



NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 2026

MESSAGE FROM MRS PRICE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the families that joined us for afternoon tea this week. It was lovely to see you enjoying time together and of course the cake!

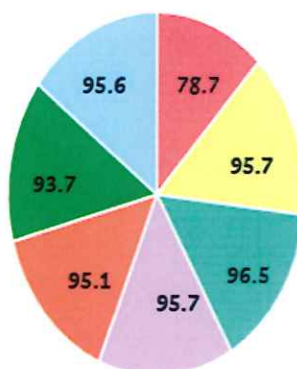
Next week our book fair is arriving. We hope that you will call in and browse the books - there is always a great selection and each book that is bought at the fair earns us some commission that we can spend on new books for school.

Have a great weekend.
Mrs Price

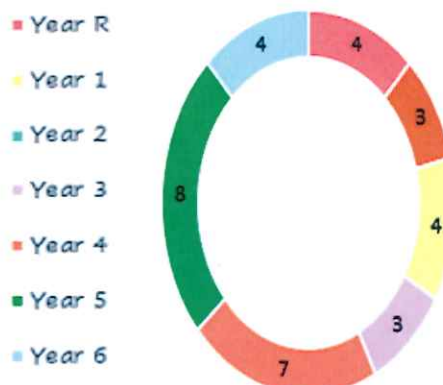
ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE AND LATES OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK IS 95.1%

This weeks attendance winners are Reception
Well done to everyone in Reception, you collectively made 100% attendance this week.





Percentage Attendance



Number of Children Late



THIS TERM'S HOUSE POINTS

	BIRCH 667
	CHERRY BLOSSOM 746
	CEDAR 755
	OAK 665

STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception Ava
Year 1 Lauren
Year 2 Poppi-Rose
Year 3 Ariana
Year 4 Alex
Year 5 Tyler
Year 6 Ava

ACTIVE LEARNER

Reception Alfie
Year 1 Ava F
Year 2 Oscar
Year 3 Zach
Year 4 Winter
Year 5 Harper
Year 6 Oscar

Next Friday we are having a non-uniform day in exchange for donations to our Easter Bingo prize haul! Please send in anything chocolatey to go into one of our prize hampers. Thank you.

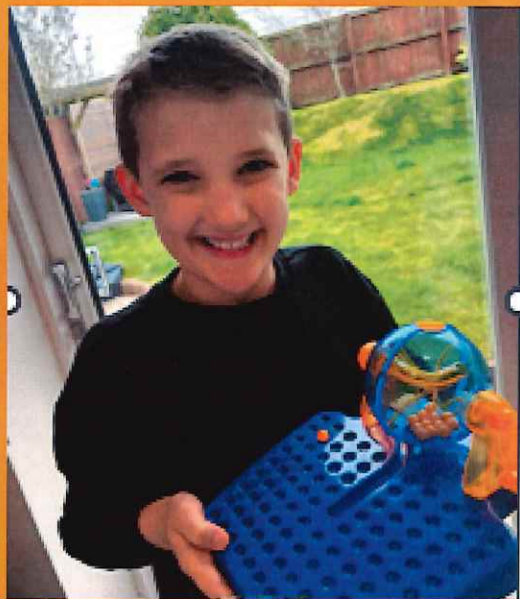
Tickets are available from Monday for our family bingo night on Thursday 26th March. This is always a fun night and we hope to see lots of you there. Please note that numbers are limited, so please get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you so much to the 62 families that returned our parent questionnaire a few weeks ago. We have shared a summary of the responses and our next steps at the end of this letter.

£20.26 Challenge

A huge well done to Joshua in Year 5, Marnie in Year 4 and Amelia in Year 3 who have brought in their hard earned money for the £20.26 challenge. If your child is working on this, we would love to hear about it!



Buckshaw had a visit from local poet Louise Fazackerley on Thursday. She led the children in a whole-school performance poem and worked with our Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 classes throughout the day on the subject of 'Everyday Superheroes'. All of the children have been invited to perform their poems in public at 'What's Your Story, Chorley?' on Saturday 21st March. Further details will be sent home in a letter today.

