



Newsletter – WC 2nd March 2026

Inspiring success through learning, community and faith.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me

- Philippians 4:13

The words of Jesus: Our Christian Value this week is Compassion

PTA Events

Mothers' Day secret shop- Friday 13th March
Easter Bingo – Tuesday 24th March

Parents Meetings

Parents meetings will be held WC 23.03.26.
Your child will be bringing a letter home today. Please do sign up for an appointment.
Bitterns – Tuesday 25th March
Harriers – Wednesday 26th March
Curlews – Wednesday 26th March

Pathways to ADHD and ASC

We have been informed that we cannot complete any more referrals for ADHD and ASC assessment at this time. Please see the information on the NHS website - [Statement regarding referrals for autism spectrum disorder \(ASD\) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder \(ADHD\) :: Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust](#)

Lunchtime Legends

Our 'Lunchtime Legends' this week are...
Harry M, Eddie, Caspian, Georgia, Noah. Super eating, super manners, super children!

Uniform and Lost Property

Please can we remind families that school uniform is black shoes or ankle boots (no other colours). Laces should be plain black. PE and Active wear is plain blue round neck t-shirt and plain royal blue shorts Black pumps/plimsolls or trainers. In the colder months it is important that the children are dressed appropriately for outdoor PE.

Children may bring a sweatshirt and tracksuit/jogging bottoms that can then be worn OVER the normal PE uniform .
Please can everyone spend some time over this weekend to ensure all items are named. We still have lots of lost property. If you are missing any items please come to the front office and have a look through the basket.

Next Week...

09.03.26 – Financial advisor in school
10.03.26 – Speech and Language therapist in school
11.03.26 – Dallam Cross Country (selected children)
12.03.26 – Cricket day in school
12.03.26 – Group 4 farm visit
13.03.26 – Spring day in school with Ruth, Melanie, Jane and Helen
13.03.26 – Mothers Day secret shop
Please don't forget to check the [online calendar](#) for future events

Mothers' Day cuppa

There will be coffee and cake for our mums on Friday 13th March, straight after worship. School Council will be waiting on our mums, aunts, grandmas, or any 'motherlike' figures. If any dads would like to help, then please see Miss Sanderson

Outdoor Ed week

We had an amazing four days at Borwick. Nursery, reception, Year 1 and Year 2 climbed, caved, made stickmen and hunted for bears. They also had some lovely marshmallows sat around the firepit.

Year 3/4 completed the low ropes course, climbed trees and went canoeing. They LOVED caving in Yorkshire. They also partied hard as we celebrated birthdays! Thanks to Angela for making a VERY delicious cake! What amazingly resilient children we have when it comes to having new experiences. So brave too!

Lunches

Week 1 WC 09.03.26



Mothers' Day Secret Shop

We need lots of lovely gifts for your secret shop. Smellies, choccies, scarves, alcohol! Our mums deserve the very best, as the children say thank you for being marvellous. Please bring any items and leave at the office by Thursday 12th March.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 32.7% enjoying it in 2025. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

1 VALUE ALL READING

When we think about reading, it's very easy to picture a young person reading a fictional novel; however, reading is so much more than this. To help them understand, why not show them how to create a 24-hour reading diary? Jot down all reading and then discuss this with them. By doing this, you can demonstrate the many ways we turn to reading.



2 WIDEN THE SELECTION

Once we know reading can be varied, we need to think about the selection of reading material they can access. Visit a shop selling magazines, the library and a bookshop, and consider the range of material that is available within them. Then consider how you might broaden their reading choices, so all young people have access to a wide and varied selection.



3 GIFT A BOOK

One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Gifting a book adds value and shows it's something to be treasured. Whether it's as a reward or for a celebration like a birthday, let the young person choose a title or pick one you know they will enjoy. You could also include a personal note inside.



4 CONNECT WITH AUTHORS

Meeting authors can certainly spark an interest in their reading material. This might be through a live event in a school/bookshop or by using the wealth of online material that is now available. Encourage young people to look at ways to connect with authors using free resources such as Authorly and Just Imagine's Children's Authors Live.



5 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Access training about reading for pleasure to widen your understanding of this topic and, more importantly, how to develop it. Explore a wide range of free resources that can be found online. The more you know, the better placed you are to inspire a love of reading in others.



6 TALK BOOKS

There are times when we need silence to read and focus on our book; however, we know that reading is a social experience, so we must also factor in discussion time. Reading the same book gives two people a connection and the opportunity to voice their thoughts and questions about it. Why not buy two copies of a book and read it together? Start the connection.



7 RECOMMENDATIONS

As well as talking about the content of books, we can share what we are reading or have read recently. This can often act as a trigger for someone else to explore it. How often have you watched a film or series because someone else has recommended it? It's the same with books. If you know the young person well, you can tailor your recommendations and share why you think they'll enjoy it.



8 GO DIGITAL

With the rise in online digital material, we can easily focus on the negatives; however, it also brings a wealth of opportunities. Resources can aid and enhance the reading experience for young people. They can read along with audiobooks, translate, and track their reading goals with resources like PolyLino and apps like Goodreads for older children. Augmented reality books also bring books to life and offer a great way for engagement.



9 RECONNECT

There can come a time when a love of reading seems to disappear. It does not mean it's gone forever; it generally means they have lost the connection. How do we get it back? Find the next piece of reading material that sparks their current interests. The National Year of Reading focus of 'Go All In' captures this well as it is their key theme. As children grow and change, so do their interests. A visit to the local library is a great way to support the reconnection.



10 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, you send a strong message to children: reading matters. Share why you enjoy it. Is it to relax, escape the world, learn something new or to be entertained? When children see reading as a normal and valued part of everyday life, they are more likely to adopt it themselves.



Meet Our Expert

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Breakfast & After School Club

Safe, fun, and friendly care for your children before and after school!



Breakfast Club

7:45 AM – 8:45 AM

Enjoy a healthy breakfast, fun activities, and great start to your day!



After School Club

3:15 PM – 5:30 PM

Homework support, games, creative activities, and lots of fun with friends!



 Book Your Place Today!

Contact: 01524 701467

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- Experienced and caring staff
- Safe, welcoming environment
- Snacks and drinks provided

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STAY & PLAY



Our sessions are every Friday morning.
Term time
In our early years classroom.
09:00-10:30
All welcome



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