



Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary- 9th May

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

Friday 9th May 2025

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Weekly Words



This week we came together as a school family to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. As always Mrs Burton, Miss Lee and the school council team prepared the most wonderful Street Party lunch for us all to share. Before we ate our yummy party food, we prayed for those who have sacrificed so much for our country and also prayed that peace will be restored to those areas around the world where conflict, injustice and persecution is still occurring. It was notable that Pope Leo's first words as the new head of the Catholic church was, "Peace be with all of you." As a school we strive to live peaceably with each other, learning how to show love and respect for one another - even when we disagree about things! A huge thank you to Miss Lee and Mrs Burton for coordinating our celebrations. The children were very respectful during our commemoration minute of silence and our rendition of the National Anthem (but some of the children might need to learn the words as part of our work on British Values!)

Our EYFS children have been virtually visiting London this week - learning all about Buckingham Palace. They also have their own open top bus in the classroom and had their very own Trooping of the Colour this week.

*Our Year 6 have been preparing for next week's SATS tests by having a bit of a run through this week - so there are no unexpected surprises . Please get plenty of sleep, fresh air and **relax** this weekend. Breakfast will be available at school for all year 6 next week. Please make sure that the children are in school on time.*

Year 6 - You've done the prep now, so let's smash these tests and get them out of the way! Don't worry - we have plenty of Skittles, songs and silliness to get us through the week. Year 5 and 6 have the Colour Run and then the UCLAN science festival to look forward to at the end of the week! We would all like to say how marvellous we think you have been already YEAR 6, so don't worry. Do your best and that's all we ever ask! We are holding you all in our prayers and we know that God has His hand in all of it.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Gow

VE Day Street Party





Dates for the Diary Summer term please see the website calendar for more details



Upcoming Events

10
MAY

Walking Day (meet at the Community Centre)

10 May · 2:15pm – 3:30pm

12
MAY

SATS week in school

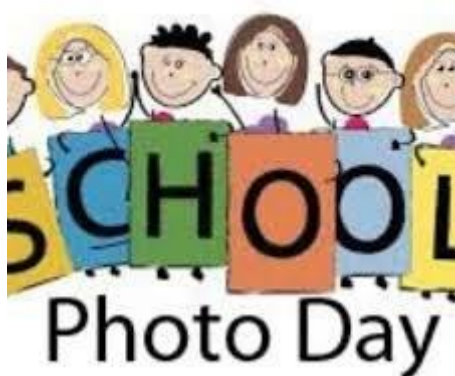
12 May · 9:00am – 12:00pm

16
MAY

Year 5/6 UCLAN Science festival at Preston

16 May · 9:00am – 3:00pm

Class photos- May 21st



Just a little reminder that our group/class photos are coming up - on the 21st May. Your child will have their photograph taken with their class. Please would our current Year 6 wear their grey hoodies. You may have seen our brand new mural has been started in the front entrance porch. Our very own artist in residence, Mrs Audrey Midgley, is helping our school

family tree vision come to life! Our class photos, staff pics and governor/helper photos will be displayed on our family tree!

Flourishers this week!



Well done to this week's flourishing children, who have lived out our school mission of Loving God, Loving Learning and Loving each other!

Bunnies - Saffiyah (wow are you only in pre-school - you are already ready for Year 1)

Rabbits - Adam (wow maths and phonics)

Squirrels - Phoebe (super confidence)

Foxes - Roll over and Danyal (wow writing D)

Owls - Shifa (improved confidence in maths) and Zaydene (sharing his expertise)

