

EMPATHY RESILIENCE AMBITION INTEGRITY RESPECT CURIOSITY



Mrs Peck's Message

Yet again another busy week in school. The Reception children completed the last of their Big Clean ups, what an amazing achievement from our youngest children in school, showing fantastic community spirit, helped along the way by our KS2 classes and members of our school community-Thank you.

Year 1 had a visit out to the Preston North End stadium, which they thoroughly enjoyed, the Year 1 adults were very proud of their behaviour and attitude whilst out in the community. Talking about being out in the community, our Year 5/6 children have gone further afield! They have enjoyed the annual residential at Robinwood, despite the weather!

The other news I have to share with you this week, is that Miss Devey will shortly be leaving us, Miss Devey's last day in school will be Friday 27th February. Whilst the hunt is on for Miss Devey's replacement, she is in many respects irreplaceable and will be missed by not only the children and staff in school, but by many of our families. Our spotlight feature usually focuses on a class, this week we have chosen to focus on Miss Devey as an amazing member of the Holme Slack team.

Many thanks.



THE FINAL BIG CLEAN UP!



We did it! After three weeks of our big clean-up, an incredible difference was made. This week, our Reception class worked alongside Year 4 and their volunteers, and together they worked incredibly hard. We couldn't be more grateful for the time, effort, and support of everyone involved.

We hope this experience helped to highlight the importance of caring for our community and our environment, and showed that even small actions can make a big difference.

Watch out for our next adventure!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT - MISS DEVEY



Miss Devey has worked at Holme Slack in varying roles for 16 years, the last 4 years as Pastoral Learning Mentor. Within this time she has had a massive impact on the children and families in school-she has also had a positive impact on the staff. Miss Devey is as I said earlier irreplaceable, she comes in smiling every day and nothing is too much trouble in the support that she is willing to offer the children, our families and our staff. She will be sorely missed, but at this point let us just celebrate her....





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Yr 5/6 Residential to Robin Wood

Our Year 5 and 6 residential trip to Robin Wood got off to a fantastic start and was filled with adventure, challenge, and excitement. The experience began with a scenic walk along the canal, followed by a climb up the hill to the castle, setting the tone for an active and memorable stay.

During the trip, the children took part in a wide range of activities including caving, climbing, the escape dungeon, canoeing, and team challenges such as the piranha pool and crate challenge. Each activity encouraged the children to work together, persevere through challenges, and support one another.

It was wonderful to see the children demonstrate excellent teamwork, resilience, and enthusiasm throughout the residential. They embraced new experiences with confidence, showed determination when faced with difficulties, and supported their peers every step of the way. The trip provided valuable opportunities for personal growth and independence, and the children represented the school brilliantly.

A big thank you to the staff who volunteered to go with the children:
Miss Robinson, Miss Phillips and Miss Tudor.





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OUR WEEKLY SUPERSTARS

	Core Value Award	Wonderful Writer Award	Marvellous Mathematician Award	Sports Award
Reception	Nyska	Abdur	Noah	Farwah
Year 1	Mithran	Lincoln	Chelsea/Elisha	Elyse
Year 2	Jayden	Ahmed	Fatima	Ashrav
Year 3	Armin	Kelsey	Annabelle	Ivy-Rose T
Year 4	Jaxon	Amin	Leoni	Jasmine
Year 5	Everyone	N/A	N/A	Abdul
Year 6	Everyone	N/A	N/A	Kadice

ATTENDANCE LEAGUE TABLE

1	RECEPTION	34
2	YEAR 1	28
3	YEAR 4	24
3	YEAR 5	24
3	YEAR 6	24
4	YEAR 2	22
4	YEAR 3	22



This weeks attendance winners are Year 1 with 96%
Well done Year 1!



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th January - 13th February - Big Schools' Birdwatch
9th - 13th February - Children's Mental Health Week
10th February - Y1/2 Mini Skills event
10th February - Safer Internet Day
11th February - Valentine's Disco
13th February - Pancake Day Menu
16th - 20th February - Half Term
17th February - 18th or 19th March - Ramadan
24th February - Y3/4 Football tournament at UCLAN
26th February - Y6 Heritage visitors - Edith Rigby
5th March - World Book Day

Keep Your Child's Attendance on Track!

Why Attendance Matters:

- Learning & Progress
- Friendships & Social Skills
- Participation in School Life

Taking Time Off School:

- Permission Required from Headteacher
- Unauthorised Absences Affect Records

What Counts as Exceptional Leave?

