



Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary- 20th June 2025

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

Friday 20th June 2025

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Weekly Words



Wow it's been a hot week in school! We have been blessed with some glorious weather, which arrived exactly at the right time for our themed Seaside lunch. The whole school family enjoyed a picnic on the field, followed by a very exciting visit from a local ice-cream van to provide a very appreciated yummy, cold treat for dessert!

Tuesday was Transition Tuesday with every class moving up to visit their new year groups for next year. Our current Year 6 children met up with over a hundred other year sixes from around the local area at Salesbury school, to meet some of the children who are going to their new high schools. The children enjoyed a range of physical, wellbeing and fun events including a session with poet Paul Cookson. Most of the children met a new friend who will be a familiar face in September as they embark on their new adventure.

Back in school on Tuesday we welcomed some of our newest members of the school family, as our brand new (and nearly new) three-year-old pre-schoolers joined us for a stay and play

session. It is testament to the ethos of our EYFS team that every child left crying - not because they had had a terrible time, but because they didn't want to go home!

On Wednesday of this week we had a visit from Erica Mason, our diocese early years specialist advisor to help with the planning and design of the new EYFS unit. We are getting incredibly excited about the massive building and restoration works that are going to take place over the holidays. We can't wait to show you what we have planned for this new unit.

Lion King rehearsals are in full swing and as we reach one of the busiest times of year I am enjoying listening to the refrains of Hakuna Matata and Circle of Life resonating from the hall. The lyrics, "There's more to see than can ever be seen, More to do than can ever be done" are ringing true as the summer holidays seem to be racing towards us.

Please do come along and get involved in FOBS incredible summer fun evening tomorrow - there has been a massive amount of preparation and planning effort put into the event by our relatively small team of FOBS volunteers and they now need you (and the sun) to make their hard work all worth it!

See you all

Mrs Gow

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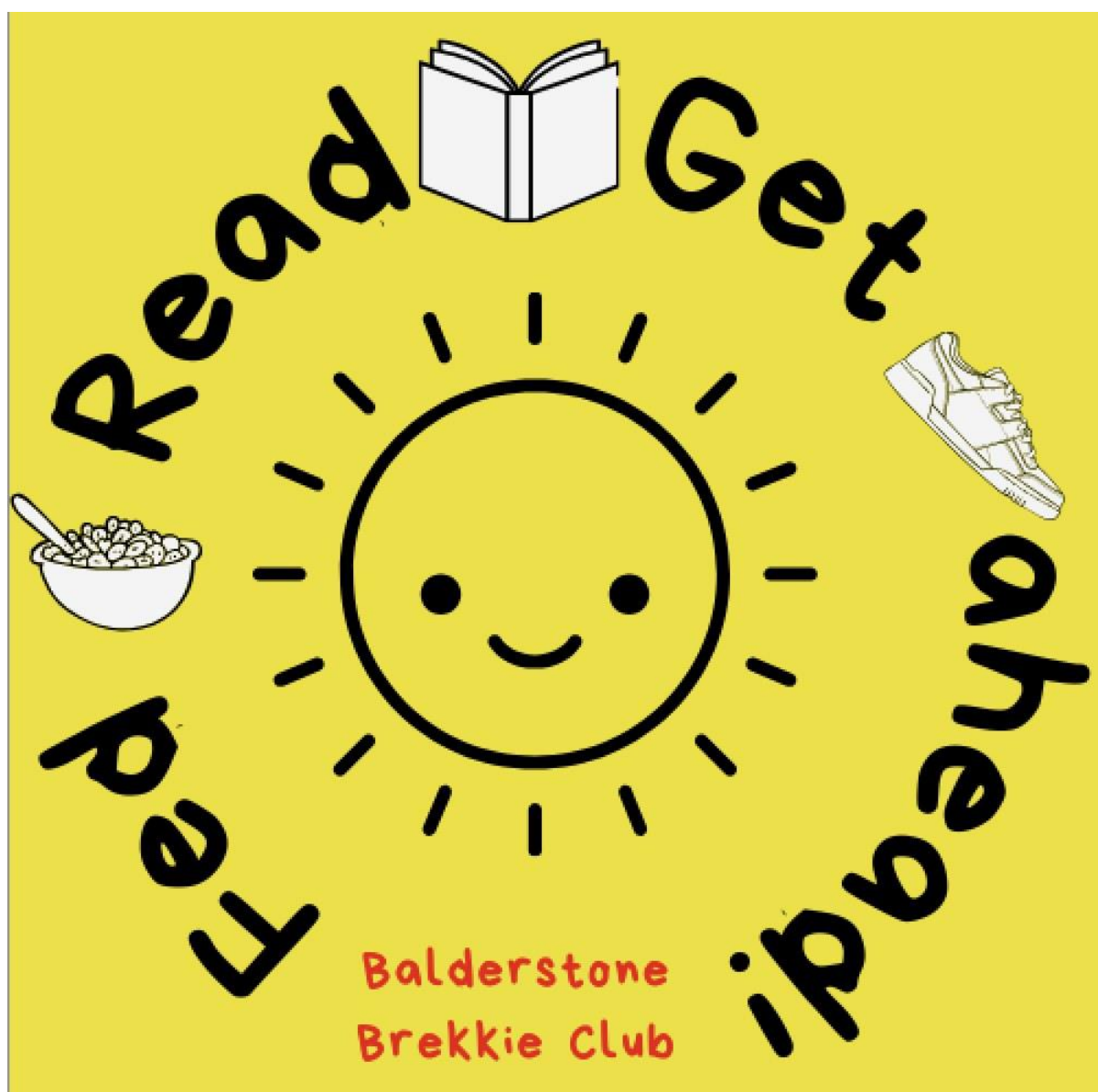


