



Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary - 25th April 2025

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

Friday 25th April 2025

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Weekly Words



It doesn't feel like it's been a four day week this week as there has been so much going on in school. Our universal breakfast club - Fed, Read, Get Ahead started this week and it has been a real joy. We have delivered 216 brekkies over the first four days. It has been lovely to see the children so glad to see each other, to see them sitting, eating and chatting together. Our wonderful sports coaches have treated us to some great active sessions - a Just Dance boogie, a daily mile jog on the field, a en-masse Cha Cha slide aerobics session and a throwing and catching session today! A HUGE thank you to the team including Miss Lee - scrambled egg chef, Mrs Barton, Coach Joe, Coach Matt, Coach Oli, Mrs Patel and the volunteers especially Mrs Leaver - who have helped us to launch the club so successfully. Please DO continue to use the club regularly - as it is a wonderful resource and chance to give all our children a super, fuelled start to the day.

Reception Rabbits have started their new topic virtually journeying from Balderstone all the way to London and also enjoyed a wonderful walk in the woods. Year 1 and 2 wowed me

with their super maths this week, as I have had the pleasure of doing some teaching in their this week. They wowed a group of visiting teachers today with their mental maths strategies and reasoning. Year 3/4 have been busy starting their new biography unit learning all about Mary Anning and Year 5/6 went out doing some grammar orienteering this afternoon.

Mrs Oddie has been busy getting used to the routines in the office. Thank you for helping her to settle in and for your consideration as she gets settled in her new role.

*In worship this week Mrs Riddell introduced our new project of our Stewardship Squad - a team who are going to focus on reducing our school's carbon footprint, reduce our non-recyclable waste and help us to learn more about ways to protect God's creation. We have started our new **"LOOK BEFORE YOU CHUCK"** campaign to get us to really think about reducing our waste and ensuring that we are reusing and recycling as much as we can.*

Mrs Gow



1 - Daily mile at Brekkie club - in the sunshine



2 - Here we are having a boogie at Wake up, Shake up! Groovy moves Coach Joe!



Exciting new school building projects!



We have had the first new designs for our school external cladding windows and doors. The project involves removing all the aged wooden cladding around the three sides of the school and replacing it with modern and well insulated new boards - made from composite. All of the windows and external doors will be upgraded to new aluminium glazed units affording better light and insulation to school too. Every classroom will have double or bifold doors to the outdoors too. The solar insulation will be improved across school to make our rooms warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer! We are incredibly excited about the project and the planning application for the changes has been lodged this week, ready for the works to start as soon as possible in the summer holidays.

Greenery for school!



