



# Newsletter

Friday 12th September 2025

Success for all - Nothing Less!

## Headteacher's Message

It's wonderful to be back and see our school full of energy, positivity, and purpose. Walking around this week, I've been struck by the calm, focused atmosphere in every classroom and corridor. Children are engaged in their learning, showing great enthusiasm and behaving beautifully.

What's been especially heartening is how clearly our school values—Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, and Kindness—are being lived out each day. Pupils are greeting staff politely, supporting one another, and showing real pride in their work and behaviour. These values are not just words on a wall—they're guiding how we learn, grow, and treat each other.

One pupil summed it up perfectly when they said:

“Mr Berry, how are you today? It feels really calm and happy in school. Everyone's being kind and working hard... even though Blackburn Rovers are 19th in the Championship table!” - Year 4 student

Well, we can't win them all—but just like our pupils, we'll show resilience and bounce back next week (hopefully with a better scoreline!).

Thank you for your continued support in helping us nurture a school community where every child can thrive. We're looking forward to a fantastic term ahead, full of learning, growth, and memorable moments.

Warm regards,

Mr Berry



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## Attendance

### ☀ The Power of Showing Up: Why Attendance Matters ☀

At Longshaw , we believe every day counts. Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in a child's academic success and personal development. When children attend school consistently, they build strong relationships, develop routines, and engage fully in learning experiences that help them thrive.

Missing even a few days can disrupt learning and make it harder for students to keep up with their peers. That's why we're committed to working together with families to support excellent attendance.

We are very lucky to have Mrs. Scotting, our dedicated Attendance Officer. Mrs. Scotting is here to support families in ensuring that every child has the opportunity to attend school regularly and punctually. She works closely with staff and parents to identify any barriers to attendance and find positive solutions that work for everyone.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Scotting. She's always happy to help and is passionate about making sure every child feels welcomed and supported at school.

Let's work together to make every school day count!






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## Punctuality

### Every Minute Matters: The Importance of Punctuality

 We know that arriving on time sets the tone for a successful day. When children are punctual, they start the day calmly, connect with their peers, and are ready to engage in learning from the very first moment.

Being just a few minutes late can mean missing out on key instructions, settling routines, and valuable learning time. Over time, these small moments add up and can impact a child's confidence and progress.

We kindly ask all families to support good punctuality by ensuring children arrive at school on time every day. The school gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.50am with lessons starting promptly. Remember Breakfast Club starts at 8am.

If you're experiencing any challenges with morning routines or getting to school on time, please don't hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher or our Attendance Officer, Mrs. Scotting, who is here to help and offer support.



## School Car Park

Just a gentle reminder that the school car park is for staff and visitors only. The decision was reached a few years ago due to lack of spaces and health and safety implications. Park Lee Road is free to park on all day.





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## Uniform

### Looking Smart, Feeling Proud: Uniform Reminder

We take pride in how smart our pupils look in their school uniform. Wearing the correct uniform helps build a sense of belonging, encourages responsibility, and sets a positive tone for learning.

We kindly remind families of the following key points:

- **Footwear:** If you are wearing trainers instead of school shoes, only plain black trainers are permitted. These should be free from coloured logos, patterns, or bright soles.
- **Jewellery:** For safety reasons, only small plastic stud earrings are allowed. No hoops, dangly earrings, or metal studs, please.

Thank you for helping us maintain high standards and ensuring all children come to school looking smart and ready to learn. If you have any questions about uniform expectations, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the school office.



## Reading

### Home Reading - Building a Love of Books

We're excited to let you know that home reading books have now been sent home with your child! Reading at home is one of the most powerful ways to support your child's learning and development. Just 10-15 minutes of reading each day can make a huge difference to vocabulary, comprehension, and confidence.

Here's how you can help:

Set aside a regular time each day for reading together.

Talk about the story - ask questions, make predictions, and share thoughts.

Celebrate progress - every page read is a step forward!

