



Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary Newsletter

"rooted and grounded in love..." Ephesians 3:17

Friday 10th January 2025

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Welcome Back



It may have been a very chilly first week back, but we would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year and a warm welcome back to school.

A big 'Thank you' for all the gifts and well wishes that were received at the end of last term.

It has been lovely to see all the children again and they have settled back into a busy week with their usual enthusiasm and happiness. We have been blessed to welcome new families into our Balderstone family this week. We are sure you will soon feel part of our lovely community.

This week in worship we have been discussing Epiphany and exploring what children in different parts of the world do on 6th January – 3 Kings Day. We discussed the gifts that the Kings brought to Jesus and looked at the significance of each of the gifts. We thought about the most precious gift we have ever received and what made it special .

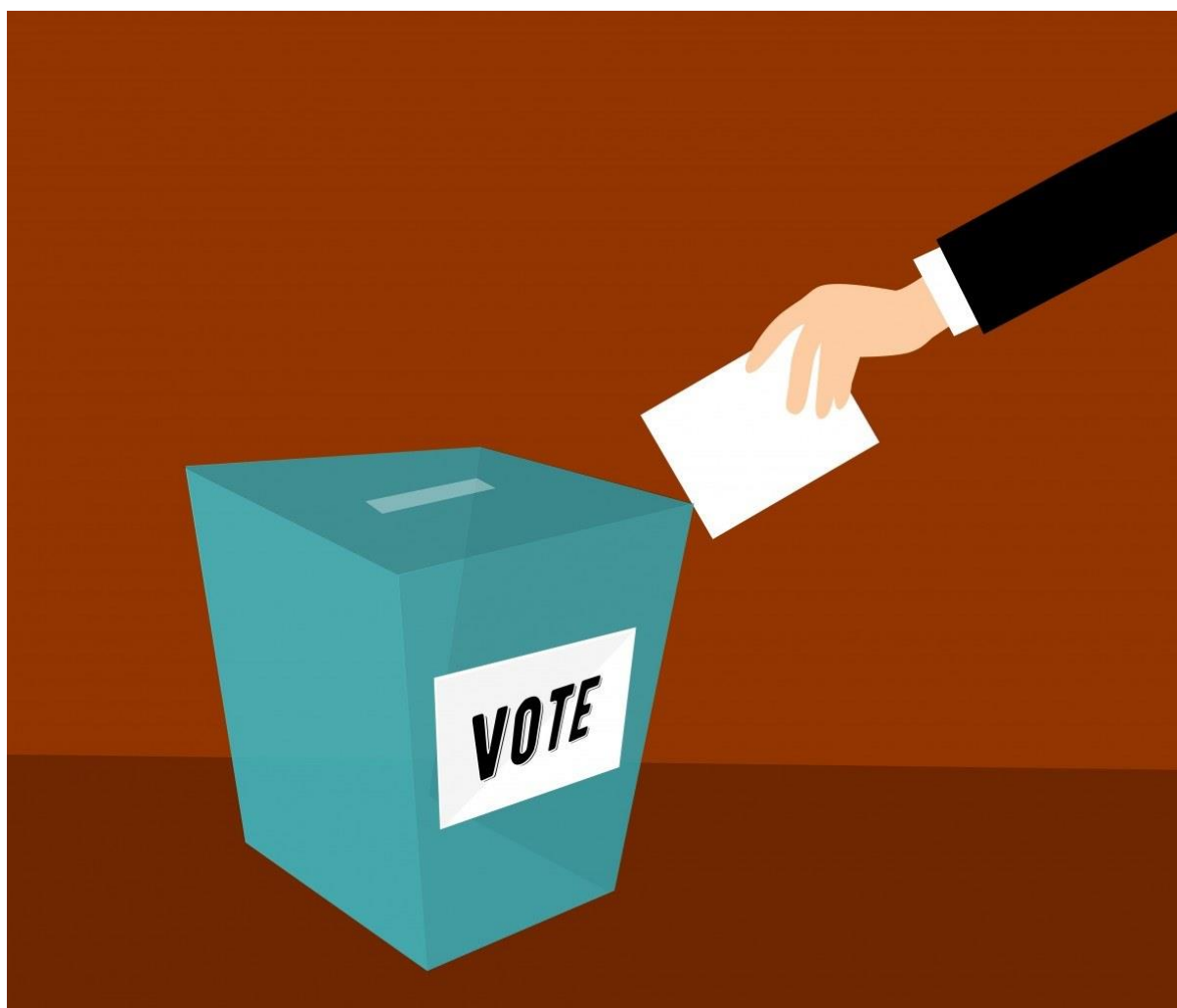
Please hold Mrs Gow's eldest daughter, Grace, and the family in your prayers as Grace is currently very poorly in hospital. If you need to get in touch over the next few days, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance or Mrs Draycott on n.draycott@balderstone.lancs.sch.uk. We pray that Grace makes a speedy recovery and can return home and to University life soon.