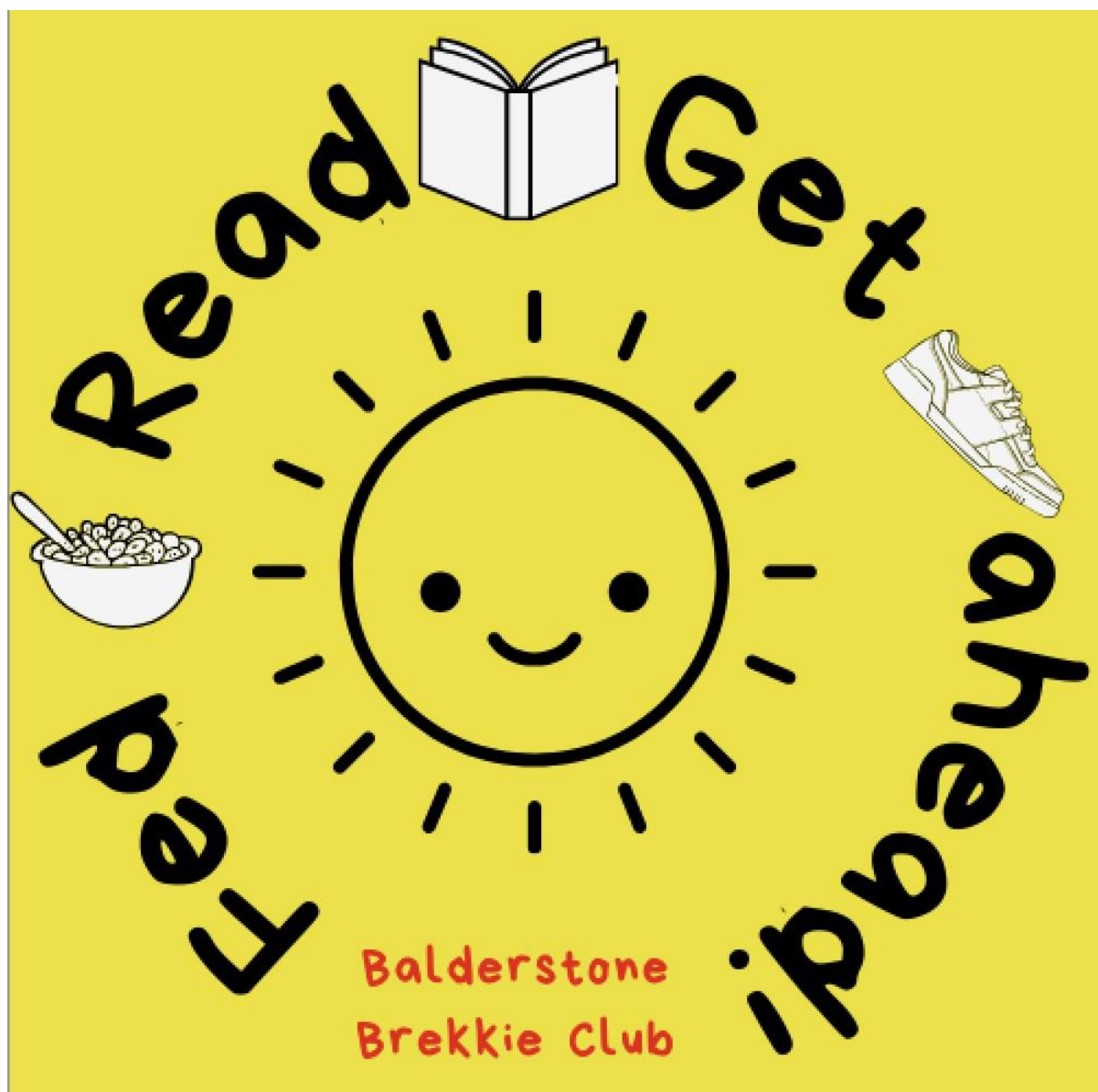
A huge thank you to Bobbie's mummy who has brought us a range of wonderful pot plants to bring a bit of nature and greenery into our school. These plants have already made a wonderful difference to the communal areas of school.

New to you uniform shop - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



We have a wonderful range of new and nearly new uniform available in our new to you uniform stall. Mrs Leaver has sized, sorted and organised all of the uniform and the stall is open every Friday during celebration worship and after school. Please do come along and see what's on offer, rather than spending money/resources on new uniform.

Balderstone Brekkie Club menu for the week



Below is next week's brekkie menu - with beans on toast and porridge with honey/raisins for our hot choices. Cereals, greek yoghurt, granola and mixed berries for our cold choices!



Sports events and clubs



As always, we may be small but we are certainly mighty when it comes to sports clubs and events. We have our full offer of **10 lunchtimes clubs** on offer for the children and Progressive Sports are also putting on a range of after-school sports clubs as well as our participation in LOTS of extra-curricular sports events, competitions and festivals this term. I've enclosed the lunchtime club timetable below so you can see the range of events for this term that your child can get involved in.

Over the coming weeks we have:

Tuesday 29th April - Year 5 (and a few year 4 children) attending the Ribble Valley Cricket event 9.30 - 3pm at Clitheroe Cricket Club

Wednesday 30th April Year 3 & 4 Girls' football festival 3pm - 5pm at Accrington Academy

Tuesday 6th May 10am - 11.30am. Animal Olympics - All Year 1 and 2 at Oakhill

Thursday 8th May 1 - 4pm Year 3 & 4 Quad Kids event

Monday 19th May 12.30 - 2.30pm Year 3 & 4 Striking and Fielding event at Accrington Academy

All this as well as the football league fixtures for football and Bee Stingers netball too.

A huge thank you to the staff, parents and volunteers who help make these events possible. One day we will be able to afford our very own minibus to transport the children to these events!