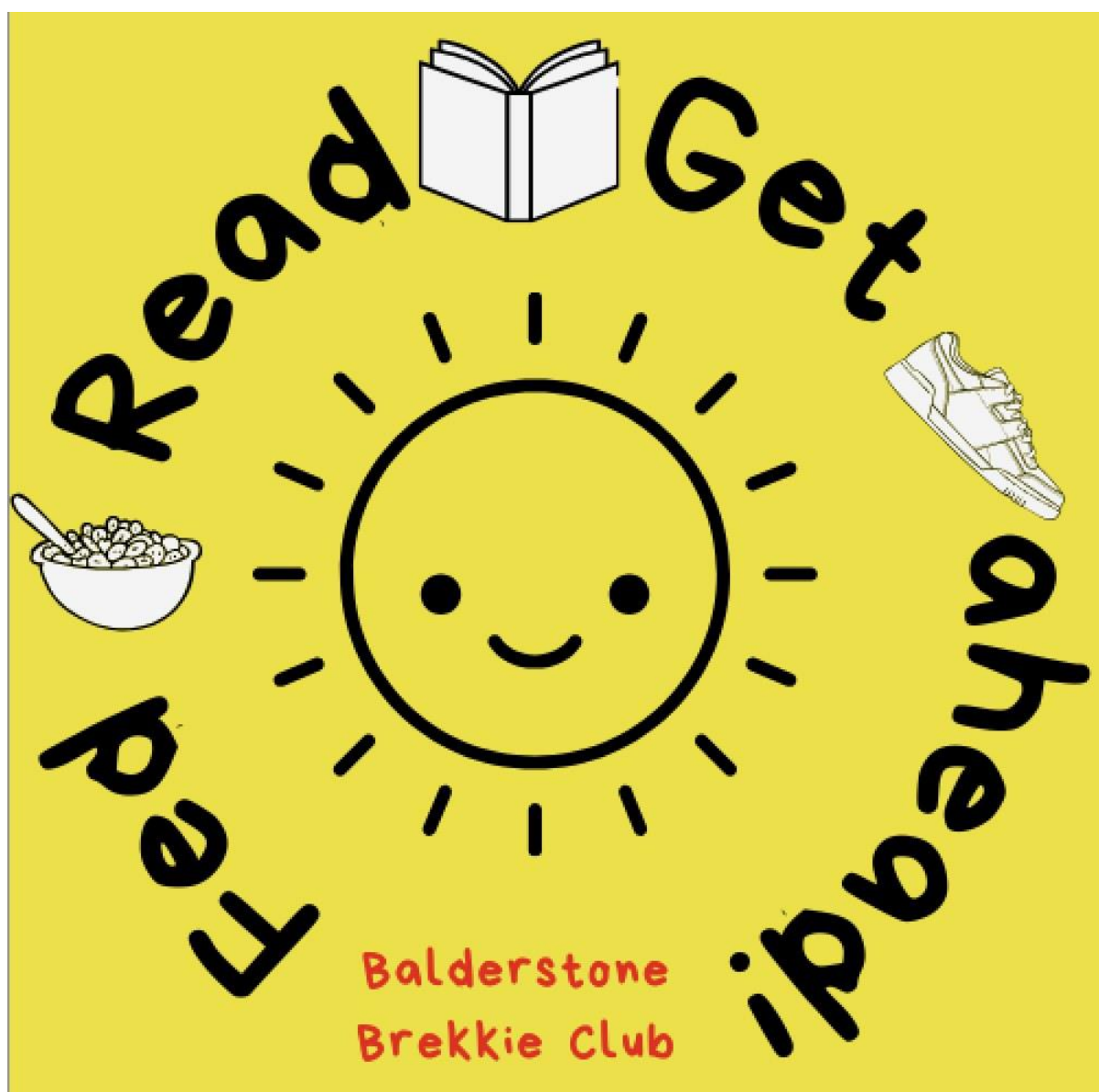
Coach Joe's sports choice - Ralph (wow sporting values)

Sports Round-up- Animal Olympics



A huge congratulations to our year 1 and 2 children who performed incredibly well at this year's Animal Olympics at Oakhill school. Mrs Burton's team came away as bronze medal winners! Well done to all the children for their super behaviour, enthusiasm and effort! It is amazing that (for a small school) our team came 3rd out of 20 local school teams.

Balderstone Brekkie Club menu for the week



Next week we are enjoying some new things on the menu - spaghetti hoops and also greek yoghurt with mixed berries. Check out the menu. Thank you to everyone who has been using the provision so regularly. It is one of the highlights of my day seeing the children mixing, chatting and playing together.



FOBS Colour Run



The children were VERY excited to see the video of a COLOUR RUN in worship today.

Although the registration period has expired, our FOBS team have very graciously said that ALL children who want to attend CAN. Children who sign up now will need to bring in their own old t-shirt (it will get full of powder paint) and a pair of sunglasses. However, EVERYONE can attend.

