



# Newsletter

Friday 24th October 2025

Success for all - Nothing Less!

## Headteacher's Message

As the crisp autumn air settles in and the leaves turn golden, it's hard to believe we've already reached the end of our first half term. Time truly flies when you're part of such a vibrant and thriving school community!

I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff and wonderful families. Your support, positivity, and enthusiasm have helped us get off to a fantastic start this year. The smooth transition into the new academic year is a testament to the strength and unity of our Longshaw family.

That sense of family is at the heart of everything we do. It's what makes Longshaw Community Junior School such a special place to learn and grow. We work hard to create an environment where every child feels safe, valued, and inspired to reach their full potential. This shared commitment to nurturing and celebrating each pupil is what defines our ethos.

At Longshaw, our core values guide everything we do. These values are woven into our daily routines, our learning, and our relationships. We encourage pupils to live these values both in and out of school, helping them grow into thoughtful, confident, and caring individuals.

This half term, we've seen countless examples of pupils showing kindness to one another, taking responsibility for their learning, and demonstrating resilience when faced with challenges. It's been a joy to see these values come to life across the school.

We were also delighted to welcome Mr Hawthornthwaite to lead our School Council meeting. Our elected pupil representatives shared ideas and discussed ways to make Longshaw even better. Their enthusiasm and thoughtful contributions reflect the strength of our pupil voice and the pride they take in their school.

Looking ahead, I'm excited about the opportunities and challenges the rest of the year will bring. With your continued support, we'll keep nurturing curiosity, creativity, and confidence in every child. We'll celebrate their achievements—big and small—and stand beside them through any obstacles they may face.

Every member of our Longshaw family plays a vital role in shaping our school community. Whether it's attending events, supporting learning at home, or simply offering a kind word, your contributions make a real difference.

As we head into the next half term, let's carry forward the energy, warmth, and enthusiasm that have defined these first weeks. I'm confident that, together, we'll make this year one to remember.



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## Parents' Evening

Thank You for Joining Us!

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent Parents' Evening. It was a pleasure to welcome you into school and share the progress your children have made. Your involvement plays a vital role in their education, and we truly value the time you took to meet with staff and discuss learning and wellbeing.

If you haven't yet completed our Parent Questionnaire, we'd be grateful if you could take a few minutes to do so. Your feedback helps us understand what we're doing well and where we can improve.

THANK YOU

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## Celebrating Attendance and Effort



As we approach the end of this half term, we want to celebrate the excellent attendance and effort shown by our pupils. Their commitment to learning has been fantastic, and we're proud of the resilience and enthusiasm they've demonstrated.

Thank you to families for your continued support in ensuring children arrive on time, ready to learn, and engaged in school life. Let's keep this momentum going as we head into the busy and exciting run-up to Christmas next term!

## Term Time Holiday

TA polite reminder that holidays should not be taken during term time. Absences can have a significant impact on your child's learning and progress. We appreciate your cooperation in planning family holidays outside of the school calendar.

If you have any questions about term dates or need support with attendance, please contact the school office / Mrs Scotting





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## Year 6 Parents - Secondary School Applications

Although your child has just started Year 6, now is the time to begin thinking about their secondary school for September 2025.

The deadline to apply is 31st October 2025.

Schools across the borough will be holding open evenings over the coming weeks. We strongly encourage you to attend as many as possible – even if you think you've already made your decision.

If you don't submit your application by the deadline, your child may be assigned a school that isn't your preference.

Need help with the form? Contact school and we'll support you.

Applications are handled through the Local Authority and can be accessed here:

 <https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions>

## Uniform Expectations - Footwear and Jewellery



We've noticed an increase in pupils wearing trainers during the school day. Please remember that trainers are not part of our school uniform and should only be worn for PE lessons. All pupils should wear appropriate school shoes.

Additionally, for safety reasons, only plastic stud earrings are permitted. Hoop earrings or other types of jewellery are not allowed.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and smart school environment.