SUMMER TERM 2025
SPORTS AND WELLBEING CLUBS CLUBS AT BALDERSTONE

	Time slot 8 - 8:45	Monday Wake up shake up	Tuesday Marial Arts	Wednesday Wake up shake up	Thursday Wake up shake up	Friday Wake up shake up
	12 - 12.30pm	Y 2 & 3 Football	C4Life	Sum 1: Fundamental movement skills Infants EYFSAKS1 Sum2: Striking and Fielding KS1	Su 1 Y5/6 Tag Rugby Sum 2: EYFS Skipping club	Su1 Y5/6 Hockey
	12.30 - 1pm	Y4/5/6 Football	Intra-house Competitions	Sum 1: Year 4,5 & 6 netball Sum2: Y3/4 Striking and Fielding	Su 1: Y1/2 Athletics Su2 Y5/6 Athletics	Su 1: Athletics Year 3/4 Su2: Y5/6 Cricket
	Football day (Field only)	Infants (dotty playground)	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

Transition events for our new Reception children

Welcome to Reception Class



We are thrilled that we are again full for Reception in September, and that **all** of our pre-schoolers are joining us in our new Reception cohort. Mrs Turner and the EYFS team are busy putting together our programme of transition events to help us make the seamless transition from pre-school Bunnies into Reception Rabbits. Our transition events include:

- home visits (for our new children only)
- weekly 'live' bedtime stories on Zoom

- parent lunch as a chance for our new Reception parents to meet and eat together - this will be followed by a chance for the children to go and have a play in the classroom whilst Mrs Gow and Mrs Turner talk to parents about starting school. Please bring your child's birth certificate or passport to this session on June 24th. If you cannot make this session, then let us know as we will host an evening zoom session.



**UPCOMING
TRANSITION EVENTS**

JUNE 16 Monday - Home visits day

JUNE 24 **Tuesday - New starter parents and child lunch and meeting 12.30 - 2.30pm. Join us for a school dinner, an information meeting for parents and a stay and play session for your child.**

JUNE 31 Friday - Stay and play morning (children only) 9am - 12am

Weekly 'live' bedtime stories Zoom session with the Balderstone staff starting from 18th June @ 6.45pm

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Starts *Helping children thrive*

Vote for the project that means the most to you. Each project could receive up to £1,500.

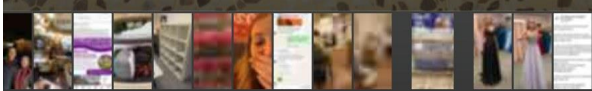
<p>Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary and Pre-school</p> <p><i>Trin Trail Together</i></p> <p>Building a new sustainable adventure playground for school, toddler group and community use, giving our diverse families a place to meet, play and have fun together.</p> <p>Balderstone</p> <p>Vote in-store until 31 March 2025</p>	<p>The BIG Sing SOUL administered by Imagine The Day</p> <p><i>FREE Music for Children</i></p> <p>Support mental health, wellbeing, increase self-confidence, reduce social isolation for children by delivering FREE positive music resources at Oakden Primary School.</p> <p>Blackburn</p> <p>Vote in-store until 31 March 2025</p>	<p>Working with </p> <p>Cruse Bereavement Support Lancashire</p> <p><i>Bereavement Support for Children</i></p> <p>Grief can be devastating. Can you help us be there for more children and young people who are struggling with the death of a loved one in the Blackburn area.</p> <p>Blackburn</p> <p>Vote in-store until 31 March 2025</p>
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Every little helps

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Our amazing FOBS team have been accepted onto the blue token scheme for Tesco - so we can continue to collect tokens! We are going to use the funds from the token to go towards our new adventure trail.

You can vote for Balderstone at the following stores:

Blackburn Superstore BB1

Darwen Express Express BB3

Blackburn Bank Top Express Express BB2 1TN

Roe Lee Blackburn Express BB1 9AX

Livesey Blackburn Express BB2 5AY



Church and Community Corner



Come along to our Forest Church on Sunday 27th April at 4pm! Everyone is welcome! We are looking forwards to welcoming Ribble Valley Mayor Louise Edge to experience Forest Church.

We start in church and then quickly move outside to explore the world around us. We then head into school for refreshments and craft. It's a relaxed afternoon for all ages in a friendly environment. If you haven't been along before, come and see what it's all about!





Keep in touch with the school family using the details below (or call into the school anytime to see us)

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