

#### Friday 11th July 2025



Monday 14th July - Church in School. 2:45pm in The Lighthouse

Monday 14th July – Year 6 play and awards evening at 6:30pm

Tuesday 15th July – Year 1H, 1/2F and 2F singalong at 6:30pm

Thursday 17th July – Year 3 play at 6:30pm

**Friday 18th July** - EYFS Leaving celebration with parents - 9.15am in school

Friday 18th July – Key Stage 1 party

Friday 18th July – Year 6 Leavers' Party! 6:30pm – 8pm

Monday 21st July – Years 3,4 and 5 party

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Year 6 Leavers' service with parents – 10:30am in school

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – end of term – 2pm finish

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Yoyo After School club finishes at 3:30pm



#### **Picture News**



# In the news this week

Scientists in Australia have discovered that human beings lived in high mountain caves nearly 20,000 years ago. They found tools, burnt wood, and other artefacts deep inside the caves of Australia's Blue Mountains, showing that people once cooked and lived there. The discovery is one of the earliest records of people living within this mountain range. The caves were likely a safe and useful place to shelter during cold winters in the

#### Things to talk about at home ..

- > Why do you think people chose to live in mountain caves? Share your response with someone at home. Do you think it's important to learn about the homes of people from the past?
- Considering where you live, what are the things you need to live a comfortable life in your home? Have these things changed over time?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others







Our Big Question this week is:

What makes somewhere a good place to live?

#### **Donation Station**

The 'donation station' is in the school entrance where parents and carers can donate items of food or toiletries if they feel they are able to.

Thank you to those families who have already donated.

#### **Transition Day**

This morning, children are spending time with their new teachers. They will be doing lots of fun games and activities!



#### **Uniform**

Just a reminder that jewellery should not be worn for school. This includes bracelets, necklace and anklets. If your child wears one for school, they will be asked to take it off and put it in their tray. Please keep these items at home so they don't get broken or lost.

PE – please send your child in plain shorts and a plain t-shirt with a school jumper or cardigan over the top.

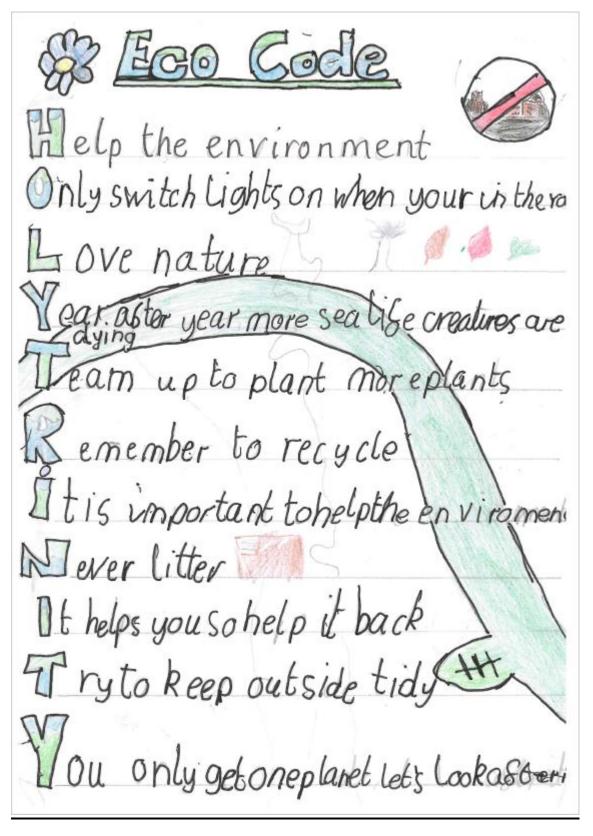
Thank you

#### **Reports**

End of year reports were sent home yesterday. If you have any questions about the report, please see your child's class teacher.

A letter is coming home today regarding class arrangements for next year.







#### **EYFS**

We had a great time in the sun for our sports day. Everyone tried their very best and we are all very proud of them. Thank you to all the families who came to support our children!

#### Year 1/2F

Some of Year 1/2F visited St Nicholas' church this week. We had a tour of the church and participated in a very fun hunt looking for different features and counted over 30 crosses in the church!

#### Year 2F

The children in 2F enjoyed learning all about Spain during our multicultural day. They enjoyed tasting Spanish food, colouring flags and making fans to use for their flamenco dancing!

#### Year 3

Year 3 enjoyed their food tasting for multicultural day on Tuesday, focusing on the country France. This linked to our geography topic of learning about The Alps. We did tell them that traditionally in France they eat frog legs and snails, but they didn't look too impressed! So, we



settled for meat, cheese and breads. The croissant was the firm favourite!

### Year 5

Year 5 put on a fantastic performance of Moana and we are very proud of them all!



#### Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy week participating in 'healthy week'. They particularly enjoyed the football coaching session and tennis academy.

Year 6 have also been given their end of KS2 SATs results. We are extremely proud of them all.

#### **Multi-cultural Day**

Children in school experienced a variety of different cultures through food, dance and sport! Some of the children showcased what they learnt in assembly. It was a brilliant day and all children learnt something new. Please look out for the pictures on our galleries section of the school app!

#### **Healthy week**

Children have taken part in a range of activities this week during healthy week. We have enjoyed Sports Days, hockey, tennis, football, rounders and even taken part in the daily mile. Children have shown great sportsmanship and tried their best in all activities this week. Thank you to Reverend Derek too, whose assembly helped us to focus on a healthy lifestyle.

## Play Tickets and KS1 Sing-along

All tickets will be available from class teachers (Years 1-4) from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. If you have a child in Year 6, please send the correct money in an envelope and we will send the tickets home.

All ticket money will go towards the end of year parties for the children. We thank you for your support.



#### **Summer Fair**



We raised £1600 at our Summer Fair last week! Thank you so much to everyone who donated and attended.

# Year 6 End of Year Party!



On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July, Year 6 are invited to the End of Year Party! It will be from 6:30pm – 8pm.



There will be music, games, food, awards and prizes galore!

They will receive their invitation next week!

We can't wait to celebrate with them!





#### Year 6 Leavers' Service

Year 6 will be holding their Leavers' Service on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 10:30am in school.

We would love to see lots of parents, carers, aunties, uncles, grandparents and friends in school as we wish our Year 6 a fond farewell. Tissues will be provided...



#### YOYO Breakfast and After School Club

Yoyo finishes at 3.30pm on Friday 22nd July. Thank you for being prompt.

#### **ParentPay**

All ParentPay accounts need to be a zero balance by the morning of 22<sup>nd</sup> July.



Roots to grow...wings to fly.



#### Message from Pupil Access and Integrated Transport Teams

Dear Parents/Kinship Carers of Current Year 5 pupils

Before the summer holidays begin, we wanted to get in touch with you about next term's prospective secondary school application, and how important it is to consider home to transport prior to making your final decision.

You must consider carefully how your child will get to and from your preferred secondary schools before submitting your application for a school place.

Pupils will only be eligible for free travel if they have an entitlement under the County Council's <u>Home to School Transport Policy</u>. It is important, when selecting your preferences for a school place, that you have read and understood the information available on the website regarding school admissions and travel assistance.

It is essential to remember - for transport purposes - the 'nearest suitable school' is the nearest school to the family home - and - in some cases, the nearest school will be located within another local authority area.

If you choose to send your child to a school that Lancashire County Council does not consider to be the nearest suitable school, there is no duty to provide free transport. You will need to make your own transport arrangements.

Assistance with home to school travel will not be needed for most children as they will attend their local school which will be within a reasonable walking distance when accompanied by a parent/carer as necessary.

However, if transport costs are a concern to you, please contact your Area Education Office before submitting your application:

NORTH AREA	SOUTH AREA	EAST AREA
Lancaster, Morecambe, Wyre and Fylde	Preston, South Ribble,  West Lancashire and Chorley	Hyndburn, Ribble Valley, Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale
(01524) 581148	(01772) 532109	(01254) 220747

If your child is not eligible for free travel assistance but you would like your child to travel to school by bus, you may be able to buy a season travel pass from us.

The County Council will not provide extra services for non-statutory pupils and you will need to plan how your child will get to school if space on the bus is not available.



Please call 0300-123-6738 or visit <u>School bus season tickets - Lancashire County Council</u> to make an application.

It is important to plan ahead. Please make sure that appropriate transport is available, should a place be allocated at your preferred school.

# Valley Vitality Festival – join us!

We are excited to announce that there will be a free festival at The Valley on Saturday July 12.

Get ready for a day packed with excitement, creativity, and connection! Whether you're looking to unwind, try something new, or just have a great time, there's something here for everyone. Enjoy the giant inflatable football lanes, wrestling, zumba, yoga, American football, and nuch more. Try your hand at DJ decks, poetry, art, circus school, or get involved in our open mic sessions and magic classes.

We're also offering CPR training and free health checks for those looking to learn something life-saving.

Families will love the variety of children's activities, and you can refuel at our food and drink zone while exploring our community stalls for local signposting and support.

Come for the fun, stay for the vibe there truly is something for everyone!









#### **Newsletter sections**

If there is anything you would like to see on the newsletter, please email the office <a href="mailto:contact@stacksteads.lancs.sch.uk">contact@stacksteads.lancs.sch.uk</a> to let them know.

#### **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.

#### **Christian Value**

Our Christian value for this half term is Compassion.



