



Mrs Peck's Message

Well, we made it to the end of this half term! It has been a very busy half term in school, as always! We have had lots of fun activities in school, including our annual Valentine's Disco this week (which raised £290.56 for school funds). We have also had visits out of school, especially our Y5/6 trip to Robinwood. Children have also started attending the wide range of new clubs available from Lego to photography and drawing to board games. We hope the clubs give them the opportunity to try something new and make new friends. This half term we also welcomed Mrs Lenz back from Maternity Leave, it is nice to have her back!

As we break for the half term, can we thank you for your continued support and hope you have a good holiday.

Many Thanks.



VALENTINE'S DISCO



What a fabulous night was had by children and staff at the school disco!

The children had an amazing time dancing their hearts out, enjoying delicious pizza and drinks, and visiting the gift shop to pick out some fun little treats. The hall was filled with laughter, music, and lots of happy faces from start to finish.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the evening such a success – it was wonderful to see the children having so much fun together! We managed to raise £290.56 so thank you for your support!

CLASS SPOTLIGHT - THE SERF



Our school SERF is a resource base for deaf and hard of hearing children. This week we had the Manchester Cochlear Implant Team to visit us. We were all learning about the latest technology including hearing aids and cochlear implants. It is very important that our deaf children have the best listening environment and access to speech. There has been lots of activities in the SERF in the past few weeks – reading, learning about the ear, maths – telling the time and today we are planting some flower bulbs which links with our Year 3 English lesson.

Did You Know?

The SERF has been open at our school for more than 50 years! And is the only Deaf and hard of hearing SERF in the Lancashire Authority. Mrs Mayor is a qualified specialist HI (hearing impaired) Higher Level Teaching assistant and has worked in the SERF for almost 30 years with Deaf children and lots of other children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Mrs Cavies is a qualified Teacher of the Deaf and has almost completed her NPQ as the school SENCo. Both Mrs Mayor and Mrs Cavies are qualified to level two in BSL (British Sign Language).

Children’s Mental Health Week

This week, our school proudly took part in Children’s Mental Health Week in partnership with Place2Be. The theme this year, “This Is My Place”, focused on belonging and the importance of helping children and young people feel safe, valued and connected within their communities.

We began the week with an assembly led by Miss Stocks, where we explored what belonging means – as individuals, within our friendships, in school and in the wider community. We know that our sense of belonging plays a vital role in our mental health and wellbeing. To know our place and truly feel part of our environment is a basic human need. It can have powerful and long-lasting impacts across many areas of our lives, including our physical and mental health, education, employment and relationships. When we feel that we belong, it empowers us to contribute to the world and make a real difference.

Throughout the week, children across the school created a special piece of artwork to illustrate their sense of belonging and where they feel they fit in. These thoughtful and creative pieces reflected the children’s understanding that school, family, friendships and community all play an important part in helping them feel secure and valued.

This year, Place2Be’s Children’s Mental Health Week also aims to support the groups and systems surrounding our children. As a school community, we are committed to working alongside peers, families and the wider community to create inclusive and nurturing environments where every child feels they belong and can confidently say, “This is my place.”

We hope that through everything we do – not just during this week, but every day – we continue to help our children feel genuinely welcome, valued and nurtured in our school community.



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Children's Mental Health Week Continued





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OUR WEEKLY SUPERSTARS

	Core Value Award	Wonderful Writer Award	Marvellous Mathematician Award	Sports Award
Reception	Sulaiman/ Bethany	N/A	Hudhayfa	Hudhayfa
Year 1	Marrium	Carla	Rosie	Noah
Year 2	Ezra	Ava	Brynlee	Aleks
Year 3	Harvey	Makauley	Rayyan	Brooke
Year 4	Mia S	Chayma	Mustafah	Mustafa Ali
Year 5	Steven	Emma	Martin	Hammad
Year 6	Yana	Teddy	Hareem	Daniel



This half term's attendance winners are Reception!
They are our VIPs for the day! Well done Reception!