All children who are signed up can stay in school at the end of the day on Thursday, have a little snack and then get changed. All children will need to bring into school a pair of old joggers/leggings and an OLD pair of shoes/trainers/pumps to run in. Then we will be off down to the school field to get active and messy! At only £5 per child this event is sure to be an absolute blast. Some of the children and Mrs Gow attended a colour run at the School Games last year and we had the BEST time ever! If you have any time to spare to help volunteer in the colour run, then please click the link below OR see Mrs Oddie in the office. Children can be collected by 4.45pm - please bring plastic bags to save your seats. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE NEW ADVENTURE TRIM TRAIL AND BIKE TRACK.

[Colour Run](#)



Payment: Correct cash to be sent in envelope with child's name clearly printed or
BACS payment to Friends of Balderstone School
Sort Code: 30-99-50 Account Number: 51005162
PLEASE USE YOUR CHILD'S FULL NAME AS THE REFERENCE

PLEASE REGISTER USING THE LINK BELOW

CLOSING DATE MAY 7th

<https://forms.office.com/r/g7xt6ZRSdH>



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:

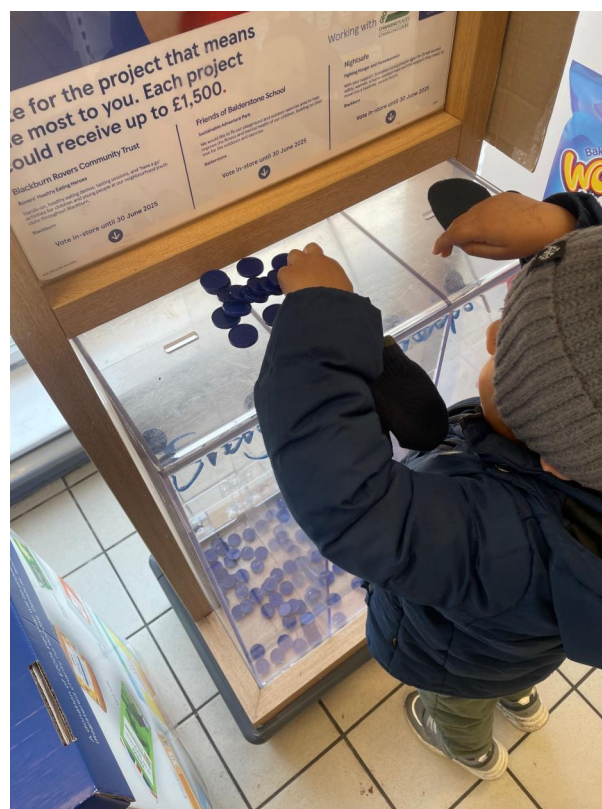
Blackburn Superstore BB1

Darwen Express Express BB3

Blackburn Bank Top Express Express BB2 1TN

Roe Lee Blackburn Express BB1 9AX

Livesey Blackburn Express BB2 5AY



MAY Half-term holiday club



Our incredible Progressive Kids team are offering **3 days** worth of holiday club provision from 28th - 30th May during half-term from either 7am - 6pm or from 9.30am - 4.30pm. They are offering these places for only **£15 A DAY** or £13 a day for the shorter hours! The children will be doing load of fun, crafty and sporty activities so please do use this amazing offer. Book on at [https://enrolmy.com/progressive-sports-south-lancashire/activity/36-Balderstone St Leonard s Primary School May Half Term Holiday Camp?emyatb=4w7y-gdi834](https://enrolmy.com/progressive-sports-south-lancashire/activity/36-Balderstone-St-Leonard-s-Primary-School-May-Half-Term-Holiday-Camp?emyatb=4w7y-gdi834)

or click the QR code on the poster below.

Progressive Active Camps
Be happy, healthy and active!

PROGRESSIVE kids
The best of childcare for your little one

MAY HALF TERM
Looking for fun and affordable childcare this May Half Term?

BRAND NEW venue - 50% OFF offer!
* 20+ exciting activities including
All delivered by our fully trained, DBS-checked staff with safeguarding and first aid qualifications.

