



Buckshaw Primary School and Nursery

Headteacher: Mrs S Price

SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING 7TH MARCH 2025

The children looked amazing for yesterday's World Book Day! Thank you to all our families for their efforts and to those who attended the open sessions.

Our team were extremely proud of all the Year 6 children that visited the Anderton Centre earlier this week for their residential trip. They all had a fantastic time sailing, paddle boarding, kayaking, tree climbing, orienteering and sleeping over with their friends. They showed our school values in abundance and we were delighted to be complimented by the staff at the centre on their behaviour and manners.

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming an artist into school who will be creating a woodland mural in our new library area. This will incorporate lots of the designs brought in by the children. We can't wait to see the finished effect!

Have a great weekend
Mrs Price



Football Competition

Well done to our girls' football team who joined an event at Westway this morning! Wonderful team spirit and lots of fun was had by all as you can see in the photo!



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

94.03%

TARGET 96%

LUNCHES: W/C 10/03/25

WEEK 3 Autumn/Winter Menu



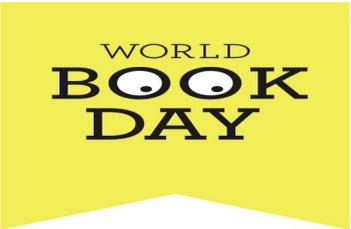
'Learning, believing and growing together.'

Our amazing Year 6 pupils in action at The Anderton Centre !





The children had great fun on Thursday, World Book Day. There were some amazing character costumes. Thank you to the parents who came along also and joined in with the booked themed activities.



VIP Visit to Chorley FC

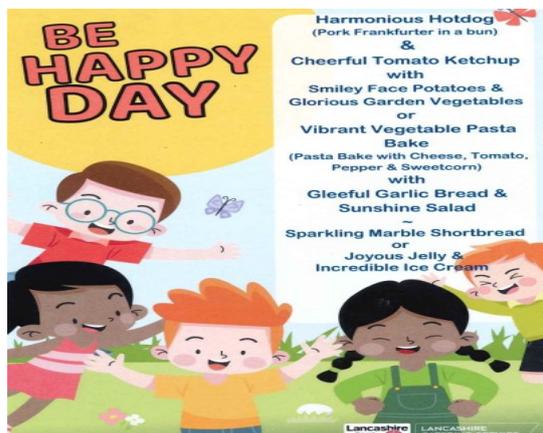
On Saturday 22nd March, we have been invited to take 20 children along to the Chorley FC match. Children are invited to go along before the match, meet the players in the dressing room, carry flags on the pitch before the game and form a guard of honour for the players as they come onto the pitch.

They will then watch the match and there may be photo opportunities with the players after the match. Children would need to be dropped at Victory Park at 1.00pm and collected at 5pm.

Parents are able to buy tickets for the match if they would like, so that they can see the children taking part. If your child would like to take part, please email Mrs Price head@buckshaw.lancs.sch.uk by Monday 10th March. We will then draw out 20 children and get in touch with parents to make the final arrangements.

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 are currently on sale from the office 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 places will be limited.



UP AND COMING THEMED LUNCHES

Be Happy Day 20th March 2025

Easter Lunch 2nd April 2025





CELEBRATIONS!!

THIS WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS

		
RECEPTION	Hunter	Alanza
YEAR 1	Josh	Hallie
YEAR 2	Benjamin	Toby
YEAR 3	James J	Georgia
YEAR 4	Joseph	Josh
YEAR 5	Nooh	Archie

Focus Value of the term

Our focus value is **Courage** - we show courage in the face of a challenge

HOUSE POINTS



OAK

440



CHERRY BLOSSOM

603



BIRCH

600



CEDAR

659



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 22nd March	Buckshaw Primary School guests at Chorley Football Club
Tuesday 25th March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea from 2.30pm
Thursday 27th March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea from 2.30pm
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





Online Safety Newsletter

March 2025

The impact of smartphones



There is a growing concern on how excessive use of smartphones can affect our children.

In addition to the effects of seeing inappropriate content online, the risk of cyberbullying and grooming, it is important that we also highlight the effects of smartphone use on our children's mental health.

If your child is using a smartphone then please try to ensure they maintain a healthy screentime limit.

