



# Buckshaw Primary School and Nursery

Headteacher: Mrs S Price

## SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING 10TH JANUARY 2025

I am super proud of how well the children have returned to school this week, following the Christmas break and some disruption to the usual routine due to the weather conditions this week. They have settled back in and there has been lots of super work.

This half term, our focus is on determination and I was delighted to hear in this morning's assembly that lots of the children have already been putting this into practice! Well done children!

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Price

The School Council have ordered a host of new play equipment which has now arrived and will be on the playground on Monday! They have also used their funds to order a new bin for each playground to ensure that no litter is on the school site.

This term they are looking to raise funds for the redecoration of the toilets. Watch this space for details of their fundraising activities which will include a sponsored dance-athon!

**Dates**  
Please see a list of dates for this term at the end of today's newsletter.

### WHOLE SCHOOL

#### ATTENDANCE:

94.30%

TARGET 96%

LUNCHES: W/C 13/01/25

WEEK 1 Autumn/Winter Menu



*'Learning, believing and growing together.'*

## Clubs

This term we are pleased to offer a good range of clubs after school. Thank you to all the staff who have offered to run these. If your child would like to attend one of these clubs, please sign up on the School App this weekend. Places are limited and will be confirmed on Monday ready for them to start next week. There are no costs for these activities.

Craft club for Y4-Y6 on Thursdays until 4.30pm with Mrs Greenough

Girls football club for Y3-Y6 on Thursdays until 4.30pm with Mrs Rivers and Miss Halton

Cooking club for Y4 on Mondays until 4.30pm with Mrs Rivers

Art club for Y3 and Y4 on Thursdays until 4.30pm with Mrs Paul

Lego club for Y1 and Y2 on Tuesdays until 4.00pm with Mrs Heyes and Mrs McDonnell



Sports club for Y1 and Y2 on Thursdays until 4.30pm run by Chorley Football Club

Couch to 5K running club for Y3-Y6 on Fridays until 4.15pm with Mrs Price



## CELEBRATIONS!!

### THIS WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS

		
RECEPTION	Alanza	Thomas T
YEAR 1	Kayden	Leo
YEAR 2	Ellie	Rahma
YEAR 3	Esme	Winter
YEAR 4	Josh G	Lealund
YEAR 5	Cody	Gotham
YEAR 6	Laci	Leen

#### Focus Value of the term

Our focus value is Determination - we show determination when things get tough

# HOUSE POINTS



OAK

628



CHERRY BLOSSOM

269



BIRCH

247



CEDAR

225

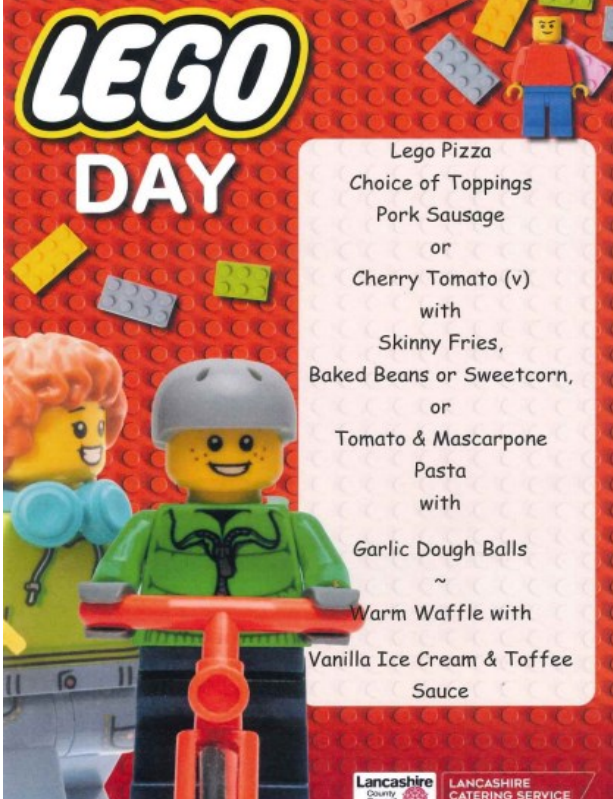
# BUILD A BURGER



Booths British Beef or Vegetarian Burger in a Bun with ~  
 Choice of additional Toppings  
 Onion Ring or Cheddar Cheese  
 ~  
 Choice of Sauce  
 Burger Sauce  
 or  
 Tomato Ketchup  
 ~  
 Served with  
 Tortilla Chips & Rainbow Slaw  
 or  
 Loaded Cheese & Vegetable  
 Potato Boats  
 with  
 Baked Beans & Mixed Salad  
 ~  
 Marble Cookie  
 or  
 Orange Jelly

