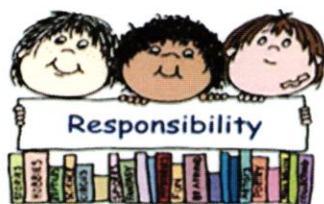




Autumn Term 2025 Newsletter No.7



Responsibility

Certificate Awards for Children's Work and Efforts. Well Done this week to:

Responsibility Award

Reception - Liyana

Year 1 - Myrah

Year 2 - Harrison

Year 3 - Noah

Year 4 - Arya

Year 5 - Klivan

Year 6 - Aisha

Workers of the week

Reception - Madison

Year 1 - Daisy

Year 2 - Rosie

Year 3 - Amelia

Year 4 - Zainab

Year 5 - Vanisa

Year 6 - Kash

Star Reader Award

Year 1 - Asrar

Year 2 - All Year 2

Year 3 - Sultan

Year 4 - Tameka

Year 5 - Amra

Year 6 - Asma

Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any Spy Dog, Spy Cat or Spy Pups books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

Learning Conversations

There will be a letter going out to parents soon with details on how to book a learning conversation with your child's teacher. The timeslots for each class are:

Year 5 & Year 6: Monday 20th October, 11:00am-12:30pm or 1:30pm-3:30pm

Year 1 & Year 3: Monday 20th October, 1:30pm-3:30pm

Year 2 & Year 4: Tuesday 21st October, 1:30pm-3:30pm

Stay and Play

Nursery Class: Tuesday 21st October, 10:00am-11:30am

Reception Class: Tuesday 21st October, 2:30pm-3:15pm

Blackburn Rovers FC 150th Anniversary. Please see poster below.

Children can wear own clothes in the colours of Rovers (Blue and White) on Wednesday 5th November.

Trivia: Mrs Cooper's (Office) Great Grandad, John Barton, played for Blackburn Rovers FC from 1887 (138 years ago). He won two F.A. Cup winners medals with his home town club in 1890 & 1891, scoring in their 6-1 Final win in 1890. He was also capped for his country England in 1890.

Play Up Rovers!

Information External to the School -

- New opportunity for the parents of children in Blackburn with Darwen who are considering developing a career in childcare. The program is free to residents of the borough. Please Google the following: [Preparing to Work as a Childminder-1.png](#)
- BwD BC Packed Lunch Power. Parents and children working together to create healthy nutritious packed lunches. Please see poster below

Diary

- Autumn 1 Half-Term ends Friday 24th October. School closed 27/10/25-31/10/25.
- **Autumn 2 Half Term starts (school re-opens) Monday 3rd November**
- Chester Zoo Visit Years 3 & 4, Monday 3rd November
- Blackburn Rovers FC; 150th Anniversary, Wednesday 5th November - Option for children to wear Blue and White own clothes

Attendance.

Well done to **Year R & Year 4** who jointly received the Attendance Award week. They had the best attendance in the school with **100.0%**.

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
100.0%	98.7%	87.1%	92.5%	100.0%	90.0%	99.3%

Absence

For any/all types of absences, including illness, parents/carers need to call into school on every morning of the child's absence. You can speak to the Office staff or leave a message on the answer phone, but this needs to be done on every day of absence, as soon as you know

School Dinners

Please see below a poster of the school dinners menu from 03/11/25 which includes a mixture of Vegetarian, Halal and Non-Halal options. The school dinners meet School Food Standards and are healthy and nutritious using locally sourced, sustainable and seasonal ingredients.

Children in years R, 1 & 2 are entitled to Free School Meals. If you receive certain benefits or have a household income below £16,190 you can claim to BwD Council for Pupil Premium Free School Meals for Primary School children of any age or class.

Mrs C. Speakman & Mrs D. Boardman





Menu

Serving Fantastic Lunches Everyday - All menus are carefully planned to meet School Food Standards, with all new dishes tested by children. Our aim is to positively influence the diet of our children and young people, and always consider where the food we put on the plates comes from and how it was produced.

