

Lower Darwen Primary School

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Headteacher: Mrs S Addy BA (Hons)

Newsletter 35
Friday 19th June 2026

Diary Dates

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

Sports Day - Years 3 and 4 - (9.30 – 11.30am)

Sports Day – Years 5 and 6 – (1pm – 3pm)

Sports Day – Reception, Years 1 and 2 - (9.30 – 11.30am)

Summer Fayre (5 – 7 pm) *All Welcome*

Whole School Transition Day

Young Entrepreneurs' Market Day

School Reports out to Parents

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

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

Leavers Awards (9.30 am)

School Closes for the Summer Holidays (12.45pm)

Monday, 22nd June 2026

Monday, 29th June 2026

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Wednesday, 1st July 2026

Wednesday, 1st July 2026

Thursday, 2nd July 2026

Wednesday, 8th July 2026

Friday, 10th July 2026

Tuesday, 14th July 2026

Wednesday 15th July 2026

Friday 17th July 2026

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Star of the Week

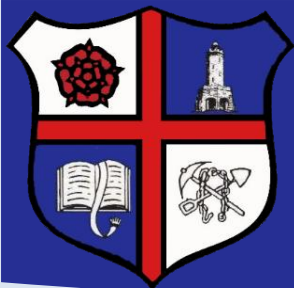
Every week we will tell you, on the newsletter, of the name of the child in each class, who has been awarded 'Star of the Week'.

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

Reception L:	Sophie
Reception D:	Arlo
Class 1L:	Hunter
Class 1D:	Betsy
Class 2L:	Ada Rose
Class 2D:	Bahra
Class 3L:	Ava
Class 3D:	Ollie-Jay
Class 4L:	Maddie
Class 4D:	Matilda
Class 5L:	Adam
Class 5D:	Erin
Class 6L:	Ella
Class 6D:	Mia & Oakley
KS1 HIP:	Zayaan
KS2 HIP:	Inaaya

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

Class RL	Alfie	Class RD	Grayson	Class 1L	Jax	Class 1D	Freddie & Haroon
Class 2L	Osi	Class 2D	Aida & Albie	Class 3L	George	Class 3D	Jaxon
Class 4L	Rupert	Class 4D	Orla	Class 5L	Ivy	Class 5D	Marnie
Class 6L	Ben	Class 6D	Olivia & Ava	KS2 HIP	Habeeba		



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LDPS Sporting Events

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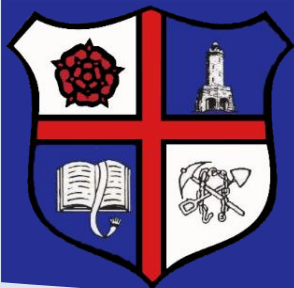


Amazing effort from everyone involved on Monday evening full of determination and self-belief! A huge congratulations to **Austin** for achieving 3rd in triple jump, **Isabella** 3rd in 80m sprint, **Grace** 2nd in 700m, **Katie** 2nd in ball throwing and **Macie** 2nd in long jump. The winners are pictured with their medals and also the whole team.

Cross Country



Our cross country team this week: **Grace, Isabella, Katie** and **Olivia** represented Blackburn with Darwen with determination and brilliant team spirit. It was a challenging course with several tight bottlenecks, but our girls pushed hard, held their nerve, and fought their way to the front. Their effort paid off. The team brought home silver medals after a fantastic collective performance. We couldn't be prouder of their commitment, resilience, and hard work throughout the year.



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Year 5/6 Mini Tennis

Four of our Year 6 pupils took part in a mini tennis tournament at **Blackburn Northern**.

They all competed well, playing a number of games against different schools and finished with silver medals.

It was commented by another school how polite our children were and **Mrs Arrandale**, who supported them on the day, agreed they were a credit to the school. Well Done !
Team: **Hayden, Katie, Minnie and Will**.



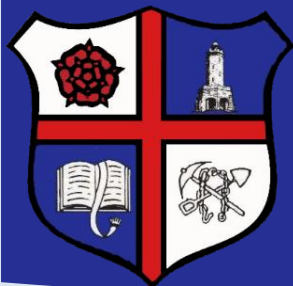
Our Amassadors



Pictured are this half term's ambassadors –

Aadiya, Amelia, Beatrix, Delilah, Ella, George, Harry, Harvey, Imaan, Jess B, Lincoln, Rocco, Tillie-Mae and Toby.

(Missing from the photo are Zane and Alfie)



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World Cup Fever



Thank you for your donations on our World Cup themed non-uniform day.

These are much appreciated and will all be used for our Summer Fair.

The children all enjoyed the day, welcomed into school with football anthems playing out.

Can you Help?

Despite your generous donations above, we are still in need of prizes for our Summer Fair to create deluxe hampers and fabulous raffle prizes.

If you have a company or are employed by a company who may be able to supply something that would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any unwanted gifts that can be recycled, alcohol, chocolate or hamper goods please donate.

We will also be having a pre loved book stall, so any books in excellent condition for children of all ages or appropriate adult books would be welcome.