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 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
- 6th March - Bring Chocolate/Easter Egg
- 8th - 17th March - British Science Week
- 9th March - Class photo day
- 10th March - Y3/4 Gymnastics at Longridge Gymnastics Club
- 12th - 18th March - British Sign Language Week
- 13th March - Bring Chocolate / Easter Egg
- 17th March - St Patrick's Day
- 20th March - Red Nose Day
- 20th March - School Nurse Drop-In Session 2pm - 3pm



LANCASHIRE ATTENDANCE HANDBOOK

Please click on the link below to download the handbook. This is taken from the introduction:

“We recognise that some families face significant barriers to regular attendance. These may include mental health challenges, special educational needs, financial pressures, or changing attitudes towards school following the pandemic. We are committed to addressing these issues through a collaborative and compassionate approach

This handbook outlines our graduated pathway to improving attendance. It is designed to provide the right support, at the right time, to the right people. Our approach prioritises early intervention and partnership working– with schools, families, and wider services–to ensure every child can access the education they deserve.

Together, we can foster a culture where every child feels welcome, valued, and motivated to attend school regularly– laying the foundation for lifelong success.”

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/media/965440/lancashire-attendance-handbook-september-2025.pdf>

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT



What is child criminal exploitation?

Child criminal exploitation (CCE) is when young people are manipulated by gangs and criminals into committing crimes, like holding onto or selling drugs, carrying weapons and committing theft or burglary. County lines is the most common type of activity, where young people are recruited to distribute drugs from cities into smaller towns and rural areas.

A young person may be caught up in CCE and not even realise it, because to them being part of a gang feels like being with their friends. They feel important, protected and respected.

Some young people are also made to feel like they have no choice but to commit these crimes, and they'll be scared to speak out about what is happening.

Please click on the link below to find out more information and what to do if you suspect a child is at risk :

<https://livesafe.org.uk/parents-and-carers/criminal-exploitation-and-gangs/>

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IN OTHER NEWS....

School Nurse Drop In Session 2pm Friday 20th March

Pop in for a chat with our lovely school nurse in a private space if you have any concerns regarding your child, including :

- Bedwetting.
- Soiling and constipation.
- Sleep and bedtime routines.
- Low level emotional health e.g. friendships, puberty, body changes
- Managing low level behaviour- boundaries & routines. Referral to Parenting Team for parenting course.
- Hygiene support.
- Headlice support.
- Healthy living/lifestyle support
- Audiology referrals as required.
- Special care dentistry referrals as required.
- Any other issues not mentioned



ONE STOP SHOP Preston West Monthly Drop In -

No
appointment
needed

Families can access free advice & support

- Community Gateway
- Citizen Advice—Energy advice
- Employment advice - DWP
- Community Education Sexual Health
- Debt Advice/Support
- Free Funded Nursery Places
- School Nurse team
- Compass Bloom
- INTACT
- Lancashire Fire and Recue
- Onward Homes—Work well
- SENDIAS
- Primary Mental Health Team
- Homestart
- Northern community Bank

Second
Thursday of
the month,
2pm-4pm



Preston West Family Hub
Ashton Primary School Site, Ainsdale Drive,
Preston, PR2 1TU
Telephone: 01772 536419



Kids eat 'FREE' or for just '£1'



Kids eat for £1, no minimum spend required.



Kids eat 'free' Monday to Thursdays when adult buys main meal.



Kids eat for £1 when adult buys a main meal.



Kids eat 'free' when an adult spends £4 in the Pausa Café.



Kids eat from '£1' when adult buys main meal, Mondays only.



Kids eat 'free' in Café when adult buys main meal.



Kids eat 'free' when an adult makes any purchase (cheapest 65p)



'Free' kids' breakfast (some locations £1) when adult buys unlimited breakfast.

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