It has been lovely seeing some of the children enjoying Mother's Day afternoon tea with their mums

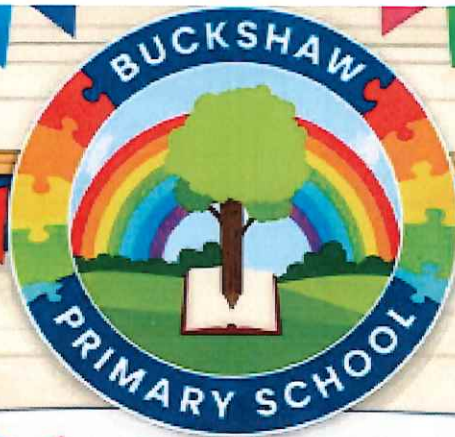


Dates for your diary!

Tuesday 17th March	Reception Parent Reading Workshop 2.15pm
Tuesday 17th March	Year 2 trip to Fairhaven
Friday 20th March	Non uniform day in exchange for Chocolate Bingo prizes
Monday 23rd March	Celebration day for Eid
Wednesday 25th March	Year 3 and 4 Show at 2.00pm
Thursday 26th March	Year 3 and 4 Show at 9.30am
Thursday 26th March	Easter Bingo 6.00pm
Friday 27th March	Celebration day for Easter School Closes to Easter
Monday 13th April	School Re-Opens
w/c 11th May	SATs Week
Friday 15th May	Junior Runner event for all children


Dates for your diary!

Wednesday 20th May	Sports Day Year 3-6 A.M Reception - Year 2 P.M with a family picnic over lunchtime
Wednesday 10th June	Lancashire Sings for Year 4
Friday 19th June	Father's Day Breakfast
Thursday 2nd July	Summer Fair
Tuesday 14th July	Year 6 show at 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 16th July	Year 6 Awards Night at 6.00pm



£20.26 CHALLENGE!

Can you and your family raise **£20.26** to help us create our **NEW SENSORY ROOM?**

Every pound you raise will help make a calm, safe and supportive space for everyone to enjoy! 

Need some ideas?



Car Washing



Helping with Chores

Gardening Jobs



Bake Sale



Craft Sale



Dog Walking



★ Games Afternoon

Or anything else you can think of to raise some money!



Be creative.



Have fun.



Make a difference.

Let's work together to reach our goal! 

Thank you for your support!