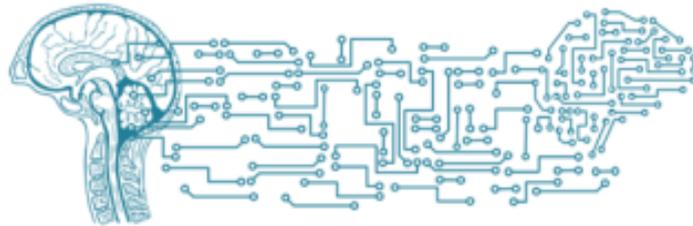
According to King's College London, "two new studies of smartphone habits in teenagers have identified links between problematic smartphone use and depression, anxiety and insomnia." You can read more about these studies here:

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/news/teens-with-problematic-smartphone-use-are-twice-as-likely-to-have-anxiety-and-many-are-eager-to-cut-down>

Compass have published an article as well on what effects mobile phones have on children here:

<https://www.compass-uk.org/services/compass-changing-lives/what-effects-do-mobile-phones-have-on-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health/>

Artificial Intelligence (AI)



What is AI?

AI is when a computer/machine can learn and perform tasks like a human. Its popularity continues to increase, and examples include:

- **Virtual assistants** like Alexa and Siri.
- **Chatbots** such as ChatGPT and My AI from Snapchat

Potential Risks of AI?

- **Chat apps** - A simple search of "AI Chat" within the App store highlights the number of apps already available and just scrolling through, you can see that they are not suitable for children with many rated as 17+.
- **Image manipulation** – there are AI tools that can be used to digitally remove clothes from photos, which clearly raises serious safeguarding and privacy concerns.
- **Deepfakes** – there are also AI tools that create realistic, fake videos which can be used to spread misinformation or cause harm.

Child Rescue Coalition discuss the dangers in more detail here:

<https://childrescuecoalition.org/educations/the-dark-side-of-ai-risks-to-children/>

How can I protect my child?

As always, to keep your child safe online, it is important to:

- Develop your child's digital literacy by highlighting the risks of AI and showing them how important it is to verify what they see online.
- Set up appropriate parental controls on their devices/ broadband.
- Chat to your child regularly and ensure your child knows that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

Further information

For further information, the NSPCC and Internet Matters provide useful guides on their websites:

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2025/artificial-intelligence-safety-tips-for-parents>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/parent-guide-to-artificial-intelligence-ai-tools/>

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TikTok

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok. TikTok is a social media platform for sharing and watching short video clips. Some of the videos may not be appropriate for your child to view and there is also the risk of strangers contacting your child. If your child is using TikTok then make sure appropriate security/privacy settings are applied.



Account set up

It is important that when setting up an account, your child enters their real date of birth as accounts are tailored by age e.g., Direct Messaging is disabled for accounts aged 13-15. In addition, advertisements are tailored by age. By default, accounts for people under 16 are set to private and we would recommend keeping it as this. This means your child must approve follower requests. You can read more about the other settings available, such as switching off comments and restricted mode here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings/privacy-and-safety-settings-for-users-under-age-18>

Family Pairing

This allows you to link your own account to your child's account. You can then set controls such as restricted mode. You can find out more here:

<https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/account-and-user-safety/family-pairing>

Inappropriate content, themes and challenges on TikTok

Whilst against TikTok's guidelines, explicit and inappropriate content can be found on this platform, for example nudity/sexual content and hate speech. Some of the songs available to lip sync to may contain inappropriate lyrics or adult themes. We often see viral challenges on social media, some of which can be dangerous. If your child is using TikTok, chat to them regularly about what they are viewing.

Stranger contact

Talk to your child about who is following them online and ensure that they understand that people may not be who they say they are when online. It is important that children understand not to share personal information.

Refresh your feed

You can refresh your "For You" feed to update the content recommended:

<https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings/refresh-your-for-you-feed>

Blocking and Reporting

Ensure your child knows how to use the safety features available to them, including how to report comments, direct messages and another user.

Further information

- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok>
- <https://safeguarding.thekeysupport.com/factsheets-and-briefings/child-safety-tiktok-parent-factsheet/>

Talk PANTS with the NSPCC

Talk PANTS was developed to help you have conversations with your child to help them understand that their body belongs to them.

You can find out more here as well as a further link to helpful questions:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

LEGO Arcade

Are you looking for games for your child to play online? LEGO have a selection of fun games including Lego Ninjago and Lego Friends:

<https://kids.lego.com/en-gb/arcade>

Stars Messenger App

The Stars Messenger App is rated as 4+ on the App store. It is a free messaging and video app designed for children to use. Users need their friend's username as well as their unique private Friend Code to add each other. There is also an optional Parent View available for a monthly charge.

South West Grid for Learning provide a full guide to staying safe on this app as well as safety considerations:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/a-guide-to-staying-safe-with-the-stars-messaging-app/>



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Tuesday 8th April

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