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*Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another  
to be the best we can be.*

6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents and Families,

### **The Sunday Gospel**



This Sunday's Gospel shows how the message of Jesus can change everything in the world. Jesus reminds us that we are not here only for ourselves - we're here for others: to improve the lives of those around us with love, care and goodness.

Whenever we perform an act of goodness, even the smallest good deed, it pleases God and sets an example for others to see and to follow.

Our mission statement says exactly this. "Following the example of Jesus, we learn, love and respect one another to be the best we can be." Talk to your child about how they can show their love for God through trying their best to grow in goodness. They might decide on a particular act of goodness to let their 'light shine' - to make life better for others.

### **Sacramental Program**

Letters have now been sent out which include all the dates for the preparation sessions and the dates for First Reconciliation (children and staff only) and First Holy Communion. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

### **Y6 Parent Meeting for SATs and Residential**

Thank you to all the parents and relatives who attended the meeting on Monday night. We hope you found it useful. PowerPoints have been shared for those who could not attend or for you to refer back to. More details will be provided in due course.

Thank you to Mr Duckworth and Mrs Russell for leading on this.



## National Storytelling week

This week was National Storytelling week. On Monday, the teachers each read a story to a different class. Mr Currid read to EYFS, Mr Duckworth read to Year 1&2, Mrs Russell read to Year 3&4, Mrs Whyman read to Year 4&5 and Miss Parkinson read to Year 6. The children and teachers enjoyed this so much and can't wait to do it again soon!





## Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair will take place after school today and also on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February from 3.20 pm - 4.00 pm - card payments only.

Children were given the opportunity to browse the books available on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

February.

Our lucky £5.00 prize winners are:

Thea ~ EYFS

Leo ~ Year 1 & 2

Seb ~ Year 3 & 4

Frank ~ Year 4 & 5

Elsie May ~ Year 6

Well done to all the children who completed a book review. Happy reading!



### **National Maths Competition**

On Wednesday, four of our Year 6 pupils took part in a national maths competition competing against 40 other schools in our heat. We came 11th in the heat and we have progressed to the semi-finals to be held in March. Well done Edgar, Una, Isabella and Roman!



# NSPCC Number Day 2026



Today we celebrated Number Day in school. We have played lots of fun games related to number and we had a special whole school assembly where we played games including 'Play your cards right' and bingo! Our Year 6 pupils even created their own number themed games to play with the EYFS pupils.





## Online Safety - Life Online

### **Navigating the Digital World Together**

The digital landscape is a huge part of our pupils' lives—it's where they learn, play, and connect. But we know that keeping up with the latest apps, games, and trends can feel like a full-time job.

To support our school community, we are launching a new regular feature called **Life Online**. Our goal is to provide you with practical tips, conversation starters, and simple strategies to help your children stay safe, happy, and balanced in the digital space.

We often wait until the teenage years to talk about big emotions and independence, but why wait for the 'storm' to start? I recently found a fantastic resource titled '**Help Your Teen,**' and while the headline says one thing, the strategies inside are pure gold for those of us with primary-aged children. By adopting these communication habits now, we aren't just solving today's playground drama—we're building the foundation for a smoother transition into high school and the wider world."

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zvcdg2p#z7hy6rd>

### Design Technology Showcase



On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February the doors of the hall entrance will open at 3.00 pm - 3.30 pm for our whole school Design Technology Showcase.

The children have all worked incredibly hard and this is a great opportunity to celebrate and share their projects with you all.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Themed School Lunches

Please take a look at our themed school lunch menus and book online at Parent Pay.



**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

Treasure Island  
**Tortilla Wraps**  
*Mild Chilli Chicken or Quorn with Cheese & Cannon Ball Potato Puffs Golden Corn & Ruby Pepper Medley*  
or  
**Hogwarts House Pasta**  
*Pasta Spirals & Tomato Sauce with Gryffindor Garlic Bread*  
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**Charlie's Chocolate Factory Cake**  
*Chocolate Sprinkle Cupcake*  
or  
**Matilda's Magical Jelly**  
*Strawberry Jelly with Cream & Sprinkles*  
(Choice of filled Jacket Potatoes also available)

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### World book day menu ~ Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

### Pancake Day Menu ~ Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

If you would like your child to have a school meal that day, please just book a main meal choice on Parent Pay and pancakes will be served as a dessert.



