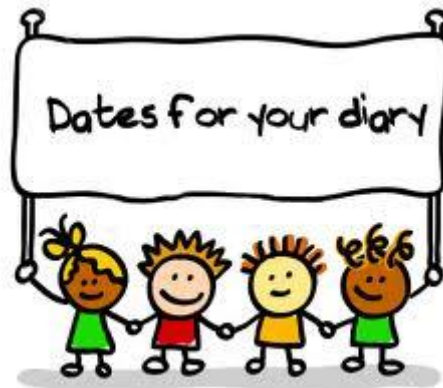




Friday 15th May 2026



Wednesday 20th May – Make 'n' Take with Rev. Derek

Friday 22nd May – Pyjama Day in aid of Sponsoring a Donkey

Friday 22nd May – end of term

Monday 8th June – Start of term

Wednesday 1st July – Summer fair

Monday 13th July – Key Stage 1 Sports Day at 9:15am

Monday 13th July – Key Stage 2 Sports Day at 1:15pm

Tuesday 14th July – EYFS Sports Day at 9:15am

Tuesday 14th July – Year 6 play

Wednesday 15th July – 'Wicked' Musical Theatre performance at 6:30pm

Friday 17th July – Year 6 Party at 6:30pm

Monday 20th July – End of term at 2pm



Class News

Year 1

The children in Year 1 have really enjoyed their music lessons this week. We have been moving different parts of our bodies in time to different songs. We also started to play the glockenspiel in time to a piece of music. The children are really looking forward to playing the glockenspiel more next week and we are hoping to perform our final piece.

Year 1/2F

In Year 1/2 we have been learning about the importance of communities. They have been thinking about the communities that they belong to and describing how this makes them feel.

Year 2

Class 2F have all become experts at telling the time this week! They have been telling the time past the hour and to the next hour by counting in 5s around the clock. Children will be coming home with a clock that they have made to practise telling the time at home!

Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been writing an historical fiction story based on 'The Golden Eagle' set in Stone Age times.

The children have really enjoyed writing their stories and have taken care to include speech, subordinate clauses and lots of descriptive adjectives. We are very proud of their efforts!



Year 4

This week in Year 4 the children have been busy successfully coding a game to test their times tables and enjoying the music of The Beatles - particularly Yellow Submarine!

Year 6

We have had SATs week, but the class have risen to the challenge, and I am very proud of all the children!

We are celebrating with a pizza party!



Toys

We kindly ask that children **do not bring toys into school.**

Toys can easily become lost or damaged, and bringing them in can sometimes lead to distractions or disagreements between children. To help maintain a calm and focused learning environment, we encourage all toys to stay safely at home.

If there is a special reason for bringing something in (e.g. linked to a lesson), this will always be communicated in advance by your child's teacher.

Thank you for your support and understanding.



Viral Trend Risks Causing Severe Burns to Children



Microwaving NEEDOH Toys and Squishies

Parents and Carers Guide

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

A viral trend is encouraging children to microwave squishy silicone toys, known as NEEDOH toys or squishies, among other names (Jelly Cubes, Nice Cubes) in order to make them softer and more pliable. Often, the packaging warns against this, but children are ignoring it because online videos and trends on TikTok, Instagram and YouTube encourage them to do the opposite. The toy feels cool to the touch after microwaving, but bursts when squeezed, spraying boiling material on hands, neck and face. A child in Bristol was seriously hurt on 4th May 2026 and children in America have experienced significant burns and injuries. This has happened to children as young as seven.

Please note - Your child does not need to have searched for this. The algorithm shows it to children based on other content they have watched.



IF YOUR CHILD HAS ONE OF THESE TOYS

It is natural to feel concerned, but the most important thing is to remain calm. Children are far more likely to talk to you, now and in the future, if they know they will be met with a steady response rather than alarm.

This is also a valuable opportunity. What your child sees online, from friends or from trends, does not always show the full picture or the consequences. Safety conversations are not about restricting their fun, they are about making sure they understand how to protect themselves and others.



STARTING THE CONVERSATION

You do not need to be an expert. A relaxed, open and honest conversation is enough. A few things that can help:

- Use the toy as a natural conversation point rather than sitting them down for a formal talk.
- Tell them simply that children their age have been seriously hurt following this trend. Reality carries more weight than a rule.
- Avoid taking the toy away without explaining why as providing a reason builds trust. Removing it without understanding may lead a child to hide things from you.
- If the toy feels too firm, the manufacturer's recommendation to soften it is to knead it with your hands for a few minutes. Encourage them, or help them, to do this instead.
- If they have already seen the videos, remain calm. The algorithm does its job quietly. What matters is the conversation that follows.



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KEY POINTS TO DISCUSS...

