



Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary - 13th June 2025

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

Friday 13th June 2025

In This Issue



In this week's edition of the newsletter

- **Mrs Gow's Weekly Words**
- **Transition and staff news**
- **Balderstone Brekkie club and Bloke Breakfast**
- **FOBS Summer Fun!**
- **Orienteering Success for Balderstone**
- **Out of this World school dinners**
- **Gardening club news**
- **Forest School**
- **Safeguarding section - First Aid procedures**
- **Church and community corner**
- **Contact Us**

Weekly Words



It has been an action packed week at school with sponsored obstacle courses, Forest School, out of this world lunches, Bloke Brekkie, orienteering and Lion King rehearsals in full swing and that's on top of all the superb learning that's been going on in class too.

Firstly, can I thank everyone who organised (Mrs Burton and school council) and everyone who donated to our Sponsored Obstacle Race event on Tuesday. not only was the event an incredible amount of fun, but it has raised a superb amount for our new Adventure Trail and Toddle Track - final figures to be announced next week. A special mention to those children who have gone the extra mile with their fundraising. Lincoln managed to raise over £700 with his extraordinary pre-school efforts! Bravo and thank you to everyone who has given all they can to support our outdoor development. We have not received any other funding for this project other than the money we have been able to fundraise and gain sponsorship for. That means that the herculean effort of FOBS, school and parents have fully funded this

project - one that school alone would NEVER have been able to afford. If you still have any donations/sponsorship money to collect, we would really appreciate it in next week please.

Also, thank you to everyone who has continued to support our universal, free breakfast club this week. We have continued to get over 60 children a day to the club which is amazing! We have all noticed the difference this fun, healthy and calm start is having on all the children. We love seeing the children playing together and then having fun in their 20 minute sports sessions. It was wonderful to welcome so many brilliant blokes to today's breakfast, and to see them dancing in Wake up, Shake up! A special thank you to Miss Lee, Mrs Burton and Mrs Barton who cooked us such a feast! Enjoy your special day on Sunday dads, grandads and father figures! It was lovely to welcome our new vicar Reverend Nathaniel too to have brekkie with us.

We look forward to another busy week in school next week and to our FOBS Summer fun evening on SATURDAY 21st JUNE from 5pm - 8pm. What an amazing school community we are blessed with! Thank you everyone.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Gow

Transition and staffing news for September!



On Tuesday every child shall be transitioning to their new year group for the day. The children (who are not in breakfast club) can come to their NEW classroom door (eg, current

Year 2 children will come in through the junior door and make their way to Year 3 Fox class). The Year 6 children will be at Salesbury school for the day (see message below!)

We have exciting news about our new Squirrel class teacher for next year. Our very own Miss Kennedy (who has completed her extended placement with us this last term) is going to be staying on with us and join a dream team with Mrs Burton. She is already a familiar face to the children and already knows the Year 1 children well. She will be accompanying the Reception children on their class trip on 1st July and will be holding parent drop ins and taking the children for transition days.

She has written a little welcome note to you, so you can get to know her a bit better.

Hello Balderstone family,

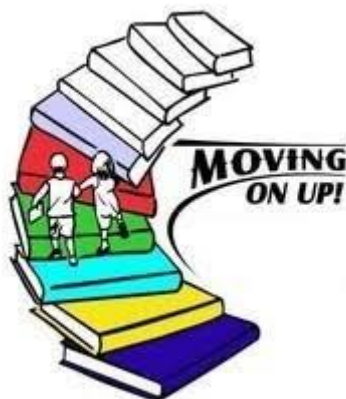
If I haven't already met you, my name is Miss Kennedy, and I'm delighted to be joining Balderstone St Leonard's as the new KS1 teacher in Squirrels Class, working alongside Mrs Burton. I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of such a welcoming and vibrant school community.

Although I've been at the school since March as part of my training, I am really looking forward to officially starting this new chapter and getting to know all the children and yourselves, as we begin the school year together.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, or even just to say hello. I'm excited to meet you all.

