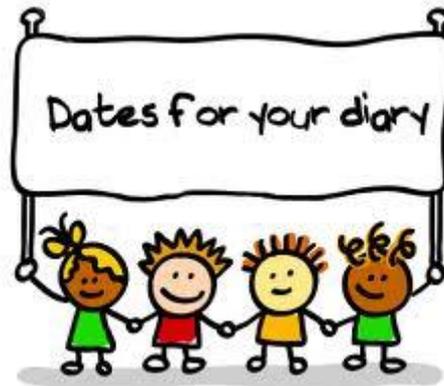




Friday 13th February 2026



Friday 13th February – End of term

Monday 23rd February – Start of term – 9am

Monday 23rd February – Church in School

Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th March – Year 6 Residential Visit to High Adventure

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Tuesday 10th March – Dance Competition

Thursday 12th March – School Nurse Drop in – 2pm

Monday 16th March – Parents' Evening



Class News

EYFS

EYFS have been learning about Valentine's Day. We have been talking about who we love and the kind things that we can do for them. We have been making lots of cards and sending them to our friends and family.

Year 2F

Year 2 have enjoyed writing diary entries this week as 'Plop' the baby barn owl from 'The owl who was afraid of the dark'. They are looking forward to finding out what happens next in the story.

Year 3

Year 3 have been learning some more colours in Spanish this week and singing a Spanish colour song, asking and answering questions about their favourite colour. Why not see if the children can remember the question and answers and practice the colours some more at home!





Year 4

In History, we have been learning about things that were invented in the Victorian era, including the telephone, the electric light bulb, the petrol car, and toilet paper on a roll!

Year 5

Year 5 have finally finished our Batik artwork- the children did an exceptional job!

After half term we will be reading and discussing classic literature with a focus on Oliver Twist- if you have the opportunity to watch an adaptation that would be great!

Year 6

In Science, we have been investigating light. This week, we have been planning and carrying out investigations for shadows-looking at how the angle and distance of the light sources can affect the length and shape of a shadow.

After the half term break, we are going to be exploring the Shakespeare tale of Romeo and Juliet as part of our English unit. Feel free to discuss this topic with your child and/or watch appropriate clips.

Take a look at our Holy Trinity Stacksteads Facebook page for photographs from this week!



Ash Wednesday

Many thanks to Reverend Janet who delivered an assembly to the children about Ash Wednesday. Many children wanted the sign of the cross on their head or hand to represent Jesus and to remember that Jesus loves us.



Dance Competition - Tuesday 10th March 2026

Tickets for the Dance Competition will be on sale today at 12 noon. Please follow the link below to purchase your ticket.

Tickets are limited to 1 per transaction until 23rd February, when they go on general sale and you can buy as many as you need.

Click below for tickets:

<https://burnleymechanics.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows>

ParentPay

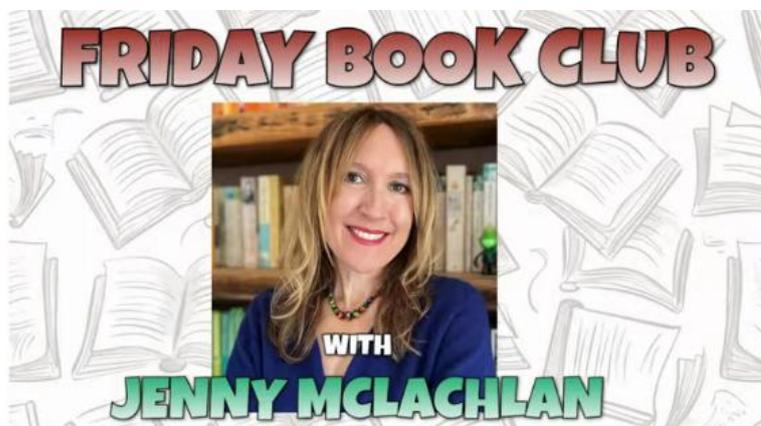
All ParentPay accounts should be up-to-date and clear before the end of term. Thank you.