28TH-30TH MAY

Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Thursday
7:30am - 6:00pm

Balderstone st Leonards Primary

Away play day for EYFS

COME and PLAY

Pre-school and EYFS Join Mrs Turner and Mrs Gow for our latest Away play day session at Fantasia on 18th May. This is a great opportunity to get to know the parents and carers in your child's year group and have a brew and a natter - whilst we have fun burning off some energy. Year 6 buddies are also welcome to come along with their parents too!

**Parent Stay and Play Centre Play.
(Pre-school, Reception and Year 1)**



**Join us at Funtazia in Blackburn for a
brew and chat whilst Mrs Gow and I
burn off a few calories playing 🤪
Sunday 18th May 10:00-12:30pm**

**FUNTAZIA Blackburn
Kent Street,
Blackburn, BB1 1DE**

**£6 per child (payable on the day)
siblings can attend 😊**

Please fill the form below.
<https://forms.office.com/e/c50Dzp74u2>

Bronze Award!



We have achieved our Bronze Award as a Green Tree School with the Woodland Trust! Everyone in school has been involved, visiting the woods, composting our waste and recycling to protect our beautiful surroundings and of course planting trees. It's great to celebrate the wonderful woodland that surrounds our school. We're working towards our silver next so watch this space! A huge thank you to Mrs Riddell for her work towards this award.



This is to certify that the pupils of
Balderstone St Leonard's Church of England Primary School

have achieved the

Bronze Award

on the Woodland Trust's
Green Tree Schools Award



Darren Moorcroft
Chief Executive



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Gardening Club



A big thank you to Andy from The Greenhouse Project in Blackburn for the plants he gave to gardening club for our school grounds. Our bees and butterflies will love them! In Forest Church, we have been raising money for this amazing charity which is part of the Lancashire Wildlife Trust. It's a wonderful place to visit in Witton Park and has many events going on over the summer. Have a look at their website for more details.

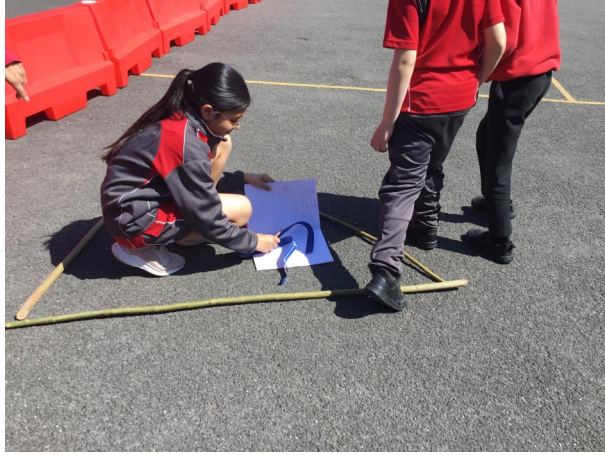
<https://www.lancswt.org.uk/greenhouse-project>

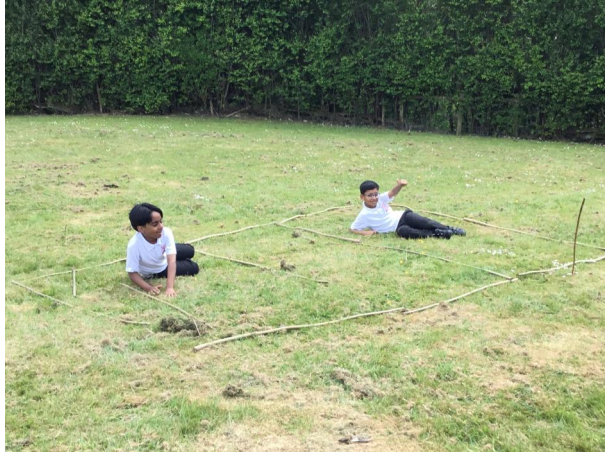


Outdoor Classroom Day



At Balderstone, we love being outside! On Thursday this week it was Outdoor Classroom Day, an initiative to get more children learning outside. This week Foxes have been outside for Maths, measuring the perimeter of different shapes, and for History, as we went back to the Stone Age and explored where we should settle and how we would manage to survive without all our modern materials. It wasn't easy!







Safeguarding Section- This week we focus on domestic abuse



DOMESTIC ABUSE FACTSHEET



It's important to know that there is no 'them and us' when we're thinking about victims and survivors of domestic abuse - they are our friends, our family, our neighbours and our colleagues. Blackburn's WISH centre have sent us the following information.