Admission Deadline



For those of you who have a child ready to start in Reception in September this year, please remember the deadline for admission is **Wednesday 15th January**.

Parent Governor Elections



Thank you to the four wonderful parents who have put their names forward for our parent Governor positions. We are lucky to have so many parents who are able to offer such commitment to further developing our school.

Your child should have brought home an envelope this week with some information regarding the voting process for two parent governor vacancies we have at school. Please follow the guidance in the letter and do take the opportunity to vote. There is a box in the entrance for you to put in your completed votes.

Due to the strict rules and guidelines we have to adhere to, we are unable to provide replacement ballot/voting forms.

Flourishers



It was lovely, in Friday's worship, to celebrate the achievements of children in school and a huge well done to **ST ANDREWS** who were this week's winning team. The following children were presented with a Flourishing Award for shining brightly this week:

Pre school. Douggie

Reception Sara

Squirrels Asiya

Year 3 Ralph

Year 4 Aisha

Year 5 Shifa

Year 6 Alfie

Life Education Lancashire

On Monday, Life Education Lancashire will be visiting school and we'll be discussing how to lead a healthy life in our classes. We all love meeting Harold the Giraffe and his friends! There will be a parent session from 8.40am - 8.55am to provide an opportunity to meet the Life Education Educator for a short session to find out more about the content of your child's programme and to ask any questions you may have. Please come along!

Year 3 and 4 iPad update



Children in Years 3 and 4 were excited to receive their new iPads this week. Mrs Gow and Mrs Riddell have worked hard to ensure that these are all set up and ready to use. Children learnt about responsible and safe use of devices this week and signed the 'Acceptable Use' agreements. Please see Mrs Riddell if you have signed up to the scheme and are yet to collect your device.

Sports Clubs This Term





SPRING TERM 2025
SPORTS AND WELLBEING CLUBS CLUBS AT BALDERSTONE



	Time slot	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	8 - 8:45		Martial Arts			
	12 - 12:30pm	Y1/2/3 Football (18)	Sp1 Y3/4 Gym (7)	Fundamental movement skills Infants EYFS/ KS1	Y4/5/6 Girls' Football (17)	Sp 1: Athletics Year 5/6 (12) Sp2: Y5/6 Cricket (21 - alternate y5/6)
	12.30 - 1pm	Y4/5/6 Football (23)	C4Life (11) Sp2 Dance	Year 4, 5 & 6 netball (21)	Rewards Session	Sp1: Tag Rugby Year 3/4 (20) Sp 2 Y1/2/3 Athletics (23)
	Football day (Field only)	Infants (dotty playground)	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	After School Parent Pay Club	CHESS	Dance	Wii FIT	Arts and Crafts	Cards

Gardening and Nature Club



Congratulations gardeners!

Our Gardening and Nature Club have been awarded the Level 3 RHS School Gardening Award! The children had to show they were growing a range of plants, keeping the plants healthy and were planet friendly gardeners. We put our application together while drinking hot chocolate and eating a well-deserved caterpillar cake! The RHS have sent us some gardening goodies and a £50 gardening voucher to spend. A big thank you to all the children that have been involved. If you'd like to join our gardening and nature club, watch out for information about it in the next few weeks.



History Club



Maisie's (Year 6) History Club for EYFS and KS1 will start on Wednesday. Children will learn about our Balderstone British History through craft and art.

Dates:- Wed 15th, 22nd, 29th January and the **last one will be 5th Feb.**

There are 10 places. If you would like a place - please email - Mrs Turner at askmrsturner@balderstone.lancs.sch.uk

Church and Community Corner

Come and join us for Forest Church on Sunday 26th January at 4pm!

Everyone is welcome!



Join us at Balderstone Church

Forest Church

Sunday 26th January 4pm

Dates for the diary



Monday 13th Jan Life Education bus

Wednesday 15th Jan Year 1/2 Parent Lunch

Tues 28th Jan Maths Boosters starting in Y6 (Letter to follow)

- Wed 5th Feb** Reception and pre school parent lunch
- Fri 7th Feb** Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics
- Fri 14th** Y5/6 parent lunch and Café creative
Half Term
- Mon 24th Feb.** Term Starts
- Tues 25th Feb** Parents Evening
- Friday 28th Feb** Pre School Stay and Play session
- Tues 11th March** Year 3 and 4 Let's Go Sing Concert in Blackpool
- Wed 26th March.** Y5/6 trip to Salford to Imperial War Museum and The Lowry

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