Join us for our egg-citing

Easter Bingo Night

Thursday 26th March
2026 @ 6pm

£3.00 per ticket

Includes one book

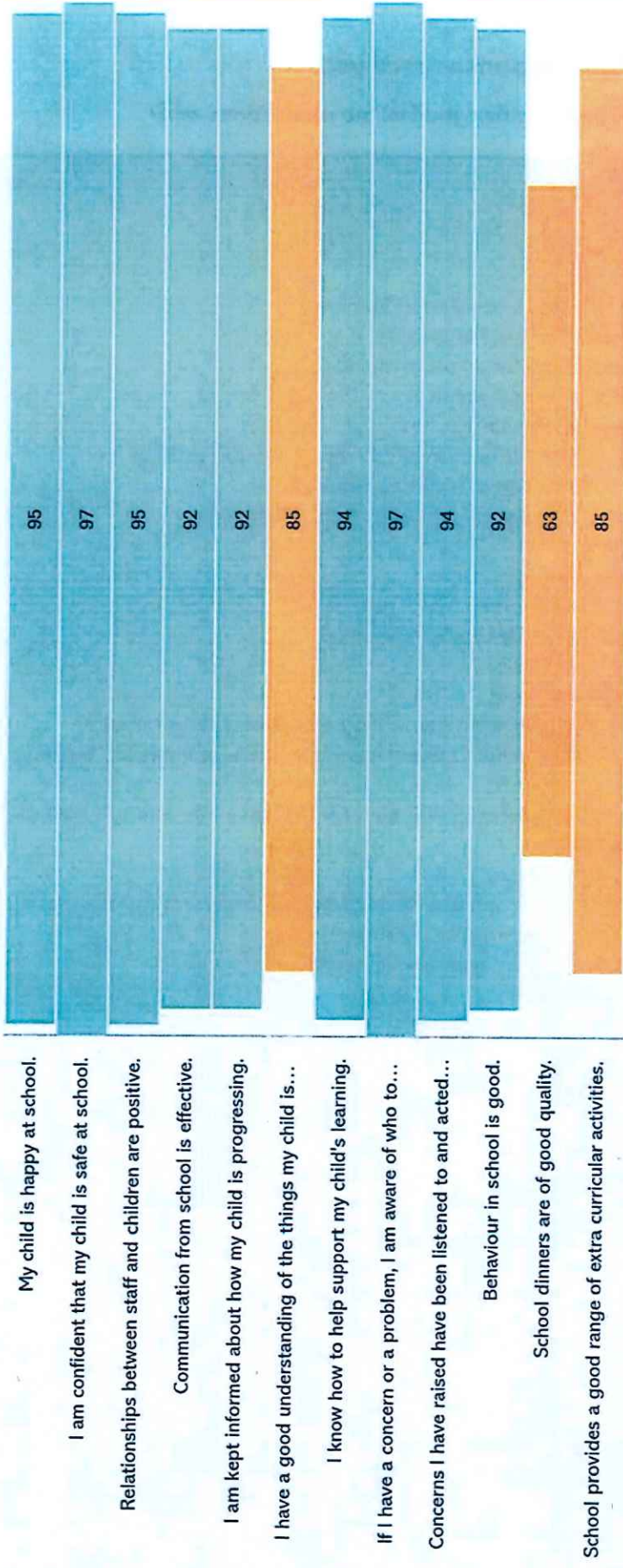
(extra books available to buy on the night)

Snacks, drinks and dabbers
available to purchase on
the night

Limited spaces - Please purchase your
tickets from the school office
Dabbers available to buy for £1



Parent Questionnaire Feedback March 2026 (Scores indicated by % of parents who selected agree)



Details of the free text responses received

Could you give details of anything that you feel our school does well?

- Inclusion
- Individuality
- caring for every single child with respect and fairness
- celebrating the children and their achievements
- providing opportunities for families to get involved
- communication with parents is very good
- always good support from all the staff
- parent engagement – the chance to get involved and come into school
- having 'fun days' such as celebrations for Eid, Diwali etc
- truly compassionate and inclusive – every child really does matter
- good variety of events organised
- approachable staff
- strong school values
- lovely fund-raising activities and active School Council
- great at fostering a love of reading
- a warm and welcoming atmosphere
- I love the way staff man the gates in the morning and we are always greeted
- I love hearing the music before school sometimes – it gives a really good feeling about school.
- encouraging children to celebrate who they are and that they are 'enough' just as they are
- educational school trips
- monthly challenges are a great idea
- communication all being through one app is much easier to keep up to date with
- so many opportunities for parents getting involved
- celebrating children's achievements in and out of school
- extra curricular activities and events
- very good extra curricular activities and trips
- very supportive when the children have issues or concerns
- all the extra activities for children
- teachers are very responsive on dojo and have been approachable/listened to any concerns that have been raised
- it's nice to see the teachers around school at drop off/pick up
- communication
- we feel comfortable coming to you with any questions or concerns
- the fun stuff – letting the children be children
- engaging with parents and inviting us in – I feel part of school
- little awards, notes home and visits to the headteacher for positives
- a welcoming place
- teaching kindness and accountability
- communication with parents about plans for the school year – most events have lots of notice
- good range of learning and community support with all the activities and fundraising events
- caring for the children, supporting their needs and communicating effectively
- great all round support
- communication from teachers and headteacher
- the building is looking much better aesthetically

- parents are invited into school for events which is a lovely opportunity for me to see my children in the school environment
- the school has a lovely sense of community
- I am really impressed with all the activities for children
- putting the children first and celebrating effort regardless of outcome
- communication – we are kept up to date and well informed
- inclusivity
- welcoming – staff are easily approachable and available
- good relationships between staff and pupils
- encouraging all children to shine
- overall communication is good
- staff are always lovely, receptive and supportive
- my child is happy and learning lots
- I like that there have been a wider range of clubs this year. My children have enjoyed the ones they have attended.
- communication is great
- parent involvement – activities/inviting parents in is fantastic
- confident early years team
- a good range of extra curricular activities at affordable prices
- additional support
- all the staff are professional and approachable
- school is a positive hub

Do you have any ideas or suggestions for things we could improve, or new things to consider?