Amy Kennedy

[Transition event for our Year 6](#)

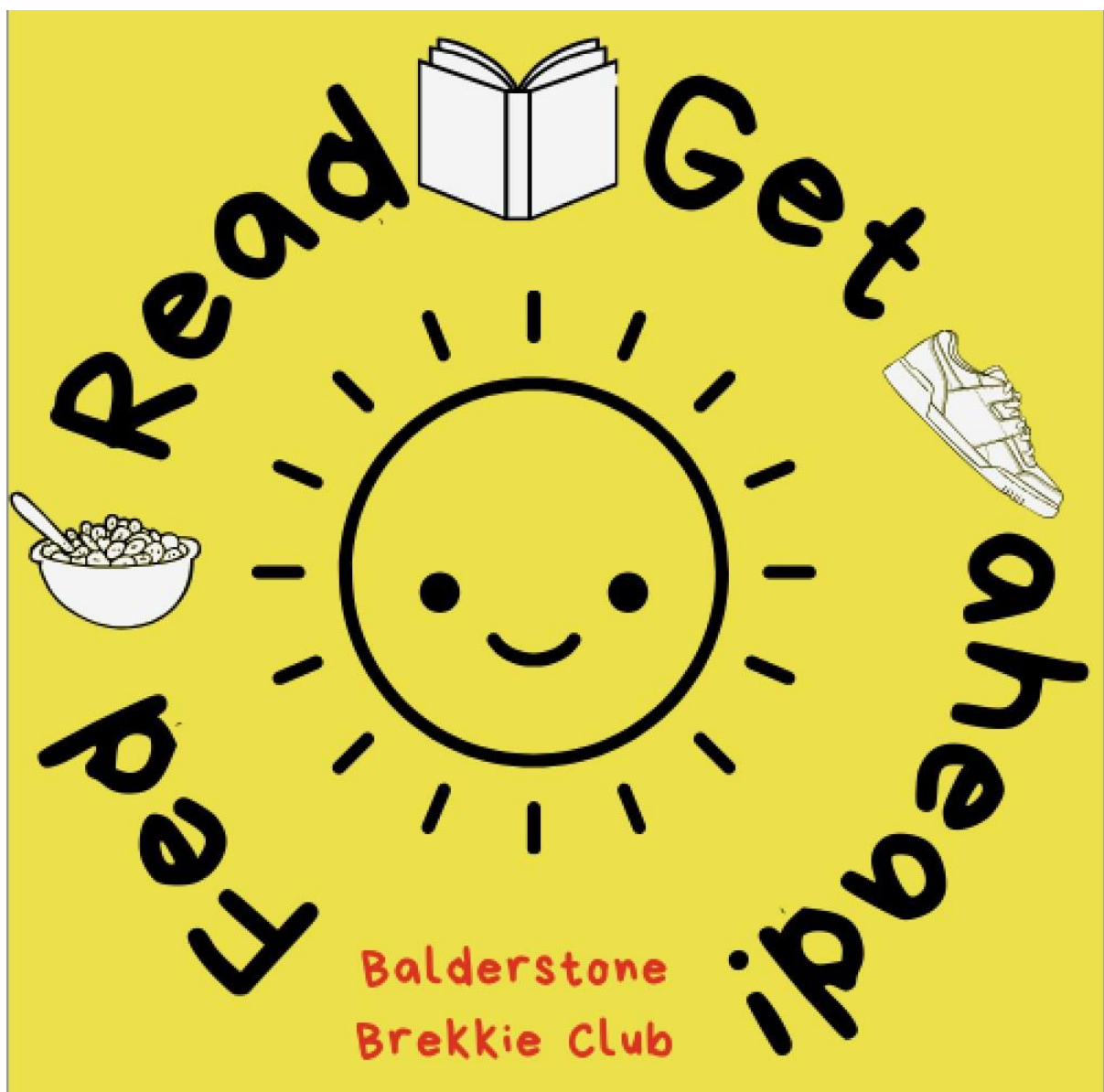


We are busily meeting with all the secondary schools of our Year 6 pupils over the coming weeks. On Tuesday 17th June, Year 6 will be attending the annual transition meet hosted at

Salesbury school - they are the only local school with enough room to host us all! We shall be meeting at Salesbury at 9.30am and then the children need picking up at 2.30pm.

All the Year 6 children from the local Ribble Valley schools meet up and we group the children by secondary school so they have some familiar faces before they transition. There are LOTS of fun activities to help team build and build confidence. Please could ALL Year 6 parents complete the Microsoft forms sheet sent out via parentmail so we can organise transport. Unfortunately, I don't have my 7 seat car anymore so I need lots of help with transport please).

Balderstone Brekkie Club



We look forward to another great week in FREE breakfast club. A huge thank you to everyone who supported our special Bloke Brekkie this morning. It was lovely to see the hall

filled with so many of our dads, uncles, granddads, step dads, our vicar and friends! The event has also raised some money to buy new board games for the children to use in club in the mornings. We also loved embarrassing Maisie's daddy by singing 'Happy Birthday' to him.





FOBS Summer Fun - Save the date 21st June!



IT IS NEARLY TIME....