Week 1

1

Week commencing

3rd November
24th November
15th December
5th January
26th January
16th February
9th March
30th March
20th April

Week 2

2

Week commencing

10th November
1st December
22nd December
12th January
2nd February
23rd February
16th March
6th April

Week 3

3

Week commencing

17th November
8th December
29th December
19th January
9th February
2nd March
23rd March
13th April

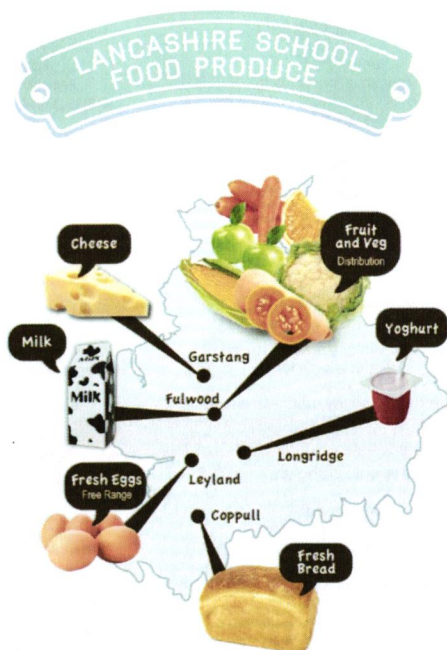
	MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
Traditional Choice	Big Brunch Halal Chicken or Vegetarian Sausage Free Range Omelette Crispy Potatoes & Baked Beans	Loaded Vegetable Chilli Nachos with Mixed Rice & Salad Selection (v)	Roast Halal Chicken or Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Halal Chicken or Vegetarian Burger in a Bun with Paprika Wedges, Sweetcorn & Tomato Ketchup	Golden Crumb Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans
Alternative Choice	Pasta Twists & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)	Lancashire Butter Pie with Vegetable Medley or Baked Beans (v)	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Mac 'n' Cheese with Homemade Crusty Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans (v)
Jacket & Sandwiches	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of filled Sandwiches with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips
Dessert	Toffee Traybake & Custard Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Marble Shortbread & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Raspberry Bun Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Vanilla Cookie & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Chocolate Brownie Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk
	MEAT FREE MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
Traditional Choice	Loaded Pizza Panini with Paprika Wedges & Garden Peas (v)	Crispy Quorn Goujons & Katsu Curry Sauce with Rainbow Vegetable Rice (v)	Halal Chicken or Vegetarian Sausage Yorkshire Pudding with Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection	Harry Ramsden's Crispy Battered Fish with Oven Baked Chips & Mushy Peas
Alternative Choice	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Puff Pastry Cheese Whirl with Herby Potatoes Garden Peas or Baked Beans (v)	Pasta Spirals & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)	Cooks Choice of filled Free Range Egg Omelette with Potato Wedges & Baked Beans (v)	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips & Sweetcorn (v)
Jackets & Sandwiches	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection (v)	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of filled Sandwiches with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips
Dessert	Rice Pudding & Fruit Jam Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Chocolate Cookie & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Cooks Choice of Mousse Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Lancashire Cheese & Biscuits Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Cocoa Krispie Cake Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk
	MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
Traditional Choice	Vegetarian Meatballs with Mild Chilli & Sweet Pepper Sauce Mixed Rice & Salad Selection (v)	Savoury Quorn Mince & Dumplings with Mashed Potatoes Green Beans & Carrot Batons (v)	Roast Halal Chicken or Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Cooks Choice of Halal Chicken or Vegetarian Curry with Mixed Rice & Naan Bread	Golden Crumb Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans
Alternative Choice	Harry Ramsden's Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake with Herby Potatoes & Vegetable Medley	Pasta Tubes & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Paprika Potatoes Garden Peas or Baked Beans (v)	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips & Sweetcorn (v)
Jackets & Sandwiches	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of filled Sandwiches with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips
Dessert	Chocolate Traybake & Custard Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Vanilla Shortbread & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Oaty Flapjack Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Lemon Cookie & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Cooks Choice of Cupcake Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk

Whilst every effort is made to produce the published menus, please note that they may vary occasionally subject to availability and individual school requirements. All our menus are checked using a recognised programme to analyse nutrition. We also work with Lancashire Healthy Schools and support the Healthier Families campaign. The result is a menu your child will enjoy and that will prepare them for learning in the afternoon.

We Buy Local Produce to Support Local Businesses and Reduce Food Miles.

