



# Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary - 12th September 2025

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

*Friday 12th September 2025*

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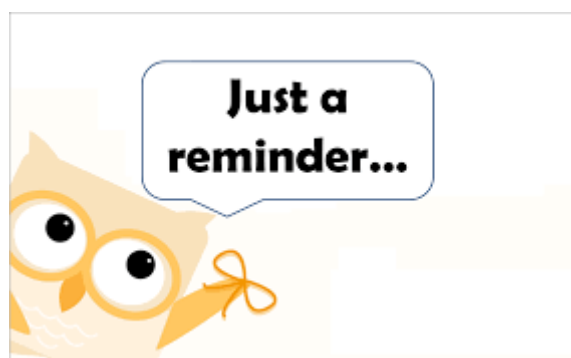
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## Dates and reminders



Every week, I'll try to start with the key dates and any reminders for the week - so if you are really busy you have a quick summary of important things from this week's newsletter.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**15th and 16th September - Bikeability for Year 5 children. Make sure your bikes & helmets are in school and you will need your PE kit on, trainers and waterproof coat/trousers. Bring spare clothes if it is rainy!**

**16th September - Year 6 out at the Party in the Park. Remember your kit (see Parentmail), trainers and lunches for those *not* on school dinners.**

## REMINDERS/TO DOs



### **ALL parents/carers please complete:**

- Microsoft form for photo permissions (link sent on Parentmail) just a couple of families left (thank you)
- Microsoft form for breakfast club (even if you don't plan on using the provision)  
<https://forms.office.com/e/ytKpRkMmGj>

### **All parents/carers of children with allergies/medications**

- Please make an appointment to see Mrs Gow to fill in the Allergy Action plan (it's really quick and should only take a few minutes) we can also do this on the phone if it helps. Ensure all class teachers have medications that are in date.

Weekly Words - Welcome back!

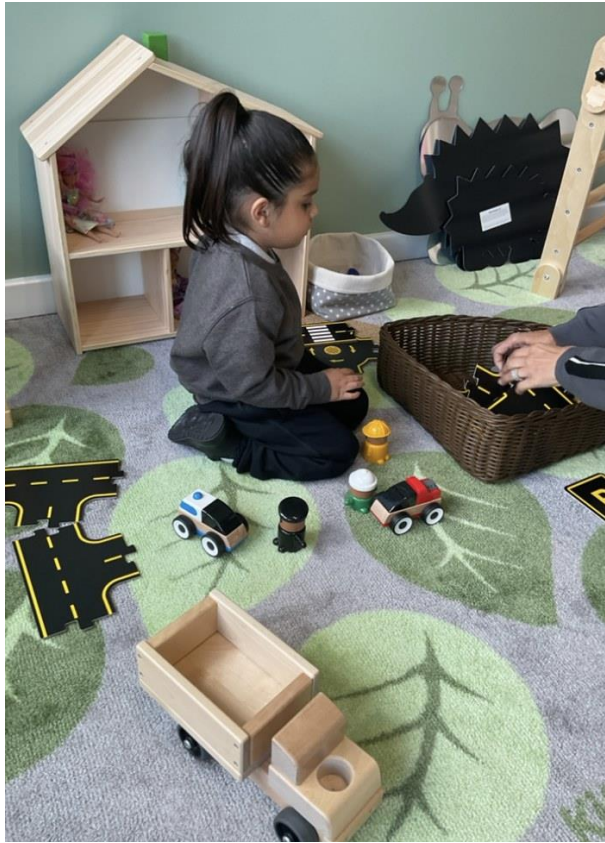


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*It's been great this week to have the whole, new extended school family together this week. We have welcomed nearly all of our new Brambles (2 year olds) and our Pre-school Bunnies back into school and they have been fabulous! The new Brambles Hedgehog class are looking very smart in their new grey uniforms. There may only be 5 in every day but they are keeping very busy with lots of playing, stories and outdoor exploring with a bit of singing, dancing and eating thrown in for good measure. The layout of the new EYFS unit has meant that it has been a joy to see them interacting with the Reception Bunnies across the double-sided units.*

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Our brand new Toddle Tyre Track and Adventure trail were completed this week (hooray!). We are VERY excited to start to use all the new equipment from Tuesday onwards (after our playground inspection team have checked it all out). A huge thank you to you for making this possible through your sponsorship, support of FOBS (Friends of Balderstone School) and fundraising efforts. It is testament to our small school family that we could raise, together, this phenomenal amount (along with kind donations from Tesco Stronger Starts, Balderstone Parish Council and the Harris Trust charity to name a few).