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# LEGO DAY

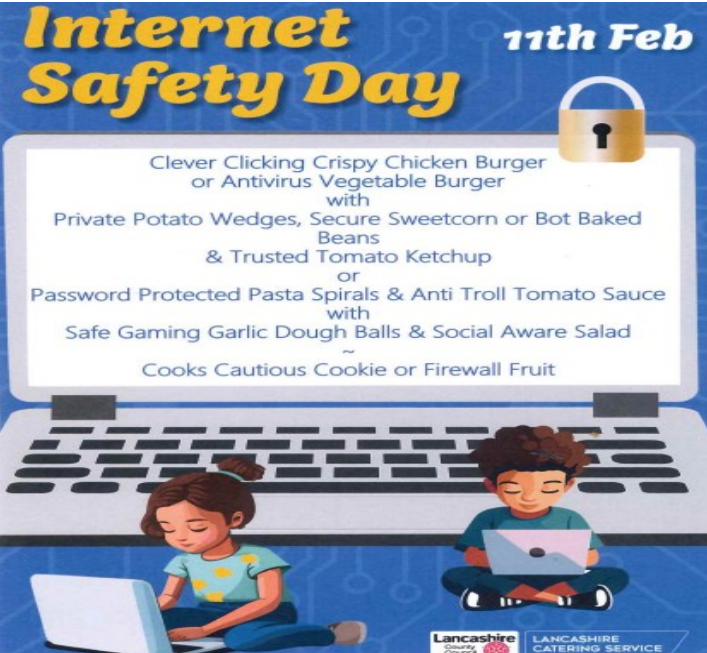


Lego Pizza  
 Choice of Toppings  
 Pork Sausage  
 or  
 Cherry Tomato (v)  
 with  
 Skinny Fries,  
 Baked Beans or Sweetcorn,  
 or  
 Tomato & Mascarpone  
 Pasta  
 with  
 Garlic Dough Balls  
 ~  
 Warm Waffle with  
 Vanilla Ice Cream & Toffee  
 Sauce

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# Internet Safety Day

11th Feb



Clever Clicking Crispy Chicken Burger  
 or Antivirus Vegetable Burger  
 with  
 Private Potato Wedges, Secure Sweetcorn or Bot Baked  
 Beans  
 & Trusted Tomato Ketchup  
 or  
 Password Protected Pasta Spirals & Anti Troll Tomato Sauce  
 with  
 Safe Gaming Garlic Dough Balls & Social Aware Salad  
 ~  
 Cooks Cautious Cookie or Firewall Fruit

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## UP AND COMING THEMED LUNCHES

- Build A Burger 16th January 2025
- Lego Day 28th January 2025
- Internet Safety Day 11th February 2025





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day School Open Morning 9.30 am —11.30 am
Friday 14th February	School Closes for half term break
Monday 24th February	School closes for half term break
Tuesday 25th February	Parents' Evening 3.30 pm —7.00 pm
Wednesday 26th February	Parents' Evening 3.30pm—5.30pm
Thursday 27th February	Year 6 School Councillors to visit the Houses of Parliament
Monday 3rd March - Wednesday 5th March	Year 6 residential trip to The Anderton Centre
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day—Children are invited to dress as their favourite book Characters and parents will be invited in for family activities
Saturday 22nd March	Buckshaw Primary School guests at Chorley Football Club (more details to Follow)
Saturday 29th March	Inter Schools Cross Country in Astley Park
Thursday 3rd April	Family Bingo Night 6.00pm
Friday 4th April	Easter Celebration Day





MULTI-SPORTS PROGRAMME

# FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CLUB



**Ofsted**

Registered

Tax-Free Payments

Childcare Vouchers

Childcare Grant Payments

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**CHORLEY:**  
**BUCKSHAW PRIMARY**

SCAN  
TO BOOK



**FEBRUARY DATES:**

**MON 17 - FRI 21**

**8:30AM - 4PM**

Early drop off available: 7:30am

# Chorley Football



## Development

At Southlands High School (Sports Hall)  
Clover Rd, Chorley, PR7 2NJ  
Starting on Thursday 30th January 2025

**In association with First Kick Football**



School years - Reception & Year 1

5:30pm - 6:30pm

School years - Year 2 & Year 3

6:30pm - 7:30pm

School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

7:30pm - 8:30pm

Dear parents,

Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course every Thursday at Southlands High School, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a **ball per player** for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports hall so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Preston North End, Blackburn Rovers, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just £6.25 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £50 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

### **\*\*NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT\*\***

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone:

**Daniel**

**01772 428 086 or 07514 316534**

**[www.firstkick.co.uk](http://www.firstkick.co.uk)**



We cannot guarantee that the course will run in consecutive weeks  
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked





# Online Safety Newsletter

Jan 2025

## Social Media Influencers

### What is an Influencer?

An influencer is somebody on a social media platform such as YouTube and Instagram, who have a high number of followers. Influencers share their opinions/ideas and may be paid to advertise/promote products through their account.

### What should I be concerned about?

Whilst there are some great influencers, there are some that choose to share content that is for example, misogynistic, racist or misleading. These opinions can be expressed or interpreted as fact, so it is important to talk to your child and encourage them to fact check and critically analyse what they see and hear online.

