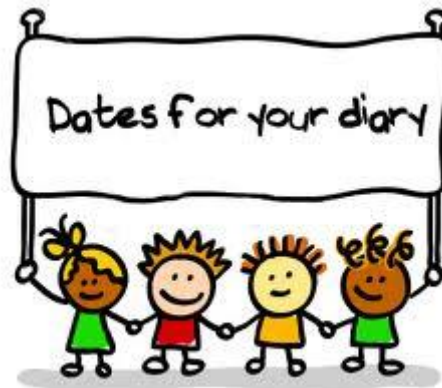




Friday 3rd July 2026



Friday 10th July – School reports sent home

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

Thursday 16th July – Transition morning for Years 1-5

Thursday 16th July – Musical Evening – Key Stage 1 and Worship Choir at 6:30pm

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

Monday 20th July – Year 6 Leavers’ Service in the hall at 9:30am (time change)

Monday 20th July – Reception Graduation at 10:30am in the hall

Monday 20th July – End of term at 2pm



Class News

EYFS

EYFS have been thinking about their time in Nursery and Reception. We have been talking about the things that we have enjoyed this year. We have also been looking ahead and getting ready for our new year group. Nursery have been having their story time on the Reception carpet, whilst Reception have been visiting the Year 1 classroom and playground.

Year 1

This week the children have really enjoyed learning about some of the different symbols that you can find on a map and what they mean. Some of the children had seen some of these symbols before and could share what they think we would find if we travelled to the place where the symbol was on a map.

Year 4

Year 4 are thinking about food chains and green plants. In assembly, the discussion about extreme weather highlighted the importance of caring for living things and the important role that green plants play in the circle of life. They have also enjoyed recording electronic music using Walkband app which mimics drums, piano and guitar.

Year 6

We have had a busy week this week with a fantastic Leavers service at Manchester Cathedral on Monday, an exciting



transition day at High School on Thursday and finished off with a fun Mini Olympics sports trip at Marl Pits Friday.

We continue rehearsing for The Lion King performance on Tuesday 14th July 6:30pm. Tickets will be available from Monday 6th July – only £1! Following the Lion King performance will be the awards ceremony.

Summer Fair

Rainbow raffle (blue and green tickets only)

Blue 466, blue 331, blue 396, blue 526, blue 536, blue 486, blue 231, blue 211. Green 751, green 31, green 491, green 46, green 541, green 316, green 166, green 701, green 611, green 56, green 756. Please bring your tickets when collecting from the office. Many thanks, Mrs Toddington.

P.Louise/Make-up/Teddy raffle (pink and brown tickets only)

Brown 91, brown 306, brown 356, brown 186, brown 161, brown 191, brown 1, brown 341, brown 56, brown 346, brown 311. Pink 56, pink 86, pink 71, pink 316, pink 21, pink 121, pink 371, pink 346, pink 271, pink 411, pink 141. Please bring your tickets when you collect from the office. Many thanks, Mrs Toddington.

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Summer Fair. Our grand total will be announced soon!



Allergy and Anaphylaxis Awareness

As we approach the end of the school year and look ahead to September, we would like to remind all families about the importance of allergy awareness. Some of our pupils have severe allergies which can lead to anaphylaxis, a serious and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.

To help keep all children safe, we ask parents and carers to:

- Inform the school of any allergies or medical conditions and update us of any changes.
- Ensure that any prescribed medication, including adrenaline auto-injectors (e.g. EpiPens), is in date and provided to school where required.
- Encourage children not to share food, drinks, or snacks with others.
- Check ingredients carefully when providing packed lunches or sending food into school for special events.

By working together, we can create a safe and inclusive environment for all pupils. Thank you for your support in helping us protect children with allergies and ensuring everyone can participate confidently in school life.

If you need any further information, please contact the school office.



Year 6 End of Year Party!



Year 6 are invited to celebrate their final weeks at primary school at their **End of Year Party!**

 **Friday 17th July**

 **6:30pm – 8:00pm**

We look forward to a fun and memorable evening!

