



SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING 7TH FEBRUARY 2025

I spent a lovely morning yesterday, visiting each class for their English lesson. I was so pleased to see how well engaged each class was in their learning and what amazing writing was being produced as a result. From our polar bear experts in Reception and Year 1, to Year 2 who, after becoming owl experts, were enjoying the story of Plop! Then into Year 3, who were writing a fabulous story inspired by The Iron Man, Year 4 who were writing a nail-biting dilemma story, Year 5 who were writing from the perspective of aliens and Year 6 who were using some fantastic descriptive language - well done everyone!

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming visitors into school for our open morning on Tuesday between 9.30-11.30am. Our Year 6 children will be thrilled to give you a tour of school if you are able to make it! The children will be learning all about staying safe online as it is Safer Internet Day.

Finally, to round off the half term, we are looking forward to our sponsored dance-athon! Don't forget to get kitted out in your favourite dancing gear, ready to have lots of fun and raise some funds for our School Council's latest project.

Have a lovely weekend

SCHOOL CAR PARK

A reminder that from Monday, parents and carers will only be able to access the school car park if they have a blue badge and have contacted Mrs Price to be added to the list. This is to help us keep our children safe.

DANCE-ATHON SPONSOR MONEY

Please send in any sponsor money for the dance-athon as soon as possible. Each child who brings in some sponsorship will be awarded a prize.

WHOLE SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE:

93.76%

LUNCHES: W/C 10/02/25

WEEK 2 Autumn/Winter Menu



'Learning, believing and growing together.'

Year 4's Pop-Up Shop

Don't forget to call into Year 4's Pop Up Shop on Wednesday 12th February in the hall from 3.30pm—4.15pm.

Year 1 will be selling crafts on Friday 28th February.

Year 3 will be selling keyrings on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st March.

Invasion Games Festival

Well done to all the children who went along to last night's invasion games festival and represented school - fantastic team work!

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

This year, we will be putting on afternoon tea to celebrate Mother's Day on Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th March from 2.30pm. Tickets will go on sale from the office next Wednesday and will be priced at £3 per adult. This will include tea or coffee and a selection of cakes. All mums, grandmas and other family members are very welcome to buy a ticket and come along and enjoy some treats with their child(ren). Tickets must be purchased in advance to attend and will be limited.



Reception Stall

Thank you to everyone who bought candy floss or popcorn at Reception's stall last week! They raised over £50 towards our fund raising efforts!



A special thank you to Mr McDonell for kindly allowing us to use his candy floss machine !!





CELEBRATIONS!!

THIS WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS

		
RECEPTION	Daisy	Ava
YEAR 1	Hattie	Archie-Jay
YEAR 2	Kyrah	Jack
YEAR 3	Abigail	Sam
YEAR 4	Sophia	Emily
YEAR 5	Don	Yusuf
YEAR 6	Charley-Mae	Zoya

Focus Value of the term

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

HOUSE POINTS



OAK

1695



CHERRY BLOSSOM

1450



BIRCH

1606



CEDAR

1498



OPEN DAY

**TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2025
9.30AM-11.30AM**

**CALL IN ANYTIME DURING THIS SESSION
TO TAKE A TOUR OF OUR SCHOOL, MEET
OUR STAFF AND CHILDREN AND SEE OUR
EXCITING CURRICULUM IN ACTION.**

Buckshaw's Danceathon

FRIDAY
14TH FEBRUARY



**Together, Buckshaw will
dance all day!**

**A PRIZE FOR EVERYONE WHO BRINGS
IN SOME SPONSOR MONEY!**

**NON-UNIFORM DAY - CLOTHES SUITABLE FOR
DANCING!**



UP AND COMING THEMED LUNCHES

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
Wednesday 12th February	Year 4 Pop Up Pre-Loved Shop Sale
Friday 14th February	School Dance-A-Thon School Closes for half term break
Thursday 20th & Friday 21st	Year 3 selling Keyrings
Monday 24th February	School re-opens Blackpool Tower Trip
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
Friday 28th February	Year 1 Crafts Sale
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)
Tuesday 25th March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea from 2.30pm
Thursday 27th March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea from 2.30pm





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 29th March	Inter Schools Cross Country in Astley Park
Wednesday 2nd April	Year 4 Trip to Liverpool Museum
Thursday 3rd April	Family Bingo Night 6.00pm
Friday 4th April	Easter Celebration Day End of Term School Closes
Tuesday 22nd April	School Re-Opens
Thursday 24th April	Photographer in school