### What we see on social media

What we see is influenced by algorithms, which predict what type of content we are most likely to interact with. Whilst there are benefits of algorithms, it can mean that once we start looking at certain content, our social media feed can become more aligned with that opinion, creating an echo chamber and therefore we do not see a balanced picture. Find out more here: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/algorithms/>

### What can I do to help my child?

Talk to your child about social media and who they follow. If there is anybody that you are unsure of, then check their feed and discuss with your child if you find anything worrying.

### Further information

<https://swgfl.org.uk/topics/social-media/>

## Fortnite Battle Royale



Fortnite Battle Royale is rated PEGI 12 due to moderate violence, meaning it is not suitable for children under the age of 12.

### What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including Fortnite Battle Royale, which is free to play (although it contains in-app purchases). In Battle Royale, up to one hundred players compete against each other until one winner remains.

### What do I need to be aware of?

- **Chatting and inappropriate language:** Fortnite includes voice and text chat, which may mean your child encounters strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report/block any players that make them feel uncomfortable.
- **In app purchases:** Players can purchase V-Bucks so make sure you restrict purchases and do not store your card details.

### Parental Controls

Fortnite provides several parental controls in your child's Epic account to help you create a safer environment for your child. The controls allow you to:

- disable voice chat
- filter language
- manage which experiences your child can access based on their age
- set a PIN to add friends
- set a PIN for purchases
- set time limits
- set appropriate privacy settings.

**Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on.**

### Reporting/Blocking Features

As always, ensure your child knows how to use the reporting and blocking features and that they know they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

### Further information

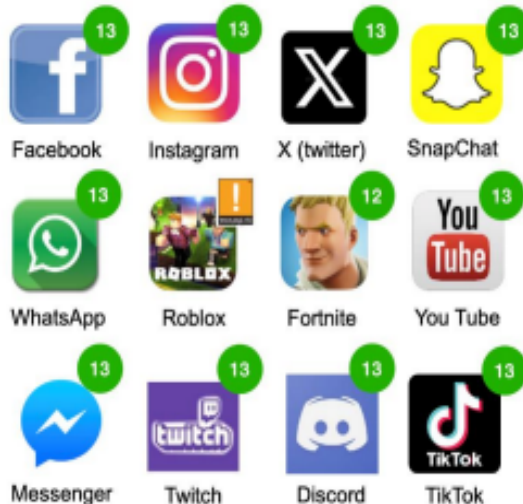
You can find out more here:

- <https://safety.epicgames.com/en-US/parental-controls>
- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/fortnite>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into.  
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# Get to know age ratings

Age ratings exist to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing.



Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online or using social media – make sure you check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. In addition, the likes of PEGI (Pan European Game Information) provide further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might view e.g. violence or bad language.

## What else should I review?

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also important to review the content yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it would be beneficial to apply further parental controls. For example, does it include the ability to communicate with others and are in game/app purchases available?

## What else can I do?

- Explain the importance of age ratings to your child and how they protect them.
- Go online together to see what your child is accessing.
- Set up parental controls on your broadband, devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This will reduce the chances of them accessing or viewing anything unsuitable.
- Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and as always, remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

## Further information

You can find out more here:

<https://eegamesmart.co.uk/articles/how-age-ratings-help-families/>

## Smartphone Free Childhood



Smartphone Free Childhood is a parent-led movement whose mission is to protect children from the dangers of using smartphones too young.

The premise behind this movement is that all parents/carers of a class all agree not to give their children smartphones (therefore the level of peer pressure is reduced) for a set time or until a specific age. Are you ready to join? Find out more here:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk>

## Digital differences between men and women revealed

Ofcom have released their annual report into our daily habits. The findings show that women and teenage girls are more worried about online harms. You can read the full report here:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/media-use-and-attitudes/online-habits/digital-differences-between-men-and-women-revealed/>

## X (Twitter) Checklist

You should be at least 13 years of age to have a Twitter account. The SWGfL have created a free Privacy and Security checklist for you to download. The resource is available here:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/introducing-the-x-checklist-keeping-your-profile-under-control/>



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It is estimated that three children in every average-size classroom in the UK has a mental health issue, including anxiety, depression, and low self-esteem.

From childhood upwards, we all need to have self-confidence and emotional intelligence to convey our thoughts and feelings, express our opinions politely and confidently, to have a voice in the classroom or workplace, and know how to establish positive relationships with other people. These life skills give us the freedom to develop to our full potential and have self-confidence in our own abilities.

In 1979, Helen O'Grady, a trained teacher and actress, recognised the benefits of drama and role-play in building self-confidence, developing communication skills and encouraging social interaction. 44 years later, the international Drama Kids academy is still delivering this vision around the globe through an expertly structured and professionally written drama curriculum.

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- \* Develop skills in verbal communication and social interaction
- \* Build ongoing confidence and self-esteem
- \* Encourage enthusiasm, energy and a positive approach to life

**CONTACT US**

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