Summer Fun – Our Biggest Event of the Year!

We're counting down to Summer Fun, and this year's event is shaping up to be the best yet.

To get things started, we're holding a Non-Uniform Day next Friday, 13th June, in exchange for a summer toy donation for the tombola – thank you in advance for your support!

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

Orienteering success for Balderstone!



Yet again our Year 5/6 teams have done us proud at the Hyndburn and Ribble Valley orienteering competition - with one team as SILVER medal winners. All of the children completed the course and no-one got too lost in Accrington. Thank you to Mrs Cast (our orienteering queen), Mrs Lorgat and Mrs Leaver for accompanying the trip.



Out of this World Lunches at Balderstone



This week we were treated to another out of this world lunch from Miss Lee and Mrs Burton. This time the theme was all things space! The children enjoyed a range of space themed foods and the hall and tables were all decorated astronomically! We also saw the return of the famous Balderstone chocolate fountain to decorate our fruit rocket skewers. Thank you team for making such amazing memories for our children. One Year 4 child literally exclaimed, "Woah!" as he entered the hall.








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 currently only have **two** spaces available for the September start - one full day on a Thursday and one on a Friday. Please see Mrs Gow as soon as possible if your child is two before September and you would like these days. There are still plenty of spaces available for April 2026 and June 2026 starts. We are busy planning the most incredible transformation of our whole EYFS unit - it is going to be a breathtaking transformation!

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



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

BOOK NOW FOR A TOUR
☎ 01254 769 150
Commons Lane,
Balderstone (Near
Blackburn) BB2 7LL



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

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

EVERY DAY IS AN OPEN DAY AT BALDERSTONE

Gardening Club News

From everyone at Gardening Club, a big thank you to the Church Social Committee for buying us a new greenhouse. We're so excited to get growing in it and can't wait to see what we can nurture! If you're ever passing and think the plants need a water, please feel free to pick up a watering can!



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!



Year 5 went for a walk in Forest School this week through the woods. It was wonderful to take the time to spot all the amazing nature around us. The children are so inquisitive! Poppy S found a dozy bumble bee but with help from the flowers they found, we revived it. Everyone was so amazed to see it feeding. After games in the woods and a walk back to school, we finished the session with some team building games with the tyres.

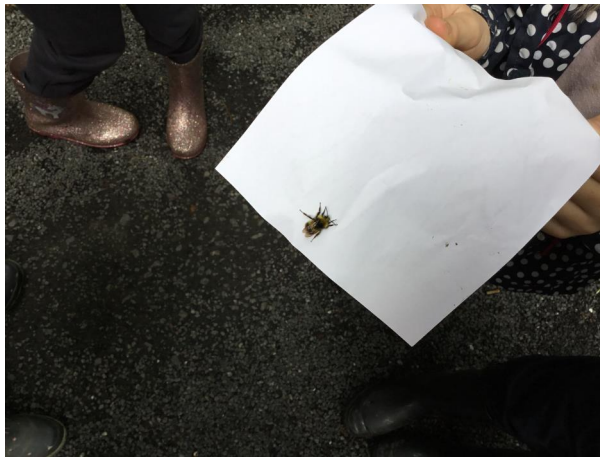
Check out the photos below to see our friendly bumble bee!











Safeguarding Section - Changes to our first aid reporting procedures



We have made some changes to our first aid reporting procedures this week. If your child has had a minor injury at school (graze, bump, slip, trip) then you may get told this at pick up time by your class teacher. However, there are some parents whom we do not manage to see at the end of the day and sometimes the white notification slips get left in the bottom of children's bags or left in school. With this in mind you may receive a Parentmail notification headed - First Aid Administered OR Bump to the head notification. These messages will

outline what happened and the treatment that was administered. Please do make sure that you read these notifications.

Church and Community Corner



This Saturday 14th June, it's the Church Summer Fair and Barbecue. Come and join us at school whatever the weather (we'll be inside if it's wet!). The children will be singing to open the fair at 2.30pm so come along a few minutes before so that they can join in.

St. Leonard's Church
Balderstone

SUMMER FAIR
& BARBECUE

SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 2025

Opened with a musical performance from the children
The brilliant Ukulele Group will be playing during
the afternoon

2.30PM

STALLS - GAMES - RAFFLES - REFRESHMENTS

Entrance - Adults £1

Children 50p



EVERYBODY



WELCOME



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

Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary school

Commons Lane

Balderstone

Blackburn

BB2 7LL

01254 769150

head@balderstone.lancs.sch.uk

Visit us on the web at <http://balderstoneschool.co.uk>