**pancake day**  
Thursday 12th February

American Style Pancake with a Choice of Toppings Cinnamon Sugar & Chocolate Sauce or Traditional Sugar & Lemon

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## Attendance Matters

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS 	
MINUTES LATE	IMPACT ON ATTENDANCE IN A YEAR
5 MINUTES A DAY	3.4 DAYS 98.4% ATTENDANCE
10 MINUTES A DAY	6.9 DAYS 97.6% ATTENDANCE
15 MINUTES A DAY	10.3 DAYS 94.6% ATTENDANCE
20 MINUTES A DAY	13.8 DAYS 92.9% ATTENDANCE
30 MINUTES A DAY	20.7 DAYS 89.2% ATTENDANCE

We are having a close focus on attendance at SSMJ. Ensuring children attend school is very important for promoting wellbeing and enabling children to reach academic milestones as well as for preparing children for adulthood.

Please ensure you minimise absences and make appointments outside of school time as far as possible. We may ask for evidence for absences.

We are tracking the attendance data very carefully to support children to have the very best learning opportunities. Please work with us to improve our attendance.



## PE Days

Year Group	PE Days
EYFS	Tuesday & Friday
Year 1 & 2	Monday & Tuesday
Year 3 & 4	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 4 & 5	Tuesday & Friday
Year 6	Monday & Tuesday

## Clubs and Afterschool Activities



Activity	Year Group/s	Teacher	Date/Times
Multi Sports	5 & 6	Progressive Sports	Monday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Multiplication Club	4	Miss Parkinson	Monday 3.30 - 4.15 pm
Choir	KS2	Mrs Russell	Tuesday Lunchtime
Burnley Football Club	3 & 4	Burnley Football Club	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Tennis Club	All Years	Tennis Coach	Wednesday 8.00 - 8.45 am
Create Club	All Years	Mrs Troughton	Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Prayer Club	All Years	Mrs Whyman	Thursday 8.15 - 8.45 am
Year 6 Extended Lessons	6	Mr Duckworth	Thursday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Multi Sports	1 & 2	Progressive Sports	Thursday 3.30 - 4.30 pm



Happy birthday to Thea in EYFS, Jessica in Year 1 and Jack in Year 4 who will all celebrate a birthday this week.

## Celebration Assembly



EYFS	Theo and Noah
Yr 1 & 2	Ava, Coby, Aleks and Harper
Yr 3 & 4	Archie C, Tommy, Ezra, Archie P and Hollie
Yr 4 & 5	Sid, Darcey, Euan and Frank
Yr 6	Jacob, Edgar, Phoebe and Una

## Top Table Winners



EYFS	Ainsley
Yr 1	Mateusz
Yr 2	Renato
Yr 3	Layla
Yr 4	Ethan
Yr 5	Frank
Yr 6	Penny

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	3.20 - 4.00 pm ~ Scholastic Book Fair
	5.30 pm ~ Sacramental Parents' Information Meeting
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 ~ Catalyst Activity Morning
	3.00 - 3.30 pm ~ Design Technology Showcase
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Afterschool today, school will close for half term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	INSET Day - School Closed for Pupils
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	School re-opens
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4/5 Liverpool Museum Trip
	9.30 am - 2.30 pm ~ Year 5 & 6 Football Competition - Prairie Sports Village, Burnley
	3.30 - 4.30 pm ~ Reconciliation Preparation Session
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 1/2 Thornton Hall Farm Trip
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
	3.30 - 4.30 pm ~ Reconciliation Preparation Session
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	During this week - Mother's Day Messages will be published in the Lancashire Evening Telegraph (Date to be confirmed).