Domestic abuse isn't just physical – it can be emotional, physical, sexual, financial or controlling behaviour. Whatever it's form, there's #noexcuseforabuse in Lancashire.

For anyone who feels they are at risk of abuse, it is important to remember that there is help and support available to you in your own time frame.

If you recognise any of these feelings or behaviours then you, or someone you know, may be in an abusive relationship:

Do you ever feel:

- Belittled or put down?
- Blamed for the abuse or arguments?
- Isolated from your family and friends?
- Stopped from going to college or work?
- Accused of things you haven't done?
- Restricted in what you can wear, who you can see, where you can go or what you can think?

Have you:

- Been threatened?
- Had things that belong to you destroyed?
- Had your personal space invaded?
- Had your e-mails, texts or letters checked?

Have you ever been physically hurt by being:

- Slapped, hit or punched?
- Pushed or shoved?
- Bitten or kicked?
- Burnt?

Report it

If you want to report a crime, but you are not in immediate danger, you can call the police on 101 or report online here: lancashire.police.uk/reportcrime

If you need the police in an emergency, please do not be afraid to dial 999 - they will help you and protect you from danger.

If you can't speak in an emergency Call 999 from a mobile

When you call 999, the operator (the person on the phone) will ask which emergency service is required. Listen to the questions from the 999 operator. If you cannot say 'police' or 'ambulance', respond by coughing or tapping the handset if you can. If prompted, press 55 on your phone. This lets the 999 call operator know it's an emergency and that you aren't safe to speak. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Call 999 from a landline

If only background noise can be heard and operators cannot decide whether an emergency service is needed, then you will be connected to a police call handler.

If you replace the handset, the landline may remain connected for 45 seconds in case you pick up again.

When 999 calls are made from landlines, information about your location should be automatically available to the call handlers to help provide a response.

I don't know where I am and need the police as it's an emergency

If you need the police in an emergency and you're unsure of where you are, you can use the what3words app or website to generate a random three-word code to let our call handlers know exactly where you are. This code gives police call handlers a simple way to describe precisely where you are and allow them to direct help straight to the scene. Find out more about what3words and how it could help you in an emergency by visiting www.what3words.com

Supporting a family member, friend or colleague if they're being abused

If you're worried a friend is being abused, let them know you've noticed something is wrong.

Neighbours and community members can be a life-line for those living with domestic abuse. Look out for your neighbours, if someone reaches out to you there is advice on this page about how to respond. They might not be ready to talk, but try to find quiet times when they can talk if they choose to.

If someone confides in you that they're suffering domestic abuse:

- listen, and take care not to blame them
- acknowledge it takes strength to talk to someone about experiencing abuse

- give them time to talk, but don't push them to talk if they don't want to
- acknowledge they're in a frightening and difficult situation
- tell them nobody deserves to be threatened or beaten, despite what the abuser has said
- support them as a friend – encourage them to express their feelings, and allow them to make their own decisions
- don't tell them to leave the relationship if they're not ready – that's their decision
- ask if they have experienced physical harm – if so, offer to go with them to a hospital or GP
- help them report the assault to the police if they choose to
- be ready to provide information on organisations that offer help for people experiencing domestic abuse

Help and support

If you are worried that a friend, neighbour or loved one is a victim of domestic abuse then you can visit www.noexcuseforabuse.co.uk for details of the support services in Lancashire. If you are ever in doubt, but feel you might want support or someone to talk to, then come into school and talk to Mrs Gow.

Church and Community Corner



Please come and join us this Saturday, 10th May, for our annual Walking Day. As a school community we walk down from the community centre (gather from 2.15pm and leaving at 2.30pm) to school and then enjoy a host of lovely home-baked cakes, refreshments and fun for the kids - races and games! Meet Mrs Gow, Mrs Riddell, Mrs Cast, Mrs Burton, Mrs Draycott, Mrs Turner and the team at the community centre. We will walk down to school together and then there is a hymn with the brass band, then fun on the field! **EVERYONE** from school is welcome!

St. Leonard's
Church
Balderstone



Walking Day

Saturday 10th May 2025

With Balderstone Brass Band



Meet at Mellor Brook Community Centre at 2:15pm

Leaving at 2:30pm





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

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