

Newsletter



30.8.2023

Dates for your diary

Friday 1 September

Teacher Training Day

Monday 4 September

Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 5 September

Y1-6 return to school

Wednesday 6 September

Nursery return to school
Reception start school

Friday 15th September

9.10 Celebration Assembly
for Y1—Y6 parents

Year 6 start swimming every
Friday afternoon

Monday 18th September

Reception start school
full-time

School Meals

The cost of school dinners
are:

£2.40 per day

OR

£12.00 per week

Parents who pay for their
child's school dinners should
pay directly to the office
staff. Payments can be
made either by cash or
cheque.

We are looking forward to welcoming
everyone back to school next week!

Return to school in September

Children from **Y1 to Y6** will return to school on **Tuesday 5th September**.

Children in **Nursery and Reception** will start or return to school on **Wednesday 6th September**.

Reception children will be at school part-time until **Monday 18th September** when they start full-time.

New Primary School Day

From September, the school day will start at **9.00am**.

Children will be welcomed into the building from **8.55am**.

The primary school day will end at **3.30pm**.

After school activities will run from **3.30pm to 4.30pm** at the latest. We will let parents know when these will be starting.

New Nursery Day

The Nursery school **morning session** will start at **8.45am** and finish at **11.45am**, the **afternoon session** will start from **12.30pm** and finish at **3.30pm**.

Please help your child settle in to their Nursery and School routine by dropping off and picking them up on time



School Uniform Reminder

Our school uniform consists of:

- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan – parents can either buy plain navy sweatshirts or cardigans from supermarkets OR navy sweatshirts or cardigans with the school logo from the school office.
- White or pale blue polo shirt
- Navy blue, grey or black trousers
- Navy blue, grey or black skirt or pinafore dress
- Sensible dark shoes – no fashion shoes/boots/trainers please
- **It is important that all items of clothing, especially outdoor wear - coats, gloves, hats and scarves - are clearly labelled with your child's name**

P.E. Kit

- Children wear a white T-shirt and dark plain shorts with pumps for indoor P.E. and trainers for outdoor P.E. to change into
- Dark plain tracksuit bottoms or leggings can be worn for outdoor P.E. in colder weather
- Each class has one indoor and one outdoor P.E. lesson every week at the same time/day
- All P.E. kit should be kept in a drawstring bag. Drawstring bags with the school logo can be bought from the school office
- All P.E. kit, including the drawstring bag, must be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Jewellery

- We follow Lancashire County Council guidelines about jewellery and ask that children wear no more than one pair of stud earrings
- Earrings must be removed for P.E. and swimming lessons – children must be able to remove their own earrings as staff are not allowed to do this
- When a child is unable to remove their own earrings then they should come to school without earrings in on P.E. and swimming days
- **No other jewellery is allowed to be worn for school.** This is for your child's own safety.

Nursery children wear their own clothes with a purple sweatshirt. Parents can either buy plain purple sweatshirts or cardigans from supermarkets OR purple sweatshirts or cardigans with the school logo from the school office.

It is essential that all items of school uniform have your child's name inside.





Absence Procedure

When you know your child is off school ill please call and leave us a message. Then we know why your child is not in school.

When your child is not in school, the office staff will:

- send a text message to remind parents that school needs to know why your child is absent.
- make a phone call when they have not yet heard back from you.
- ask Mrs. Peake to make a home visit.

When you receive a text from school you can either reply to the text we have sent you OR just give us a ring.

Contacting School

The school office is open from 8.30am.

Please leave a message on the answer phone before 8.30am. A member of staff will phone you back when necessary.

Free school meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals when you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, **not** entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' – the payment you receive for further four weeks after you finish work

When your child is currently eligible for free school meals, that eligibility will be protected until Universal Credit is introduced (expected 31 March 2025) even if your circumstances change. When your child is still in education on this date, they will be eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they are in.

Parents of current Year 2 children are reminded that when their child is in Year 3 they are no longer eligible for universal free school meals. In Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to Year 6 children) children only receive free school meals and free school meal vouchers when they are eligible for free school meals.

Nursery parents may also be able to claim free school meals. West Street's Nursery is a maintained nursery school. To be eligible your child must attend for a full day and you must get one of the qualifying benefits.

You can apply for free school meals on Lancashire County Council's website. Just type **free school meals lcc to search for this page.**



We are looking forward to welcoming everybody back to this new academic year!