You do not need to be an expert. A relaxed, open and honest conversation is enough. A few things that can help:

- The toy looks and feels completely normal after microwaving, the outside stays cool to the touch. But inside, it has reached temperatures as hot as boiling water so when squeezed, it bursts and dangerous hot liquid can explode.
- The injuries include severe burns, potential scarring and in some cases, a risk to eyesight. Some children have been hospitalised because of the trend.
- Remind them it could hurt anyone nearby - a friend, a sibling, whoever is in the room when it bursts.
- Online videos are designed to look like helpful tips, sometimes to get more followers. They do not always show what happens afterwards.
- If a friend suggests trying it, knowing and explaining the real danger makes it much easier for them to say no.
- If they have already tried it, or something has worried them, they are not in trouble. What matters is that they are safe.



If your child is worried or needs help, make sure they know they can always come to you first or an adult they trust. They can also:

- Talk to a trusted adult at school – their teacher, a youth worker or the school Safeguarding Lead or Child Protection Co-ordinator.
- Contact Childline, free, confidential and available any time
- If they have been hurt, seek medical attention straight away - call 999 immediately. Burns from this can continue to cause damage after the initial contact.

Please do not search for this on TikTok or Instagram yourself. Every search feeds the algorithm and makes this content more visible to others. For news coverage, use the links below and share this and our alert with friends and family to raise awareness.

For verified news coverage: [BBC News](#) | [The Independent](#)

If your child has seen these videos or even tried this trend, do not react with panic or anger. That is the response most likely to close the conversation down. Staying calm keeps the door open, and an open door to conversations with adults they can trust is what makes children safer.

SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

Childline – free, confidential support for children and young people: 0800 1111 | www.childline.org.uk

NSPCC Helpline – support and advice for adults with concerns about a child: 0808 800 5000 | www.nspcc.org.uk



PTFA

Save the date- **Wednesday 1st July** will be our **Summer Fair day**.

- We are accepting soft toys (in good condition) for the teddy tombola
- We are accepting items for the Raffle
- Do you know anyone who would like to donate a voucher or gift to our fair? Please pass on our contact details; we would appreciate all support.

Sports Days

Key Stage 1 (Years 1H, 1/2F and 2F) on Monday 13th July at 9:15am

Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6) on Monday 13th July at 1:15pm

EYFS on Tuesday 14th July at 9:15am.

Please note that these dates are very dependent on the weather and if they need to change, we will notify you as soon as possible.



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Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

In June, Year 4 pupils will take the Multiplication Table Check (MTC). It is a short on-screen check designed to help us understand how fluent pupils are with times tables.

There is no pass mark, we will just use the information to identify pupils who may benefit from extra support. If you would like more information, please speak to the Year 4 teachers.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

The phonics screening is taking place week commencing Monday 8th June for children in Y1 and some children in Y2.

For more information, please speak to Mrs Gorman or your child's class teacher.

Being prepared for school

Just a quick reminder to help your child be ready for the school day. This includes, bringing a **refillable water bottle**, having their **reading book**, bringing their **homework** in. During sunny days, please send them with a sun hat and apply sun cream at home.

ParentPay

If you use ParentPay, please can you check that your account is clear. If you have any problems, please contact the office.



Our next Make n Take is on Wednesday next Week (20th May).

Please contact the office or send a note with your child if you would like to attend.





Sponsor a Donkey

Our fundraising event will take place next Friday. Please send in £1 to help support the donkeys at Bleakholt animal sanctuary.

Click the link below for more information.

<https://www.bleakholt.org/help/sponsorship/sponsor-a-donkey/>

SPONSOR A DONKEY AT BLEAKHOLT

HELP US SUPPORT A DONKEY IN NEED!

Each year group will work together to raise

£30 to sponsor a donkey at Bleakholt 

Every donation helps care for these wonderful animals.

PYJAMA DAY  **Friday 22nd May** 

Come to school in your pyjamas and enjoy a cosy day while helping a great cause!

£1 DONATION PLEASE

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE 

Thank you for your support!



#Wake up Wednesday

For more information, please take a look at the school website – online safety.

<https://www.stacksteads.lancs.sch.uk/curriculum/computing/online-safety>

Coram Beanstalk

Can you spare a few hours a week to become a reading helper at our school?

We are working with Coram Beanstalk, a charity that recruits and trains volunteer reading helpers who can commit to an afternoon a week to come in to school. As a reading helper you will support at least 3 children on a one-to-one basis outside of the classroom environment. You will be sharing and talking about books, helping them to grow in confidence and develop a lifelong love of reading.

For more information or if you wish to apply, visit the website at <https://www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk/volunteer-roles> or call 0207 729 4087.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY LIST 2026-2027

The 2026-2027 school year begins at 9.00 a.m. on Tuesday 1 September 2026.