MULTI-SPORTS PROGRAMME

FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CLUB



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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



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



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- ✓ **Airtrack**
- ✓ **Football**
- ✓ **Rugby**
- ✓ **Dodgeball**
- ✓ **Talent Show Performances**
- ✓ **Tennis**
- ✓ **Basketball**
- ✓ **Arts & Crafts**
- ✓ **Baking**

To secure your child's place, book online at www.qualitysport.co.uk



PRICES

Full Day (8:30am-5:30pm)	£28
Activity Day (10am-4pm)	£22
Activity Day & Breakfast Club (8:30am-4pm)	£26
Activity Day & Chill Out Club (10am-5:30pm)	£26

We offer sibling discount which is automatically applied when booking. We accept child care vouchers & tax free childcare. Receipts can also be provided to claim fees back through universal credit too.

We have a convenient online booking system where parents can have access 24/7 and pay by card or childcare vouchers. To pay by childcare vouchers, simply click 'pay by childcare vouchers' on check out then a member of staff will be in touch to arrange payment with your relevant voucher company.



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- ✓ Drama
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- ✓ Dance
- ✓ Games

**17th - 20th Feb
8am - 4pm**

School Year
3-6
(age 7-11)

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Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.

These are 6 week courses, full time, intensive courses, with online guided learning sessions within school hours.

If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.





FIRST KICK HOLIDAY CLUB



Southlands Secondary School,
Clover Road, Chorley PR7 2NJ

MONDAY 17th FEB - FRIDAY 21st FEB

FOOTBALL CAMP

Football Development Sessions
Penalty Shootouts & Tournaments
NERF Wars
Bouncy Castles & Fifa Tournaments

MULTI-SPORT CAMP

Dodgeball
Cricket
Sports Day
Dance & Gymnastics
Hockey
Netball
& many more...

BOOK THE FULL WEEK FOR JUST £80!

We are pleased to announce that we are offering our February Holiday club for just £80 for the full week. Single day prices are also available at £18 and any three days in the week are just £50.

DROP OFF
8:00am - 9:30am
PICK UP
4:00pm - 5:00pm

1 day - £18
2 days - £36
3 days - £50
4 days - £68
Full week - £80
10% sibling discount

Government Tax-Free Childcare scheme
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View more on our social media:

Facebook: First Kick Football
Instagram: firstkickfootball_



Each day medals and trophies are awarded for good teamwork, best attitude, hard work and star player.

Additional Activities: Bouncy Castles, Slides, Dodgeball, Football, Penalty Shootouts, Mini Tournaments, Jenga, XBOX FIFA, WII MARIO KART, Badminton, Toys, Lego, Hockey, Netball, Rugby, Basketball, Parachute Games, Hula Hoops, Multi-Skills Activities, Sports Day, Colouring, Street Dance and Rainy Day Activities.



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GIRLS! Want to try Rugby League?

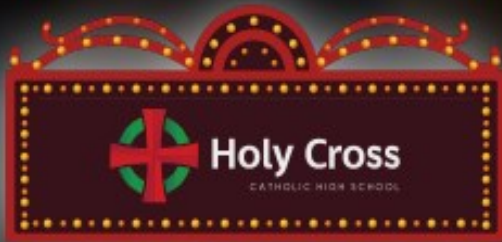
We at Chorley Panthers are hosting open training sessions for school years 5, 6, 7 & 8. Our club along with support from the RFL & various Womens Super League teams are looking to promote girls rugby league in our local area.

Spread the word because the Pink Panthers are back!

Our first session is Saturday 15th February 10:00-11:00 @ Panther Park

If you're interested, or have any more questions please email play-for-us@chorley-panthers.co.uk for more details





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Online Safety Newsletter

Feb 2025

Messaging others

There are many ways in which our children can communicate online, for example via messaging apps, social media apps and online games such as FIFA and Fortnite. We need to understand how and who our children our communicating with to keep them safe online.

Ensure your child knows to talk to a trusted adult should they need to. However, remind them that it is not appropriate to contact teachers online, they should only use official school communication methods.

What are the risks?

- Bullying and inappropriate chat.
- Contact from strangers.
- Sharing personal information including images.
- Sextortion - this is a form of extortion where somebody threatens to share a nude/sexual image of you.

How can I mitigate the risks?