1 - Picnic on the field!





Balderstone Brekkie Club



Next week, by popular request, we are having bagels on Monday and then beans on waffles on Friday. Thank you to everyone who has been supporting the club so well. We are looking for any quality games/toys to top up our stock.

FOBS Summer Fun- it's tomorrow!



Pray for sunshine and no thunder storms everyone. We are setting up from 1pm tomorrow. Anyone else who is available to help would be greatly appreciated. This is the highlight of the year and a massive amount of work has gone into planning and preparing for this community event. EVERY penny FOBS make at these events goes straight back to the children and this year, all funds will be going to the new adventure trim trail and the toddle tyre track.

Join us from 5pm for all the fun of the fair. This year we also have an incredible circus workshop, inflatable slide, bouncy castle fun and lots of stalls and fun. Come along and support school to support *your* child!



🎪 Summer Fun – Our Biggest Event of the Year!

Then it's on to the main event on SATURDAY 21st June, 5–8pm – and we've got something brand new and exciting this year...

🎪 New This Year: The Circus Workshop!

For the first time ever, we're bringing the circus to school! Come and try your hand at plate spinning, diabolo, juggling, hula hooping and more. It's fun for all ages and guaranteed to make you smile.

💛 Volunteers Needed – Can You Spare an Hour?

To make the day run smoothly, we really need your help. We're asking for just one hour of your time – and with two people per stall, why not sign up with a friend and enjoy the time together?

Giving a little time means everyone gets a chance to enjoy the day with their families too.

You can sign up now at:

volunteersignup.org/YY4TP

Coffee Creative

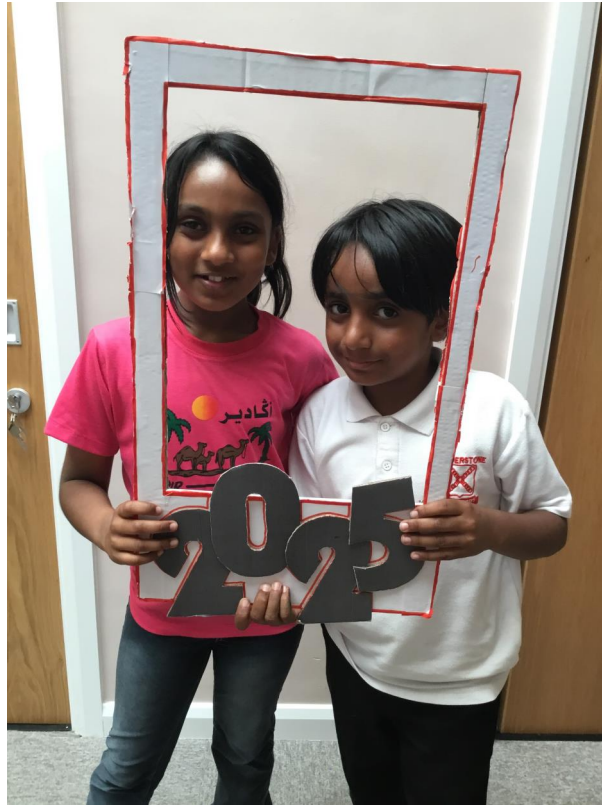


We had a lovely time this afternoon at this term's Coffee Creative. It was lovely to see so many families together crafting, creating key chains, memory trees and photo frames.









Sponsored Obstacle Course



A HUGE thank you to everyone for your incredible sponsorship of the obstacle race. If you are still collecting funds, would you please get them into us next week if possible. We'll share the incredible figure raised next week in the newsletter.

