



Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary - 11th July 2025

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

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Weekly Words



Another busy week this week, even though it is nearly the end of term. This week has had: book fairs, teddy bears' picnic and a dress rehearsal. I would like to give a special mention to our Year 6 this week on the return of their SATS test results. As a school we strive for excellence: for all, in all, but also realising that every child's journey to excellence is different. We have excellent friends, excellent sports people, excellent artists, excellent engineers and excellent followers of faith in our Year 6. We would like to recognise every single one of our Year 6 and thank them for their effort and progress. It was a joy to receive your results and to be able to see tangible evidence that all your hard work has paid off. We shall celebrate your time at Balderstone next week in Friday's Leavers service. Year 6 parents are welcome to join us from 10.30am in school for coffee and then come over the church for your dedication and blessing service. Parent lunch for Year 6 will follow the service. Please remember that we finish at 1.30pm on Friday - with our guard of honour to our Year 6.

In worship today we have revisited the really important British value of tolerance. At Balderstone we don't use the term tolerance, as it has connotations of putting up with someone/something. Instead we use the word hospitality at Balderstone. This means that we are open to others; that we welcome curiosity and are invitational to others. Jesus' ministry was characterized by inclusive hospitality, demonstrating love and acceptance towards all, including those often marginalized or excluded by society. As a school we exercise radical hospitality and aim to be a small school with a big heart for others. Thank you to our parents and families who help make this part of our mission a reality.

I have shown a number of visitors around school this week (quite a few prospective parents) and they have ALL commented on the tangible family feel of our school and how confident, approachable and pleasant our children are. Thank you parents for raising children with such good manners, respectful attitudes and for insisting on the highest standards.

Key dates for next week:

Monday (ALL costumes MUST be in school)

Tuesday: *production performance at 1.30pm and at 6pm. Year 5/6 children need to be back in school at 5.15pm as the face painting takes quite a while - we discovered at the dress rehearsal. Children from all other year groups need to be in school by 5.40pm please. Doors will open for seating at 5.45pm*

Wednesday: *Year 6 trip to UCLAN (catching the bus into Preston and back) Any lifts to the bus stop would be appreciated.*

Thursday: *Year 6 fun afternoon (wet play clothes/shoes needed). Please return reply slips from reports and Year 5 send back your Bikeability permission slips.*

Friday: *Last day of term. Leavers' service 11am in church followed by Year 6 parent lunch. End of day at 1.30pm*

Mrs Gow

Progressive Kids



Coach Joe here.....

Wraparound!

Hi all! Another week comes to a close and we're down to our last week of school next week! Does anyone else think that time has zoomed by? The 'Action Zone' this week has seen an introduction to tennis as well as ball games and outdoor play.

Our 'Creative Zone' has seen some lovely flower paintings designed and guided by Mrs Barton. Primrose has made a lovely version with both the primrose and the poppy to represent her and her sister Poppy!

This week's 'Discovery Zone' has seen the children continue their love of lego building, creating cars, trucks, houses and many wonders of their own imagination. The children have also enjoyed various board games and strategy games such as snakes and ladders, operation and articulate.

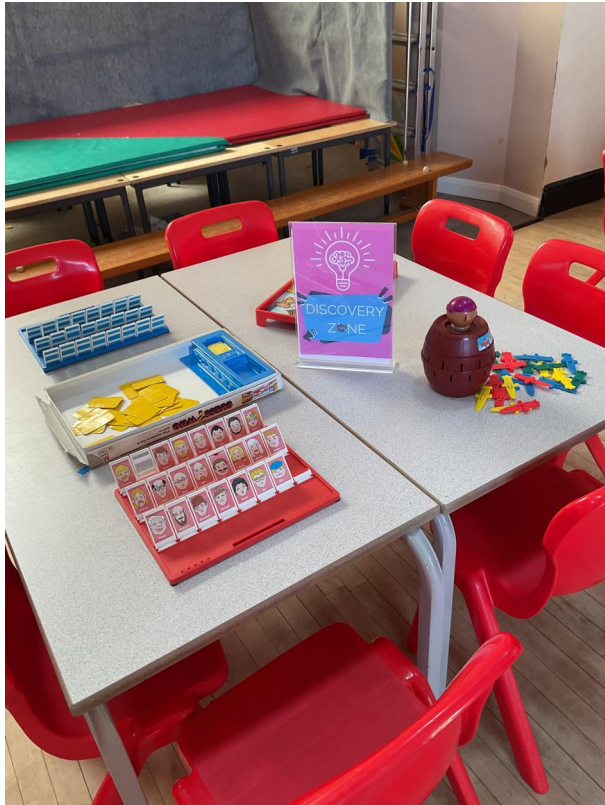
Our 'Wellness Zone' has had a lot to offer in terms of books, card games and space to have a breather after a long school day. Our new card game involving unicorns has quickly become a favourite of the children.

Sports clubs will be on as normal. Tuesday street dance, Wednesday football and Thursday cricket.

This week our raffle winners are Leo and Olive! Congratulations to both of you and the raffle tickets you have earned! Raffle tickets can be earned for many reasons. This could be anything from lovely manners, to winning games, telling funny jokes or being helpful to the coaches.

We hope everyone enjoys the weekend and we'll see you back on Monday for our last week of school!







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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!



This week it was Year 6's last Forest School! It's been amazing to see their team work skills, resilience and knowledge of the natural world develop over their time in Balderstone. We've loved every minute of being outside with them, rain or shine, and even snow!

This week we were den building, a firm favourite! There was a Mrs Riddell rainstorm this time - did anyone get wet? Well, you'll have to ask the Year 6s! There was a treat to enjoy inside their dens before they all enjoyed some rather wet team games!













Food for Life



It's been a very exciting week in gardening club as we harvested our first potatoes! Miss Lee will be using them in our lunches this week, I wonder if anyone has spotted them? We took home our salad leaves that still need time to grow and one lucky gardener got to eat our one ripe tomato!

Over the holidays, if you're visiting the church grounds, please feel free to pick any tomatoes or other produce that are ready for eating, and maybe give all the plants a water for us too! Thank you!







Church and Community Corner



Our next All Age Worship with Communion is this **Sunday 13th July at 11am**. It would be lovely to share in the Communion service with those who were confirmed last month. Everyone is welcome and we'll be enjoying tea, coffee and refreshments in school after the service and of course they'll be craft too!



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