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS Trip to Little Lancs Village
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3/4 Liverpool Museum Trip
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	1.15 pm ~ Lets Go Sing Performance - Blackburn Ice Arena
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15 am ~ Rock Steady Concert - Parents' Welcome
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	School reports out to parents'
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Parents' Evening
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Afterschool today, school will close for Easter
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	SAT's Week
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30 pm ~ First Holy Communion
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential Borwick Trip
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Borwick Trip returns

**Take Care & God Bless.**

**Mrs Zoe Mabbott - Headteacher**



## ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN'S HOLIDAY LIST 2025/2026

### Autumn Term 2025

**Re-open on:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025  
**Half Term** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (inclusive)  
**Christmas Holiday** Early closure on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

(Number of openings: 73)

### Spring Term 2025

**Re-open on:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2026  
**Half Term** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
(inclusive)  
**INSET DAY** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026  
**Easter Break** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (inclusive)

(Number of openings: 58)

### Summer Term 2026

**Re-open on:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
**Bank Holiday** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
**Half Term** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (inclusive)  
**Summer Holiday** Early closure on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

(Number of openings: 59)



## ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN'S HOLIDAY LIST 2026/2027

### Autumn Term 2026

<b>Re-open on:</b>	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2026
<b>INSET DAY</b>	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2026
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2026
<b>Re-open on:</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2026
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	Early closure on Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026

(Number of openings: 71)

### Spring Term 2027

<b>Re-open on:</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2027
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2027 (inclusive)
<b>INSET DAY</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2027
<b>Re-open on:</b>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2027
<b>Easter Break</b>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2027 (inclusive)

(Number of openings: 52)

### Summer Term 2027

<b>Re-open on:</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2027
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2027
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2027 (inclusive)
<b>Re-open on:</b>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2027
<b>Summer Holiday</b>	Early closure on Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2027

(Number of openings: 67)

(Total number of openings: 190)

## Notices from other Companies and Providers

### Notices

We are often asked to share information about events with you, which we do to support our community, and so you can consider whether these are of interest to you. Please note, school is not recommending or validating these events, we are simply passing on the information.

**Targeted Youth Support 12-19 (25 SEND)**

SEND	The group aims to work on life skills, improving communication skills, self-confidence & self-esteem in a group work setting.
Safe Spaces	Safe space for young people to hang out with friends and opportunities to participate in a variety of activities.
LG&TQ+	
Youth Council & Participation	Access this group to obtain support, discuss and challenge ideas around gender and identity. Join and have your say. At this group you can join in with debates on issues in the local community and wider society. Creating campaigns for positive change.

Participation	Groups and services provided by our Family Hub Partners
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**Important Information**

**If you believe that a child is in immediate danger, please contact the Police in the first instance using 999.**  
**Next, report your concerns to Children's Service by telephone: 0300 123 6720 or 0300 123 6722 if out of hours.**  
**Please have available the Police crime log number.**  
**To contact your local Family Hub**  
**Please call: 01200 420460 or**  
**Email: [Ribblevalleyfamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:Ribblevalleyfamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk)**

Please use the QR code to register if you haven't been to our groups before



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What's On...



# Ribble Valley



**Longridge Family Hub**  
Berry Lane  
Longridge  
PR3 3JP



**Clitheroe Family Hub**  
Wesleyan Row  
Parsons Lane  
BB7 2JY

Children and Family Wellbeing Service



**0-5 years old**

Infant Massage	Suitable for babies from 6 weeks to crawling, these sessions support your baby's development and strengthen your attachment.
Baby and You	A fun and stimulating group that encourages positive play and interaction with your baby. Suitable for babies from birth to pre-walking stage
Chat, Play and Read	A group for children under 5, which supports speech, language development, and listening skills in a fun and interactive way.
Development Matters	A wonderful session for children under 5 to learn, play, and make friends. It offers stimulating indoor and outdoor activities
Mini Move and Groove	Develop social skills and make friends in this fun and upbeat group which encourages physical activity and a health lifestyle. For children under 5.
Transitions	Supporting children's development through learning, creative play and exploration as they prepare for early years provision or primary school.