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

We can't wait to celebrate with them!





Parent Governor

What Does a School Governor Do?

You may have heard the term *school governor* and wondered what it really means. Governors are volunteers who play an important role in helping schools run effectively and provide the best possible education for children.

A team supporting the school

Governors are part of a governing board made up of people from different backgrounds – including parents, staff, and members of the wider community. They work together to support the school's leadership and ensure it is moving in the right direction.

Their main responsibilities include:

- **Setting the vision and values** of the school, helping to shape its long-term direction
- **Supporting and challenging school leaders**, including the headteacher, to make sure high standards are maintained
- **Overseeing finances and resources** to ensure money is well spent
- **Monitoring pupils' progress and wellbeing**, helping to ensure every child has the opportunity to succeed

What governors do not do

Governors don't get involved in the day-to-day running of the school—that is the role of the headteacher and staff. Instead, they focus on the bigger picture and strategic leadership.

Why it matters

By offering different perspectives and holding the school to account, governors help make sure decisions are fair, thoughtful, and always centred on what is best for pupils.

Interested in getting involved?

Being a governor is a rewarding way to contribute to your child's



school and the wider community. Governors meet six times per year.

If you'd like to learn more, please contact the school office or speak to Mr Aspin or Mrs Burns.

Rossendale Borough Council help for children who receive Free School Meals

- Lancashire County Council previously provided food vouchers during school holidays for children entitled to Free School Meals; however, this funding has now ended.
- To help families during this transition, Rossendale Borough Council is working with local community food organisations to offer **one-off food support during the summer holidays** for eligible children who receive Free School Meals.
- Eligible families can sign up to receive one food bag per child, per week, during the summer holidays following the link below:
- <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=nqjGHRhxxkWbR0nmgOO9AoT9pU8NUixHrHIR7-7fJ5RUQkJGQ1IDM0FZT0oyTllaVTZONFJaSIZTUy4u&route=shorturl>

[Free School Meals Summer Food Transition Scheme](#) | [Help with the cost of living in Rossendale](#) | [Rossendale Borough Council](#)

Free School Meals – Who is Entitled?

Important Information for Families.

Firstly, if your child is already receiving Free School Meals and is in Years 3–11, there is nothing you need to do. The Local Authority already holds your information and will automatically check your child's eligibility ahead of their return to school in September 2026.

If your child is in Key Stage 1 (Reception to Year 2), they will already have been receiving a free school meal through the



universal infant scheme. If you have previously completed a Free School Meal application, so that your child's school can access additional funding, your eligibility will also be automatically checked—so again, you do not need to take any action.

If your child has not been receiving a free school meal and you believe your they may be eligible please read the information below.

From September 2026, the Government is extending eligibility for Free School Meals. This means that more families may now qualify for support, even if they have not previously been eligible.

What this means for you

- If your household income is lower, your child may now be entitled to free school meals at school
- Schools receive additional funding (known as Pupil Premium) for every eligible child, which is used to support learning, resources and enrichment opportunities
- Even if your child prefers a packed lunch, applying can still bring valuable benefits to both your child and the school

What you need to do

- If you think you may now be eligible, we strongly encourage you to submit an application before the start of the academic year.
- Applications are quick, confidential and securely processed
- If your child is already receiving Free School Meals, you **do not need to reapply**

Why it's important to apply

- Ensures your child receives all the support they are entitled to
- Helps the school access additional funding to support pupils
- May provide access to further support, such as help with trips or activities



If you would like further information or support with your application, please contact the school office.

We encourage all families to take a few minutes to check their eligibility — this support can make a real difference.

Updated policies

On our school website you will find the following new policies:

- Parents and carer Code of Conduct policy
- Communication policy
- Serial and unreasonable complaints policy.

Multi-Cultural Day

We are excited to announce that our school will be celebrating **Multicultural Day** again on Friday 10th July! This special day is a wonderful opportunity for our children to explore, celebrate, and appreciate the rich diversity within our school community and beyond.

