parents**

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

**Year 6 'Greatest Show' performance for parents (2pm)**

**Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

**Year 6 'Greatest Show' performance for parents (6pm)**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

**Leavers Awards**

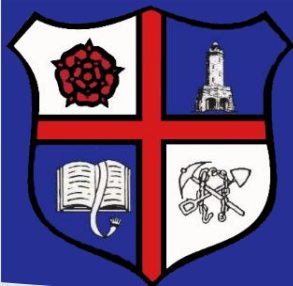
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

**Drowning Prevention/Water Safety week**

**W/C 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

**School Closes for the Summer Holidays (1.15pm)**

**Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026**



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## 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:	<b>Kaelan-John</b>
Reception D:	<b>Jennie</b>
Class 1L:	<b>Amelia</b>
Class 1D:	<b>Charlie I.</b>
Class 2L:	<b>Baby Mary</b>
Class 2D:	<b>Ethan</b>
Class 3L:	<b>Delilah-Raine</b>
Class 3D:	<b><i>The Whole of Class 3D</i></b>
Class 4L:	<b>Harvey</b>
Class 4D:	<b>Ahmed</b>
Class 5L:	<b>Melody</b>
Class 5D:	<b>Theodore</b>
KS2 HIP	<b>Mohammed S, Muhammad Ahmed and Inaaya</b>

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

Class RL	<b>Kathleena Rose</b>	Class RD	<b>Tillie</b>	Class 1L	<b>Saben</b>	Class 1D	<b>Charlie I. &amp; Dominic</b>
Class 2L	<b>Thomas</b>	Class 2D	<b>Arya</b>	Class 3L	<b>Rayah</b>	Class 3D	<b>Kayen</b>
Class 4L	<b>Violet</b>	Class 4D	<b>Aadiya</b>	Class 5L	<b>Freddie</b>	Class 5D	<b>Jack L.</b>
				KS2 HIP	<b>Khadijah</b>		



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# Race for Life

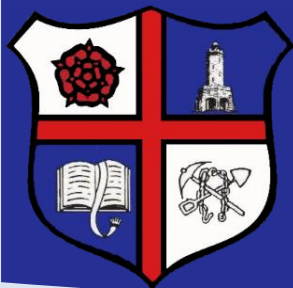
Charity Run

Mrs Pickering, Miss Margerison, Mrs Dagnall and Miss Ward are taking part in the Preston Pretty Muddy 5K run for Cancer research this Saturday morning at Avenham Park..

If you would like to sponsor/donate for this worthy cause, they would gratefully appreciate this.

The link to do this is below -

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/gails-race-for-life-2598>



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## NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme this term. Speak out. Stay safe. is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age-appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom-based activities which we have reviewed, alongside NSPCC volunteer led face to face workshops for our children in years 2, 5 and 6. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy.

Parents and carers are asked to let school know if their child may have experienced anything (in the past or happening now) which may mean they need extra support before, during or after taking part in this programme.

If you would like to know more about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme visit [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout) or you can discuss this with Mrs Dyrda.

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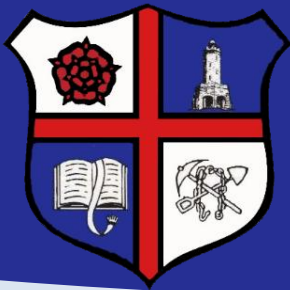
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If you need any items of PE kit, Lancashire PE Services are offering a 10% discount during the month of June.

**Simone Addy, Headteacher**



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## Community Events

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Disney and CAMERON MACKINTOSH'S  
**MARY POPPINS JR.**

**CROSTON THEATRE**  
25 - 26 JUNE 2026 - 7PM  
27 JUNE 2026 - 2PM

A Musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney film. Original Music and Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman. Book by Julian Fellowes. New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics by George Stiles and Anthony Drews. Co-Created by Cameron Mackintosh. Adapted by iTheatrics under the supervision of Timothy Allen McDonald. This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International. All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI  
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