**5-11 years old**

Inside Out	A group to build confidence, self-esteem, and friendships through creative and physical activities.
Move and Groove	Promotes physical play and a healthy lifestyle whilst building social skills and having fun.
Colourful Footsteps	A safe space for children with physical, learning, behavioural, or emotional difficulties to gain confidence, self-expression and make new friends.
Moving on	For children moving from primary to secondary school, this session uses interactive activities to help them prepare both practically and emotionally.

**Parenting and Family Support – Parents and Carers**

Bump, Birth and Beyond	A comprehensive course supporting expectant parents in preparing for their baby's arrival. Delivered in collaboration with Midwives and Health Visitors.
Nurture Programme	A 10-week course that helps parents and carers build positive relationships, encourage co-operative behaviour, and boost resilience.
Solihull	Helps parents understand their child's behaviour by focusing on emotional wellbeing, strong relationships, and how children's brains develop.
Triple P	Parenting course to support development and address behaviours. Group parents of 2-11-year olds and Teen's course.
Riding the Rapids	For parents and carers of children with Autism, learning or neurodevelopmental disabilities, or complex physical needs. It supports understanding and managing challenging behaviour.
Positive Relationships, Stronger Families	This 4-week programme supports parents and carers facing ongoing conflict, helping them understand its impact on children and what healthy relationships look like.
Separated Parents	A 4-week course for separated parents, exploring the impact of separation on children, co-parenting positively and meeting children's needs while living apart.
DA Recovery	For women who have experienced domestic abuse. Offers support in recovering abusive behaviours, understanding healthy relationships in a safe and supportive way - call for more details.

Visit [www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk) and search 'safer sleep for baby' for more information about the 'six steps' to safer sleep.



# What's On... Ribble Valley



Scan to Book  
an Event



**January -  
February  
2026**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<b>Infant Massage</b> 9:30am - 11:00am Longridge Family Hub Berry Lane PR3 2JF BOOKING REQUIRED	<b>Development Matters</b> 9:30am - 10:30am Clitheroe Family Hub Wesleyan Row Parsons Lane BB7 2JY	<b>Chat Play Read</b> 9:30am - 10:30am Longridge Family Hub Berry Lane PR3 2JF		<b>Chat Play Read</b> 10:30am - 11:30am Clitheroe Library Church Street BB7 2DC Last Friday of every month
	<b>Baby Self-Weigh</b> 12:15pm - 1:15pm Longridge Family Hub Berry Lane PR3 2JF	<b>Riding the Rapids</b> 10:00am - 12:30am Clitheroe Family Hub Wesleyan Row Parsons Lane BB7 2JY BOOKING REQUIRED	<b>Weigh In Clinic</b> 9:30am - 11:30am Clitheroe Family Hub Wesleyan Row Parsons Lane BB7 2JY		<b>Generations Stay and Play</b> 10:30am - 11:30am Abbeyfield House Union Street Clitheroe BB7 2NH
	<b>Baby and You</b> 1:30pm - 2:30pm Longridge Family Hub Berry Lane PR3 2JF		<b>Sing and Rhyme</b> 10:00am - 11:00am Clitheroe Family Hub Wesleyan Row Parsons Lane BB7 2JY		
	<b>Baby and You / NCT Feeding Support</b> 10:00am - 11:30am Clitheroe Family Hub Wesleyan Row Parsons Lane BB7 2JY				
	<b>Infant Massage</b> 1:30pm - 3:00pm Clitheroe Family Hub Wesleyan Row Parsons Lane BB7 2JY BOOKING REQUIRED				

Do you have a two-year-old?

To help you balance family life don't forget to apply for a funded childcare place.

Pre-visit to your nearest Family Hub for more information and support!