Throughout the day, pupils will take part in a range of activities, including learning about different countries, cultures, traditions, music, and food. It's a fantastic way to promote understanding, respect, and curiosity about the world around us.

If you would like to contribute—by sharing experiences, artefacts, food ideas, or expertise—we would love to hear from you!

Children are warmly invited to come to school dressed in clothing that represents the flag from their country of interest. Please note that this is optional.

We are very much looking forward to a vibrant and enriching day for all.

EYFS – Spain



Year 1H – Italy

Year 1/2F – Mexico

Year 2F – China

Year 3 - France

Year 4 – Scotland

Year 5 – Turkey

Year 6 – Brazil

Squishies in School

Please Leave Squishies at Home

We have noticed an increasing number of pupils bringing *squishies* into school. Whilst these toys can be enjoyable at home, they are becoming a distraction during learning time and can sometimes lead to disagreements when they are shared, swapped or accidentally damaged.

To help maintain a positive learning environment, we kindly ask that **squishies are not brought into school** unless you have specifically spoken to our SENCo or your child's class teacher.

Any squishies brought into school may be collected and returned at the end of the day.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep pupils focused on their learning and ensuring school remains a calm and productive environment for everyone.



World Cup

On Monday morning the registers will be open until 11:00 a.m. for children who have been allowed to stay up to watch England. Children arriving before that time will be marked as present in the register. Any child doing this must be brought to school by an adult as the School Crossing Patrols will not be operating, and parents must email contact@stacksteads.lancs.sch.uk by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, so that we know which children are going to be arriving late. In the email, please can you also state whether your child will require a hot school dinner or not.



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.





Safeguarding – Restrictive Intervention

Our school is committed to ensuring the safety, dignity and wellbeing of every child, and therefore follows a clear Restrictive Intervention protocol that is used only as a last resort. Restrictive interventions—such as physical restraint or removal from a situation—are implemented solely to prevent immediate risk of harm to the pupil or others, and never as a form of punishment. Staff are fully trained to prioritise de-escalation strategies, positive behaviour support, and early intervention techniques to minimise the need for restrictive measures. When such an intervention is necessary, it is carried out using the least restrictive option for the shortest possible time, in line with national guidance. All incidents are carefully recorded, monitored, and reviewed, and parents or carers are informed promptly. Through this approach, we aim to maintain a safe, supportive environment while respecting the rights and individual needs of every child.

Year 6 Trip to Manchester Cathedral

What a wonderful time we had!

As part of their Year 6 leavers' celebrations, our pupils enjoyed a memorable visit to the cathedral. The day provided a wonderful opportunity for reflection as the children thought about their time at primary school and looked ahead to the exciting journey of secondary school.

During the visit, pupils admired the beautiful architecture and took part in a special service celebrating their achievements. They represented the school well, showing respect, enthusiasm, and maturity throughout the morning.

The visit was a meaningful experience for everyone involved and a fitting way to mark the end of their primary school journey. We



are incredibly proud of our Year 6 leavers and wish them every success and happiness in the future.

Phone Safety and Parental Responsibility

Keeping Children Safe Online: A Shared Responsibility

Mobile phones are a valuable tool for learning, communication and staying connected, but they also bring risks such as inappropriate content, online bullying, scams and excessive screen time. While schools educate pupils about safe and responsible technology use, parents and carers play a vital role in monitoring and guiding their child's phone use at home.

We encourage all parents to:

- Regularly check their child's phone, apps and social media accounts.
- Ensure privacy settings are enabled and reviewed frequently.
- Talk openly about online safety, respectful communication and digital footprints.
- Set clear rules around screen time and phone use, particularly at bedtime.
- Know who their child is communicating with online and report any concerns promptly.
- Use parental controls and safety features available on devices and apps.

Children are safest when school and home work together to promote responsible digital behaviour. Taking a few minutes each week to review your child's phone activity can help identify concerns early and support positive online experiences.