100% of our food suppliers are classed as local and 75% of our food purchases are produced in the UK. Our service recognises the value and importance of sustainable and responsible food sourcing.

Our fish is MSC certified, and our fresh eggs are British Lion Quality and Free Range. Additionally there is always fresh fruit and salad, bread and locally produced yoghurt available daily.



Special Diets and Allergies

Special diets are diets for pupils with a medically diagnosed requirement; not just a dislike of certain foods or food groups. It is our policy to provide a service for those pupils with medically diagnosed food allergies, food intolerances or a medical condition which affects eating requirements.

Please contact your school office in the first instance to inform them of your child's requirements.

Healthy, Nutritious Food Choices & Our Social Responsibility

Using the best locally sourced, sustainable and seasonal ingredients. Lancashire Catering Service provides high-quality, nutritious food to Lancashire's children, supporting health and the local economy. We offer various food choices, and our Sugarwise accreditation ensures we promote healthy habits. Our vision is continuous innovation to meet customer needs.



Welcome to the New Lancashire School Meal Menu Portal

The portal displays live, easy-to-read allergen and nutritional details for each recipe on all published menus served by Lancashire Catering Service.

There is also a planner function called 'ADD TO MY MEAL' which allows you to see all allergens and total nutritional value of a main course, accompaniments, dessert and drink contained within a full school lunch.

Please use the URL below or alternatively scan the QR code, using the camera on your mobile device, and simply choose the menu type denoted on the reverse of this leaflet.

lancsprimary.mysaffronportal.com



Free School Meals for All Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2

All children in reception and years one and two are entitled to free meals under the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meal programme, worth up to £495 per year per child. For more details, talk to your child's school.

If you receive certain benefits or have a household income below the Government threshold, register with your area education office. Your child's school can receive extra funding called the 'Pupil Premium,' sometimes worth £1,480 per pupil.

Can I claim free school meals for my older children? Yes, if you are on certain benefits. Contact your local Area Education Office with your name, date of birth, and National Insurance number to check eligibility.

Contact: 0300 123 6701

Be Part of Our Team

Lancashire Catering Service is always looking to recruit people to take up catering assistant and supervisor roles.

As a valued member of the team we offer a full training and induction programme, a term time contract which may fit in with family commitments, a salary which includes up to 32 days holiday (dependent on length of service), bank holiday and statutory day pay (pro rata) and entry into the local government pension scheme

For up to date information on current job opportunities please scan the QR code below and head to our designated Job Vacancies tab.

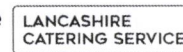
The website also includes all the latest information on the service, including our latest menus, promotional theme days and up to date news on the service.

The web address is lancashire.gov.uk/catering

@LancsCatering



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Blackburn with Darwen

ADULT LEARNING

Packed Lunch Power

Make lunchtime fun, nutritious, and stress-free! This engaging session is designed for parents and carers who want to create healthy, balanced packed lunches that kids will eat and enjoy.

What we will cover:

-  Easy lunchbox ideas that meet NHS eat well advice
-  Creative ways to include fruit, veg, whole grains, and protein
-  Healthier swaps for crisps, chocolate bars, and sugary snacks
-  Fun presentation tips to make food appealing for little ones
-  Safe storage and packing tips for all seasons

We only have a few sessions available, so, act fast

Day	Date	Time
Wednesday	05/11/2025	09:15 – 11:15am
Thursday	06/11/2025	09:15 – 11:15am
Wednesday	12/11/2025	09:15 – 11:15am



For more information contact Marie on
01254 222153 or marie.coleman@blackburn.gov.uk



BLACKBURN ROVERS 150TH ANNIVERSARY ➤ CELEBRATION! ➤

Join us as we celebrate 150 incredible years
of football history!

Established on November 5th, 1875, Blackburn Rovers
has stood proud through the ages — from humble
beginnings to glorious triumphs.

TO MARK THIS SPECIAL OCCASION:

All children are invited to come dressed in BLUE and
WHITE on NOVEMBER 5th — the proud colours of
our beloved club!

Let's show the world what 150 years of passionate
support looks like!

Come in blue and white — celebrate the past and
embrace the future of this great football club!

Date: Wednesday 5th November

Blackburn Rovers FC 1890



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