Please make sure your child brings their reading book and reading record back to school each day so we can keep track of their progress and celebrate their achievements.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child become a confident,



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## I Rock

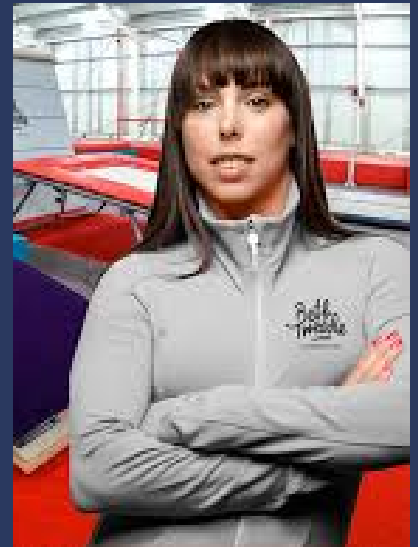


### I Rock Lessons Have Begun!

We're thrilled to announce that I Rock music lessons started on Thursday! Children had a fantastic time exploring instruments, learning rhythms, and rocking out with their classmates. These sessions are a brilliant way to build confidence, teamwork, and a love of music. We can't wait to see how our young rock stars develop over the term!

## Special Assembly

We had a very special treat this week with a gymnastics-themed assembly led by Beth Tweddle's Gymnastics Company! The children were inspired by the energy, skill, and fun of the session, and many are now eager to get involved in gymnastics themselves. It was a brilliant way to promote physical activity and celebrate the joy of movement.



## English

### 📖 Enhancing Our English Curriculum

On Wednesday, we welcomed an English Consultant Dawn Robertson into school to work alongside staff in reviewing and enhancing our English curriculum. This exciting collaboration is helping us refine our approach to reading, writing, and language development across all year groups. We're committed to providing the very best learning experiences for our pupils, and this is a great step forward!



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## Year 3 Forms

We are still waiting on some information forms for the new Year 3 pupils.

If you have not yet returned the forms, please can this be done ASAP.

## It's SNACKTEMBER!

This month, we're celebrating all things healthy, tasty, and snack-sized! From crunchy carrots to fruity favourites, our pupils are learning how small changes can make a big difference to their energy, focus, and wellbeing.

A huge thank you to Miss Allen, our brilliant DT Lead, for sharing creative and practical snack ideas across school. Your enthusiasm is helping to inspire healthier habits and some very impressive lunchbox upgrades! 🍷 ✨

Let's keep the Snacktember spirit going – what's your child's favourite healthy snack?

## BCHS Open Evening

There is an open evening for Year 6 pupils at BCBS

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September - 4.00pm - 7.15pm

## Open Evening



Thursday 18 September, 4pm-7.15pm

- Guided tours
- Classroom activities
- Headteacher talks
- A chance to sample our delicious school dinners
- Meet our teachers
- Plus much more...



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## After School Clubs



Judo Club -  
Tuesday



Year 4  
Gymnastics -  
Wednesday

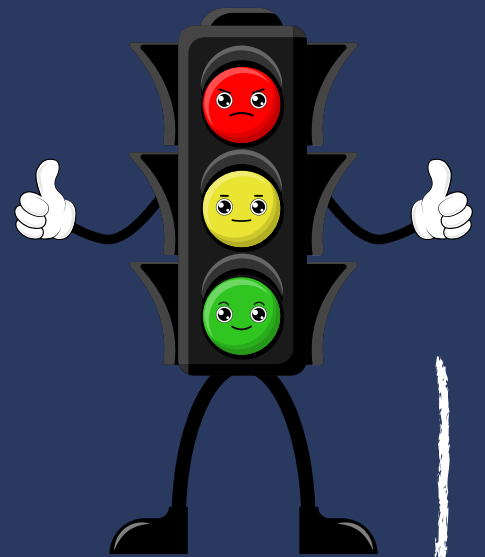


Sportscool -  
Football  
Thursday

## Behaviour

This week, we 98% are green. This week 100% are 3W, 3P, 4A, 4R, Year 5 and Year 6.

Well done, everybody.



## Attendance



Remember our school target for attendance is 95%+.

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
3P	94.9	5P	97.6
3W	98.6	5AP	88.2
3T	100	5BC	95.2
4A	98.3	6A	94.4
4L	99.3	6M	94.7
4R	97.0	6P	96.1

This week's attendance is 96.1%