## Additional Sessions

For the bookable groups please refer to the QR code below



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### Saturday Family Fun

10:00am - 12:00pm

New Era Family Hub  
 Paradise Street  
 Accrington  
 BB51PD



Children and Family  
**Wellbeing  
Service**

# Get advice and support

Someone to talk to  
Problems at  
home/school  
Jobs and training  
Apprenticeships  
Staying safe  
online  
Sex and health  
Relationships

Mental Health  
Self Harm  
Bullying  
Drugs and  
alcohol  
Things to do  
Housing, rights  
and money  
What age can I?



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You can contact us 365 days a year

**2pm to 10pm**

**talk  
zone**

**Text 07786 51 11 11**

**Talk online** [lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone](https://lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone)

**Call 0800 51 11 11**

## Age 0-19

(up to 25 for young  
people with learning  
difficulties or disabilities)

[lancashire.gov.uk](https://lancashire.gov.uk)



**Lancashire**  
County  
Council



0813 34403

# Lancashire **SEND** Roadshow

2025/2026

The roadshows are for families and practitioners to find out more about support and services available for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers.

These Roadshows are happening across Lancashire bringing the SEND Local Offer to your area.

The SEND Local Offer brings together all services in Lancashire for children and young people aged 0-25 with SEND, and their families.





## Dates across Lancashire are:

<b>25th Sept 2025</b> 9:30 – 1 pm	Kirkham Family Hub
<b>22nd Oct 2025</b> 9:30 – 1 pm	Skelmersdale Family Hub and The Zone
<b>3rd Dec 2025</b> 9:30 – 1pm	Pendle and Burnley 1882 Lounge Burnley Football Club
<b>28th January 2026</b> 9:30 – 1 pm	The Park Family Hub Accrington
<b>4th February 2026</b> 9:30 – 1 pm	Inspire Youth Zone Chorley
<b>26th March 2026</b> 9:30 – 1 pm	Clitheroe Family Hub
<b>15th April 2026</b> 9:30 – 1 pm	Lune Park Family Hub Lancaster
<b>6th May 2026</b> 9:30 – 1 pm	Rawtenstall Family Hub and the Zone
<b>16th June 2026</b> 9:30 – 1 pm	Fleetwood Library
<b>1st July 2026</b> 1:30 – 4:30 pm	Moor Nook Ribbleson Family Hub

Please scan the following QR codes  
for more information:



Local Offer



Family Hubs






Half Term Fun - Pancake Day with Peppa Pig!

Tuesday 17th February | 2pm-4pm

Book now [www.bookwhen.com/leapinglizardsplay](http://www.bookwhen.com/leapinglizardsplay)

 After-School Fun

 Every Thursday & Friday

 3.30–5.30pm

 £10.50 per child

# PANCAKE DAY



With special guest  
Peppa Pig

TUESDAY 17TH FEB  
2PM-4PM

INCLUDES 1 PANCAKE PER CHILD  
AND TOPPINGS



LEAPING LIZARDS PRESENTS

# Valentine's Disco

FEBRUARY 13TH & 14TH

£12 per child


February 13th 4.30pm-6.30pm  
February 14th 11.30am-1.30pm & 2pm-4pm

Price includes food, drink, glow stick, sweet treat and valentine's facepaint  
For more information visit [www.facebook.com/leapinglizardsplaycentre](http://www.facebook.com/leapinglizardsplaycentre)

Book now at [www.bookwhen.com/leapinglizardsplay](http://www.bookwhen.com/leapinglizardsplay)

Get ready for a fun-filled Valentine's evening/afternoon at our Kids' Valentine's Disco!

Join us at our soft play centre for two hours of dancing, laughter, and play. Every little guest will enjoy a kids' meal, a drink, a glow stick, Valentine's face paint and a special Valentine's sweet treat, making it a party to remember!

Perfect for little love bugs to dance, play, and celebrate Valentine's in style — an unforgettable time with fun, friends, and festive treats! 

[www.bookwhen.com/leapinglizardsplay](http://www.bookwhen.com/leapinglizardsplay)

Calling all SEND parents & carers  
We're so excited to announce our very first SEND session at Leaping Lizards Play Centre  
Tuesday 17th February (Half Term)  
9:00am – 11:00am