Many popular social media, messaging and gaming apps have minimum age requirements, often set at **13 years and above**. These age restrictions are designed to help protect children from risks such as exposure to inappropriate content, contact from strangers, cyberbullying and online scams.

Remember: if your child wouldn't do it face-to-face, they shouldn't do it online. Together, we can help our young people enjoy the benefits of technology safely and responsibly.

The Incredible Years

Coffee Morning

Monday 6th July 2026
09:30am – 11am

Children and Young People's Mental Health Services East (formally ELCAS) are offering a free course to all parents and carers that has been formulated to reinforce your existing parenting strengths and helps to solidify the bond between you and your child.

Come and meet our practitioners to find out more information.



A previous participant said: "I have found this group to be a good support for me and my son. It's been helpful hearing other parent's situations to know I am not alone in my struggles. It's also helped keep a routine for me and be social. I recommend to all".



The coffee morning will be held at Waterfoot Primary School on 6th July 2026

Come and have a drink, meet the practitioners and find out more about how the course can offer strategies to help with emotional regulation and hard to manage behaviours.

If you require any further information prior to the date above, please call Kathryn Chapman or Aimee Hargreaves on 01282 628805.





<https://www.autismcentral.nhs.uk/>

Autism support for parents, education, how to support their children, podcasts etc. all completely free.

Roots to grow...wings to fly.



Is your child starting Primary School in September 2026?

Are you a parent, carer, or grandparent of a child going to a Primary School in Waterfoot, Water, Stacksteads, Bacup, Whitworth or Weir?

MEET AND MINGLE NEW SCHOOL STAY & PLAY

Meet other families
and children

Make new connections

Help your child feel
confident about
starting school

Chat & learn about what
the Family Hub can offer
you and your family



LIMITED PLACES
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School readiness
information



**Thursday, 16th july
9:30-11:30am**

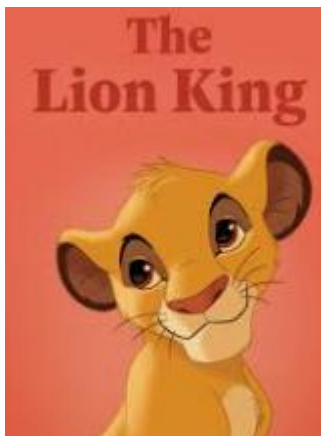
Maden Family Hub, Rochdale Rd,
Bacup, OL13 8NZ.



End of term performances update

We are excited to share some changes to our end-of-term performances:

- Years 1H, 1/2F and 2F will present a Musical Evening featuring singing and dancing. This will replace the traditional Key Stage 1 end-of-year concerts. As not every child wishes to take part, this is running as an optional after school club.
- Years 3 and 4 will join Key Stage 1 at the Musical Evening as the Worship Choir. This will take the place of their usual end-of-year concerts, and participation is also optional.
- Years 5 and 6 have been working hard in Theatre Club and will perform Wicked at the end of the summer term. This will take place of the Year 5 end-of-year concert.
- Year 6 will also perform The Lion King as their official end-of-year concert, celebrating their final performance at primary school.



Check 'Dates for your Diary' for the dates of the performances.

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We feel this better reflects the needs of our children as not every child wants to stand on a stage in front of an audience and perform. We wanted to give our children the choice.

All Year 6 pupils will take part in *The Lion King*, however roles have been assigned with the children in mind, and they have also had the opportunity to express their preferences about the type of part they would like. Rehearsals also take place during the school day for Year 6 and this also forms part of the music curriculum, hence the need for all children to take part in some way.





#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>



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25th June
to 5th July



In the news this week



How much should the weather influence our decisions?

Things to talk about at home ...

- What is your favourite type of weather and why?
- Have you or anyone at home ever had to change your plans because of the weather?
- What would you pack if you didn't know whether it would be rainy or sunny?
- Why might some people need to prepare more carefully for certain types of weather?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Christian Value

Our Christian value for this half term is compassion.



Be kind to one another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

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.