- Only for Exceptional Reasons
- No Holidays or Leisure Trips

Consequences of Unauthorised Absence:

- 5 Unauthorised Days in 10 Weeks
- Penalty Notices & Fines

What You Should Do:

- Submit Leave Request Forms Early
- Plan Travel After Approval

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

Regular school attendance is vital for your child's learning, friendships, and participation in school life. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child attends school every day.

Parents and carers must request permission from the headteacher before taking a child out of school during term time.

Absences taken without permission may be recorded as unauthorised, as only the school can decide how attendance is marked.

Leave of absence can only be approved in exceptional circumstances, in line with Department for Education guidance. Holidays or leisure activities are not usually considered exceptional.

If unauthorised absences reach 5 school days within a 10-week period, the school may apply to the Local Authority for a penalty notice or further action.

Please ensure leave request forms are completed and returned well in advance, before making any travel arrangements.

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IN OTHER NEWS....



Submit an EHC needs assessment request online

All education, health and care (EHC) needs assessment requests can now be done online

Safe upload
All the info goes straight to the council


Clear record
Everything logged for your peace of mind

Instant submission
Enters the system immediately

Visit: lancashire.gov.uk/send



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Are you a parent carer?


Have your say about the services your child receives by filling in this survey.

The survey is for families in Lancashire where there is 1 or more children with SEND (aged 0-24 years). It can be completed at any time that suits them.

It helps the SEND Partnership to:

- Listen to parent carers in Lancashire who have a child or children with SEND needs
- Collect feedback from families about their experience of the 'SEND journey' and the effectiveness of support they receive
- Identify gaps, areas for development and strengths within the SEND system

www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND www.facebook.com/LancashireLocalOffer



Scan the QR code or the survey can be accessed as a paper copy in schools and Family Hubs.

Parent Carers Survey

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CRIME PREVENTION EXPO 2026



THURSDAY 26TH MARCH - 2026 : 10AM-3PM

Blackburn Rovers Football Club, Ewood Park Nuttall St, Blackburn, BB2 4JF

Join us for Lancashire's biggest crime prevention event!

Hosted by Lancashire Constabulary, LANPAC, and the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office, this is your chance to explore the latest tools, tips, and strategies to keep our communities safe.



For everyone:

Community members

Learn how to protect yourself, your home, and your belongings.

Businesses

Discover ways to safeguard your assets and staff.

What's on:

- 40+ Exhibitors showcasing cutting-edge crime prevention solutions.
- Expert advice from key organisations and specialist police units.
- Interactive workshops running throughout the day.
- Direct engagement with local officers and partners.

FREE ENTRY + FREE Crime Prevention Raffle Ticket on Arrival!



Office for Product Safety & Standards

Product Recall

Hobbycraft Giant Box of Craft

Aspect	Details
Images	
PSD Number	2601-0364
Product Type	Hobby/sports equipment – Arts/Crafts/Needlework Sand Supplies
Product Identifiers	Brand: Hobbycraft Product numbers: 6689021000, 6505261000, 6099201000, 6597221000 & 6506171000 (below the barcode on product packaging)
Product Description	Box of mixed craft supplies including vials of coloured sand.
Country of Origin	China
Counterfeit	No
Risk Level	Not provided
Risk Type	Health Risk
Risk Description	The product presents a risk to health as the vials of sand included in the set may be contaminated with a small quantity of asbestos. Asbestos is a banned substance because it poses a risk to health even at low levels of exposure. The product does not meet the requirements of the General Product Safety Regulations 2005.
Corrective Measures	The product has been withdrawn from the market and recalled from end users by Hobbycraft. We recommend owners stop using this product immediately and keep it out of the reach of children. Follow the below instructions for details on disposal and return of the product. For further information, access the Hobbycraft website at: www.hobbycraft.co.uk/recall or call customer service on 0330 026 1400.
Online Marketplace	N/A
Notifier	Local Authority Trading Standards

The OPSS Product Safety Alerts, Reports and Recalls Site can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/product-recalls-and-alerts>



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Product Recall

Disposal Instructions

- Stop using the product immediately.
- If the sand is still in its packaging, place in a heavy-duty elastic bag, double tape it securely, label it clearly and store in a secure location out of the reach of children.
- If the sand has been used, clean up sites where the product was used using wet cloths to avoid generating dust. Wear gloves and a mask. Double bag the sand, gloves, mask and cloths.
- Keep children and other people away from areas where the sand has been used until the area has been cleaned.
- Return the sand vials from the product to your nearest Hobbycraft store for a full refund.
- If you are unable to get to a Hobbycraft store, please follow the instructions above and dispose of the sand in your general household waste. Contact Hobbycraft for a full refund.