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## Supporting the Poppy Appeal

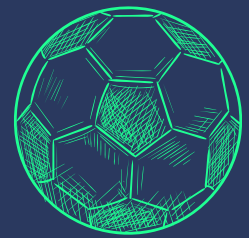


After half term, we will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Pupils will have the opportunity to purchase poppies and other merchandise such as wristbands and keyrings, with all proceeds going to support veterans and their families.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to show respect and gratitude to those who have served. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Jubilee Shield

Well done to our Y5/6 Boys football team who qualified for the Jubilee Shield Finals after a very good performance on Tuesday night at St Bede's. The conditions were very challenging with torrential rain and wind but the boys did not let this stop them. They finished top of their group, scoring an incredible 12 goals and only conceding 2 in 3 games. We are looking forward to the finals on November 4<sup>th</sup> when we get back.



## This Girl Can



On Thursday, six girls took part in This Girl Can festival. They enjoyed glow in the dark dodgeball, orienteering and a spot of tennis. The girls thoroughly enjoyed it and were a credit to the school.



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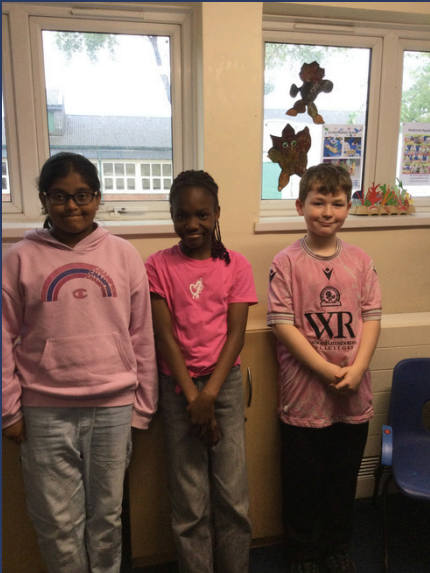
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## Robinwood - Parent Information Meeting

There will be a parent information meeting regarding Robinwood on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm in the Hall

### Wear it Pink





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Lancashire (inc. Blackburn & Darwen)  
School Aged Immunisation Service

## HAS YOUR CHILD MISSED THEIR FLU VACCINE?

IntraHealth are holding catch-up flu vaccination  
clinics this half-term.

Tuesday 28th October

 Shadsworth Children's Hub  
Shadsworth Road, BB1 2HR

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Book your appointment today!

 Call **03333 583 397** → Option 2 → Option 2



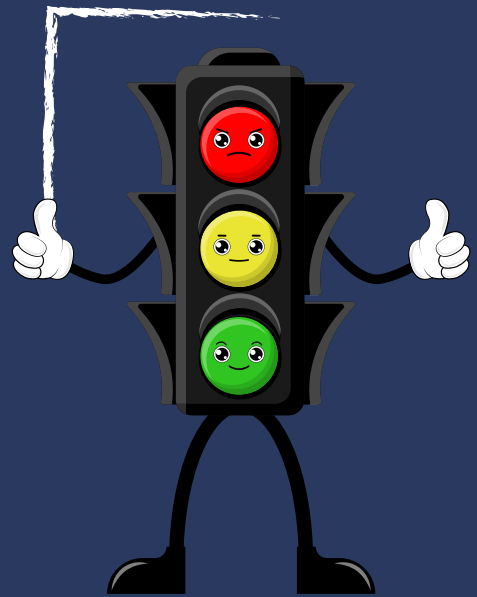
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## Behaviour

This week, we 98% are green. This week 100% are 3P, 4A, 5AP, 5BC, 6A and 6M.

Well done, everybody.



## Attendance



Remember our school target for attendance is 95%+.



Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
3P	96.2	5P	91.4
3W	97.6	5AP	86.2
3T	87.1	5BC	93.1
4A	92.0	6A	95.0
4L	93.4	6M	94.0
4R	97.7	6P	92.5

This week's attendance is 92.9%