- Ensure your child is accessing age-appropriate apps/games and that appropriate parental controls are set up.
- Chat to your child about the risks so they are aware of what can happen online.
- Depending on the age of your child, it may be more appropriate for devices to be used in family rooms so you can monitor what they are doing.

Further information

- <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/Concerned-about-your-child/Online-contact-and-staying-safe/>
- <https://www.brightcanary.io/what-to-do-when-your-child-sends-inappropriate-texts/>

Squid Game – rated 15+

Season 2 of Netflix's Squid Game is now available and has been **rated 15** by the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC). You can find out why Squid Game has been rated 15 by visiting the BBFC:

<https://www.bbfc.co.uk/release/squid-game-q29sbgevidglvbipwwc01mzm3ndg>.

Due to its popularity, Squid Game related content can be found on numerous other platforms such as YouTube, TikTok and Roblox, so your child may come across this show without even viewing it on Netflix. Content may range from trailers of the show or content that other people create such as memes and games.

What can I do?

- **Parental Controls** - Set up appropriate parental controls on your broadband, devices and on individual apps to reduce access to content that is not appropriate for their age.
- **Talk** - Chat to your child about age ratings and why this means certain programmes are not suitable for them to watch.
- **Individual Profiles** - Set up child profiles on any streaming services to ensure your child is only viewing content appropriate to them.
- **Reporting** - Make sure your child knows how to report and block on all platforms that they use.
- **Explore** - Watch and explore things online together so you can see what your child is doing and how to support them.

More information:

It is important to talk to your child regularly about what they are watching and ensure that they know they should always tell you or another trusted adult if they do see anything upsetting. You can find out more about the type of inappropriate content your child might come across online here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/inappropriate-content/learn-about-it/>

Should children have mobile phones?

The Children's Society explore this important question in their recent blog titled "Should children have mobile phones?" The article discusses concerns such as excessive screentime being linked with mental health issues as well as the benefits of a child friendly phone rather than a smart phone. You can read the full article here:

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do/blogs/should-children-have-mobile-phones>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into.
Current as of the date released 01.02.25.

Snapchat

What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is a social media app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. **You must be 13+ to sign up.** Users can send messages (snaps) to others that are only seen for a set time e.g., 10 seconds and users can also upload snaps to stories, which disappear after 24 hours.



Key Concerns

There are potential risks to using Snapchat, including:

- the risk of your child viewing content that is not appropriate for their age.
- location sharing (via Snap Map) (this can be switched off).
- cyberbullying.
- contact from strangers.
- excessive screen time.

Family Centre features

Snapchat's Family Centre is a set of parental controls and includes tools such as allowing you to:

- see who your child is friends with.
- see who your child has sent messages (not the contents of conversations though), photos or videos to in the last week.
- view a list of group members for groups that your child has been active in.
- restrict content to limit access.
- report any accounts that you are concerned about.

You can learn more about Family Centre here:

<https://parents.snapchat.com/parental-controls?lang=en-GB>

Safety tips

Please make sure the appropriate privacy settings are set up on Snapchat, including who can see their location and also ensure your child knows how to block and report other users if necessary:

- <https://help.snapchat.com/hc/en-gb/articles/7012343074580-How-do-I-change-my-privacy-settings-on-Snapchat>

More information

For more detailed advice and information:

- <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do/blogs/the-risks-snapchat-poses-to-children>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/snapchat/>

Do you need help managing your child's device?

You can use Google Family Link or Apple Family Sharing to help you depending on your child's device.

Google Family Link

This is a free parental control app from Google that lets you:

- View activity reports showing how long they spend on each app.
- Approve or block new app downloads.
- Set screen time limits.
- Find their location.

You will need to download an app and then decide appropriate settings.

<https://families.google/familylink/>

Apple Family Sharing

You can set up Family Sharing in the settings of your device. Family Sharing allows you to:

- Share Apple subscriptions and purchases from the App Store.
- Approve what children purchase/download.
- Limit screen time.
- Share locations and find devices.

<https://www.apple.com/uk/family-sharing/>

Monitoring Apps (paid for)

In addition, there are apps that you can pay for that you may find provides a better solution for you. Whilst we cannot recommend/endorse a specific product, these are some examples that you could review and test using a free trial:

- Norton Family: <https://uk.norton.com/products/norton-family>
- Qustodio: <https://www.qustodio.com/en/>
- Family Time: <https://familytime.io/>