We hope to raise a fantastic amount at our Summer Fair to build and purchase more exciting things for your children to utilise.

I hope you have already noticed the forest school taking shape – the monies to do this have all come from previous fundraising efforts – so please keep it up!



Summer fair 2026, Wednesday 1st July 5-7pm

Everyone welcome!!!

Please support this event if you are able to, I guarantee lots of traditional family fun and we hope to make lots of money to go towards many more exciting projects for your children to enjoy.

Stalls and activities include -

Bat the rat

Cake stall

Name the Teddy

Beat the goalie

Mocktail stall

Guess the teachers

Treasure hunt

Hook a duck

Tombola

Raffle and many many more

We will also have a cafe selling drinks, snacks and light bites so you don't need to worry about your tea 😊

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Mrs Dyrda

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Class Structure 2026/27

Please note below your child's new class for next academic year – class names have been changed per the teacher's surname. Everything else remains as per last week's newsletter.

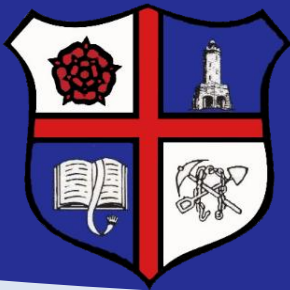
Old Class	Class / Teacher	Support
	Rec B – Miss K Bradley	Mrs S Rewaj
	Rec H – Miss S Hudson	Miss J Walton
Reception L	Class 1F – Mrs H Fleck (newly appointed teacher)	Mrs R Baxter
Reception D	Class 1W – Miss H Ward	Mrs S Hicks
Class 1L	Class 2S – Mrs H Smith	Mrs H Carr
Class 1D	Class 2R – Mr E Reid	Mrs G Pickering
Class 2L	Class 3C – Mrs J Coward	Mrs Eastwood
Class 2D	Class 3O – Mrs T Omar	Mrs Eastwood
Class 3L	Class 4H – Mr W Hesketh	Mrs Feeney
Class 3D	Class 4R – Miss S Rowan	Mrs Feeney
Class 4L	Class 5W – Mrs R Whittaker	Mrs Lee
Class 4D	Class 5L – Mr W Leach (newly appointed teacher)	Mrs Lee
Class 5L	Class 6D – Mrs R Dagnall	Mrs Arrandale
Class 5D	Class 6T – Mrs L Taylor	Miss Margerison

The Greatest Showman

Mr Hesketh and **Mrs Taylor** had fun looking through all the fancy dress costumes, that have kindly been donated by **Jack's mum in Year 6**, for their forthcoming leavers' performance of the Greatest Showman.

If anyone has any costumes that they feel may be suitable for this show, please bring into the office.





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Year 5 Trip – Darwen Tower



Parental Questionnaire

We would really like to understand better any barriers your family may be facing that prevents you from bringing your child to school every day. Information from this survey may help us to support our families better with attendance. Please take the time to complete this anonymous survey. Let's make school attendance even better!

[Attendance Questionnaire – Fill in form](#)



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Staff Changes

Mrs Cross (Year 1 teacher) will be leaving us at the end of the school year.....here is a message from her....

After 21 wonderful years, I have made the decision to leave Lower Darwen Primary at the end of the current school year. Having spent a huge part of my life here, this school has been far more than just a workplace for me. It's been a place where I have grown both professionally and personally, built lasting friendships and had the privilege of teaching and supporting so many children over the years. It has been a pleasure watching children develop in confidence, discover their strengths and achieve things they never thought possible. To have played even a small part in some of those journeys has been incredible and I will always be grateful for the trust that families have placed in me. I have been fortunate to work alongside many dedicated colleagues and to get to know so many wonderful children and families. The kindness and support I have received throughout my time here have meant a great deal and I will leave with many happy memories that I will cherish. While I'm looking forward to the next chapter, I will always look back on my time here with great affection and pride. Thank you for allowing me to be part of such a special community and I wish you all happiness and success in the future.

Message from Mrs Eccles who will be starting her maternity leave at the beginning of the new school year....

As we look ahead to the Autumn Term, I wanted to share a little update with you all.

I will be beginning my maternity leave during the Autumn Term. Until then, I am very much looking forward to continuing my teaching and my role as SENCo, and supporting our children and families as usual.

During my maternity leave, Mrs Coward will be taking over the SENCo role across both KS1 and KS2. We are working closely together to ensure a smooth transition.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything in the meantime, please do come and have a chat with either of us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Message from Mrs Coward (who will be taking over the SENCo role)

I am delighted to be taking on the role of SENCo from September. This year, I successfully completed the National Professional Qualification for Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators (NPQSEN), which has further developed my knowledge and understanding of supporting children with additional needs. As a mum to a child with SEND, I also bring personal experience and insight to the role. I am passionate about ensuring that every child feels valued, supported and able to achieve their full potential, and I look forward to working closely with pupils, families and staff to continue developing our inclusive school community.

Early Finish for Summer

Please note that we will be finishing early on Friday 17th July at **12.45pm**. There will be no After School Club on this day.

Simone Addy, Headteacher