Balderstone Brambles- Nursery provision & spaces in school



We have been thrilled by the response and uptake to our new 2-year-old Brambles nursery provision. We are full for September but have some space from January, April and June starts. Please see Mrs Gow as soon as possible if your child is two before September and you would like a place before we open the admissions more widely to the community. We are busy planning the most incredible transformation of our whole EYFS unit - it is going to be a breathtaking transformation! We shall be holding a transition session for our two-year-olds on Tuesday 8th July from 10am - 11am in school.

We still have **lots** of space in Year 1 (Year 2 from September) if you know of any family members, colleagues, friends etc who might be moving into the area or whose children are needing a new school family. We also have a few Pre-school places available from September.



WELCOME TO OUR BRAND NEW
BALDERSTONE

BRAMBLES NURSERY

Newly refurbished nursery & Pre-school

Limited places are now available from September 2025 for children from 2 years of age.

Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary school are excited to announce the opening of our **new 2-year-old nursery** provision to enhance our already thriving **pre-school for 3-4 year olds**. Our newly built school based nursery is due to open in September 2025 and there are still a few places available in both nursery and pre-school for September, April and June starts.



Rooted and grounded in love...

Our small school family is thrilled to be expanding to offer government funded childcare provision for children from 2 years old. This means that eligible parents can access **30 hours of FREE** nursery provision for their child at our setting!

Known and nurtured

Your little one will flourish here in an atmosphere of love, aspiration and excellence. We have a focus on communication, manners, play, outdoor learning and being active! Come and see us in action

BOOK NOW FOR A TOUR

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Email bursare@balderstone.lancs.sch.uk for more information or for an application form

EVERY DAY IS AN OPEN DAY AT BALDERSTONE

A small school with a big heart - for learning, for God and for each other!

Outstanding Nursery & Pre-school education from 2 years of age

Bespoke play-based curriculum

Incredible Forest School provision for ALL children

Platinum school games accredited school and extra-curricular offer

Experienced, established staff
Wraparound care from 7.30am till 6pm & holiday club offer

Free breakfast club for ALL children from 8am



Can you help?



Are you going anywhere by plane over summer?

If you are, and the airline is giving out free headphones that you don't need, please could you keep them unused for school? We'd love everyone to have their own headphones to use with the iPads for music activities. Please ask friend and family too. Although we love listening to their music compositions, it would make some music lessons a lot quieter!

Thank you!



Next week on Monday afternoon, it's **Year 6's** turn to take part in Forest School.

Please make sure your child brings in their Forest School kit on Monday. Although we have some spare clothing in school, we don't have enough for everyone. Without the change of clothing, your child could miss out on the session. It's essential the children bring in the following:

- A jumper and T shirt or long-sleeved top.
- Trousers that can get muddy, joggers or leggings, **no jeans**.
- A waterproof coat.
- Welly boots – if you don't have welly boots, please ask, we have lots of boots we'd like to recycle!
- At least **2** extra pairs of socks.
- Waterproof trousers to wear on top – We have a few waterproof suits and trousers in school that are available to the children, let us know if your child will need one.
- A cap or sun hat and their water bottle. They can also bring suntan cream if needed but must be able to apply it themselves.

Remember we do like to get muddy so do not send in any new or expensive clothes.

We all love taking part in Forest School. Please support your child by sending in their Forest School kit. If there are any problems, please email me askmrsriddell@balderstone.lancs.sch.uk.

Safeguarding Section



With the weather taking a turn for the better - this week we focus on water safety.

Drowning is preventable, yet over 300 lives are lost to drowning across the UK and Ireland each year. Water safety education is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.

Every child at Balderstone learns to swim, whilst they are in Fox class (Year 3 and then again in Year 4) and one of the important elements of these sessions is learning about water safety, what to do in an emergency and how to stay safe around different bodies of water.

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE



Whenever you are around water:

STOP AND THINK

Take time to assess your surroundings.
Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.



STAY TOGETHER

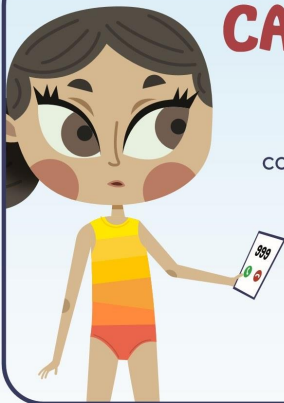
When around water always go with friends or family.
Swim at a lifeguarded venue.



In an emergency:

CALL 999

If you are at the coast, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.
Don't enter the water to rescue.



FLOAT

Fall in or become tired – stay calm, float on your back and call for help.
Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



Enjoy Water **Safely**

Learn basic lifesaving and CPR skills.
Visit www.rlss.org.uk



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