- classes for parents e.g. strategies for behaviour management
- look into better lighting outside the school entrance
- more sports opportunities for the children e.g. engagement from local football teams
- more sensory/nurture provision
- additional after school activities
- a secure login for parents on the website
- a quiet outdoor space for children who want downtime without being inside a classroom
- a friendship garden
- a PTA? A Lot falls on the staff to organize.
- extra SEN training would be beneficial for the staff and children
- it would be great to have more information on topics that will be covered so that we can support more at home
- a little more notice of some events would be helpful so we can book leave from work
- breakfast club to open earlier for parents who start work at 8am
- If I know what my child will be learning during the week, I can prepare to help at home
- sometimes events like non-uniform days can be a little last minute
- range of events for the children
- give parents more notice of events as some parents need to notify workplace
- less dojos!
- a better range of sports teams
- bring back the mile run!

Is there anything else you would like to add?

- My children LOVE the school environment. They come home every day talking about the things they have learned and experienced.
- A massive thanks to the ladies in the office who always get things sorted quickly.
- The school operates as a well-oiled machine. You should know what a difference you ALL make.
- Our child really enjoys school and comes home with lots to tell us.
- I think the school has progressed brilliantly over recent years and the effort from all staff really shows.
- we love the values and feel of the school
- a lovely school with a real community feel to it
- our son is happy and confident. He is learning and has great friendships – we couldn't be happier.
- there is always a great range of activities going on.
- communication is good and we can always get in touch if needed.
- teachers have done a great job of building our daughter's confidence and encouraging her to love to learn
- treating all children as individuals
- calm, caring and inclusive environment
- staff who really care and are great at their jobs
- I love the themes! I felt inspired after attending an assembly!
- the weekly class updates on Dojo are a really good idea
- the optional homework strikes a really good balance.
- we really appreciate all the hard-working staff
- we really appreciate all the help and support the school has given our children
- overall we are very happy with the school. The staff are all lovely and approachable and the kids are happy.
- we really appreciate the weekly note from the class teacher
- my child looks forward to attending every day
- every member of staff is an absolute star; very welcoming and kind. Thank you for your amazing work.
- I think Buckshaw is a fantastic school with amazing teaching staff
- I enjoy the weekly dojo updates to find out what they have been learning and how learning can be supported at home
- Thank you for looking after my daughter and making her feel happy and supported
- the staff are amazing and all so lovely. My son is so happy and coming on amazingly.

Next Steps

Following on from the feedback, we will be implementing the following:

Communication

As previously stated, all communications from school will now go through Dojo. However, we acknowledge that between posts from classes (which may be for more than one child) and whole school posts, there are a lot of messages coming through.

Teachers will continue to post a weekly message on their class pages each Friday which will always include:

- key learning from the week
- an optional challenge which can be completed at home
 - reminders of events coming up the following week

This will mean less whole school reminders, but we do ask that you keep up to date with the weekly updates from class, and our weekly newsletter, both issued on Fridays.

Advanced Notice of Dates

We try really hard to plan dates of events in advance. There is always a page at the end of the weekly newsletter which includes all planned dates. We have now updated this with as many things as possible until the end of the school year. This includes events such as sports day so that parents can book this in advance. Please understand that we may sometimes need to make changes to these things for example due to the weather, but we will stick to agreed dates wherever possible.

Supporting your Child's Learning

Following on from a number of parents responding that they would like more information/detail on what their child is learning, we will now send out a class curriculum overview at the beginning of each half term. Please look out for the first one of these straight after the Easter break.

School Dinners

We would like to find out a little bit more about the thoughts of parents and children on school dinners. The School Council are going to carry out some questionnaires and discussions with all children and we will be sending home a further questionnaire to parents, specifically about dinners so that we can try to ensure the best possible quality. Watch this space!