2026-The year of Reading

Over the next few weeks, the author Jenny Mclachlan will be producing a Friday Book club. These are 30-minute videos filled with fun activities for the children to join in with. Here is the link to week 5-Ghosts



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uF17lpwjWW0>



Reading challenge

Our 'Read around the World' board needs YOU! We would like to fill the board with pictures of the children reading in different places around the World. If you are going on holiday during the half term break, please consider snapping a quick picture of your child reading, and send those into y6@stacksteads.lancs.sch.uk



Roots to grow...wings to fly.



Children's Mental Health Week

This week, children have been reflecting on 'belonging'. The theme for 2026 is 'This is my place' which encourages children to:

- Be your true self. Belonging comes from being accepted for who you are.
- Do the things you love: sport, video games, music, crafts, these are great ways to

connect with each other.

- Be kind to yourself when you make a mistake - you don't need to be perfect.
- Listen to your feelings and try to think about what you need.
- Talk to someone you trust - you are not alone.

The children had fun creating a sticker for a large collage based on 'belonging' and listening to well-known children's favourite tracks (such as 'Everything is Awesome' from the LEGO movie).

More information is available at:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/> and

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/>





Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday, the whole school took part in Safer Internet Day which is a national day thinking about how we keep ourselves safe online. The theme this year was AI and the children completed different activities based on this. Some children explored what Chat bots do and some children thought away positive ways to use AI and negative ways.

The children were all very interested and completed some great pieces of work. Have a chat with your children and see if they can identify some AI technologies that you have at home!

Sports Kit

If you have any outstanding school sports kit at home, please can you return this to school today.

Valentine's day hamper raffle

This will be drawn today! Thank you to everyone who supported our PTA.



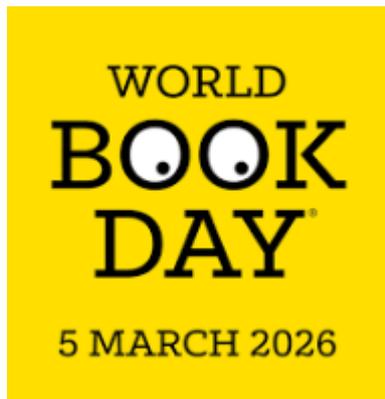
World Book Day

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 5th March 2026. We will be asking the children to come to school with their favourite book, and they can dress-up as a favourite character.



This year, we will be sending home the free book tokens on Friday 13th February to allow chance for a book to be purchased before World Book Day.

If anyone has any old costumes they no longer need or no longer fit, please consider donating them to school. If we receive enough costume donations, we will host a costume sale. All proceeds will go towards book purchases for the Reading Vending machine.



Picture News

TAKEHOME 8th - 15th February

Should children have social media?

Adults in the UK are talking about whether children under 16 should be allowed to use social media, as the government is considering new rules to help keep children safe online. Some people believe social media helps children stay connected, while others worry it can affect wellbeing and mental health. During Children's Mental Health Week, the story reminds us how important it is to look after our mental health both online and offline.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What rules or agreements can help us feel safe when using technology at home?
- > Can you think of ideas for families to help balance screen time and other activities?
- > What are some of the activities that you do online? Do you do different things online to others at home?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

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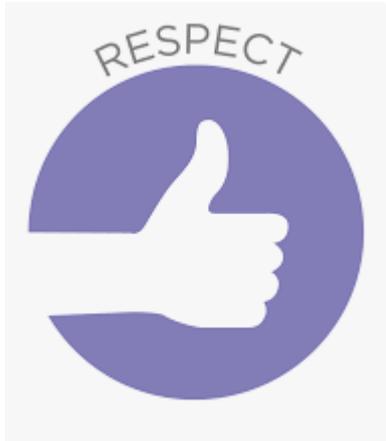
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Christian Value

Our Christian value for this half term is **respect**.



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.

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



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