School Closes on	HOLIDAY	School Opens on
Friday 23 Oct 2026 at 3.30 pm	AUTUMN HALF TERM	Monday 2 Nov 2026 at 9 a.m.
Friday 18 Dec 2026 at 2 pm	CHRISTMAS	Monday 4 Jan 2027 at 9 a.m.
Friday 12 Feb 2027 at 3.30 pm	SPRING HALF TERM	Monday 22 Feb 2027 at 9 am
Thursday 25 Mar 2027 at 3.30 pm	EASTER	Monday 12 Apr 2027 at 9 am
Friday 30 Apr 2027 at 3.30 pm	MAY DAY	Tuesday 4 May 2027 at 9 am
Friday 28 May 2027 at 3.30 pm	SUMMER HALF TERM	Monday 14 Jun 2027 at 9 am
Wednesday 21 Jul 2027 at 2 pm	SUMMER	



Eco Committee

Our Eco Committee will be visiting Bleakholt Animal Sanctuary in July so we can see the donkeys that we have sponsored.

Keep a look out for the photographs!



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Family Hubs Network Rossendale Partners

Rossendale Newsletter – May 2026

New Initiatives

As shared in our previous newsletter, Wadon Family Hub has been designated as our new Centre of Excellence under the Best Start in Life Scheme. We're delighted to build on this exciting development by introducing several new programmes launching soon.

Better Habits Course

Starting on 1st June 2026, the Better Habits course offers a fun and supportive environment where families can come together to explore and develop healthier everyday habits.

Baby and You Peer Support Group

Running every Tuesday from 10:00-11:00am, this welcoming peer support group is ideal for new parents who would like to connect with others, share experiences, and build confidence in a relaxed setting.

Positive Relationships, Stronger Families Course

Beginning on 23rd June 2026, this course is designed for separated parents and those co-parenting. It focuses on building positive relationships and supporting stronger family outcomes.

To book a place on any of these groups, please visit the Lancashire County Council Events page or call 01772 536873 for more information.



Supporting Local Families

We're delighted to share that The Mer's Shed Rossendale is reopening its doors—and we can't wait to welcome you back! Open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm at Haslingden Community Link, the Shed is once again a place to drop in for a cuppa, enjoy a good chat, or get stuck into a hands-on project.

Whether you're a familiar face or completely new, you'll find a warm welcome, friendly company, and a relaxed space to connect, create, and belong. Pop in, pull up a chair, and help us bring the Shed back to life.

Making a Difference

Stay In the Know is a free messaging service from Lancashire Police, supported by Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and Lancashire County Council, designed to keep you informed about what really matters in your community.

By signing up, you choose how and when you receive updates, ranging from local crime alerts and burglary prevention advice to vehicle crime, online safety tips, road closures, anti-social behaviour, mobile police station visits, and details of your local *Coffee with a Cop* events. It's a simple, trusted way to stay informed about what's happening in **your area** and what's being done about it.

Signing up is quick and easy— [Home Page - Stay In The Know](#)



Working Together

What a fantastic day at our SEND Roadshow!

The event was filled with helpful information, friendly conversations, and practical support for families at every stage of their SEND journey. It was lovely to see families taking time to explore services, ask questions, and feel supported in a relaxed and welcoming environment. We're incredibly grateful to the partners and professionals who gave their time and expertise to help local families feel informed, listened to, and confident about the support available to them.

For more info, get in touch today,
Rossendalefamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk
or call us on 01772536873



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Picture News



In the news this week

This week, countries from across Europe and beyond are taking part in the Eurovision Song Contest. Each country performs a song, and millions of people watch and vote for their favourites. The contest celebrates different styles of music, languages, and cultures from around the world.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What kind of music do you enjoy most, and why? Does everyone in your house enjoy the same music?
- Why do you think people from different countries enjoy listening to music together?
- Do you believe competitions like Eurovision are fair? Why?
- In your view, does music bring people together, or can it sometimes divide opinions?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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How can music bring people together?

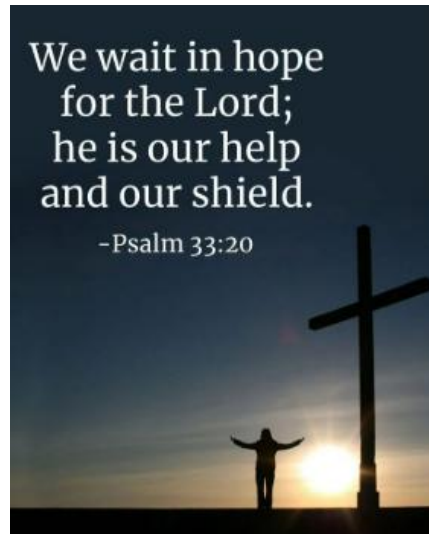
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Christian Value

Our Christian value for this half term
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Safeguarding Concerns

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any person have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform one of the school's designated safeguarding team.

DSL Tracy Walsh, Deputy DSL Debbie Burns and Deputy DSL Abigail Gorman.

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