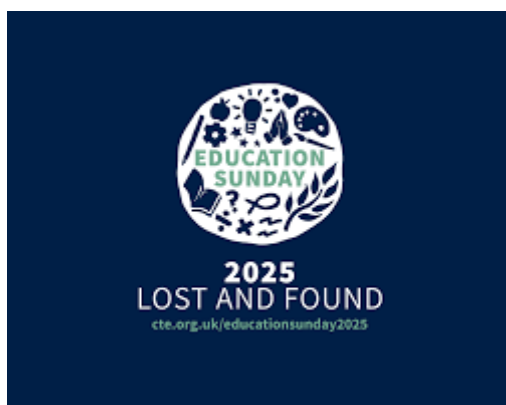
It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at our Meet the Teachers event. This was an informal chance to have a look at your child's room, find out any information you may need and put a face to a name if you haven't really met your child's teacher before. As always, you can contact us via email if you don't see us at the doors in the morning/afternoon, but please protect our staff family time (so we don't tire them out!) They may read an email but only respond the next working day during their work hours. If you need to contact someone urgently then please use my email. [head@balderstone.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@balderstone.lancs.sch.uk).

We look forward to welcoming Reverend Nathaniel to worship with us next week in school.


Have a lovely weekend and look out for rainbows - we've had some wonderful ones this week over school. God always keeps His promises and the rainbow reminds us of the joys that can be found even on the rainiest of days!

Mrs Gow

Pray for our school and community this Education Sunday



This Sunday, 12th October, is Education Sunday. This is a time where we come together as a community to pray for our schools and place this academic year (and all its adventures) into God's hands. We ask that you hold up our school community: staff, governors, children, parents and carers and our board of Education leaders and advisors in your prayers. We are a praying school and believe wholeheartedly in the power of prayer, so please pray for safety, renewal and continued blessings for our school and the really special, faith-filled diversity of our school.



## Education Sunday

This Sunday, we mark Education Sunday, a moment to celebrate the transformative power of education and to hold in prayer all those who learn, teach, lead, and serve in our schools.

The theme this year is "Lost and Found", drawing us into a deeper reflection on the journeys of discovery, growth, and restoration that education enables. Rooted in the words of the prophet Jeremiah, we are reminded that we are like clay in the hands of the potter—formed and reformed by God's loving purpose. Even when we feel lost, we are never beyond His reach.

At the heart of our hope is Jesus Christ, the one who seeks and finds, who restores and renews. In Him, we find the ultimate example of love, grace, and truth—values that lie at the foundation of all meaningful education.

As the new academic year begins, we commend to your prayers:

- All children and young people across our diocesan family
- The teachers, leaders, and support staff who serve faithfully in our schools
- The governors, chaplains, clergy, and volunteers who nurture and guide
- And all who work in or alongside schools across Lancashire

May this Education Sunday be a time to give thanks, to seek God's guidance, and to renew our commitment to shaping lives through learning, in the light of Christ.

Iain Parks  
**Director of Education**  
Blackburn Diocesan Board of Education

## Canopy being fitted - access to school



This week we are having our new EYFS canopied area fitted, so our little ones can play out in all weathers. The red gate to the infants will be open but you will only have access to the Year 1/2 door. The children from Reception and Pre-school will be using the Year 1/2 door at the top of the playground for the next few days to come out at the end of the day. **YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO WALK DOWN THE INFANT YARD AND ONTO THE PLAYGROUND - SO YOU WILL NEED TO WALK AROUND SCHOOL TO THE BACK PLAYGROUND PAST THE CHURCH PLEASE TO COLLECT JUNIOR SIBLINGS.**

I will check with the contractors if we can still use the EYFS door to come in in the mornings! They contractors start tomorrow and should be finished on Wednesday (ish).

## Applying for a secondary school place



Our current Year 5 and 6 families are now exploring their options for secondary school. At Balderstone we are blessed by a **WHOLE** range of different feeder secondaries. It is really important that all parents/carers keep in mind some key dates from Lancashire regarding applications

Monday 1 September 2025 - Apply from this date for your secondary place

School places are not allocated on a first come, first served basis. All applications received up to the closing date are given equal priority, but if you miss the deadline, a late application may reduce your chance of getting your preference of school.

**Friday 31 October 2025 - National closing date for secondary applications (statutory).**

During this period all applications are processed, and all preferences are considered against the published admissions policy. Where there are more applications than places available, decisions are made as to which children should be offered the available places. We will liaise and exchange information with all other admission authorities including neighbouring local authorities. The allocation and offer of a secondary school place is finalised.

Monday 2 March 2026 - Offers issued to parents

(The national offer date is 1 March, if this date falls on a weekend or a bank holiday, offers are sent the next working day.)

If you are not happy with an initial offer the appeals period starts from your receipt of the offer. Appeal information will be issued later as this allows some time for waiting lists to operate.

**Parents/carers also need to consider transport to and from their choices of schools:**

Dear Parents and Kinship Carers of Current Year 6 Pupils,

We are writing to provide important guidance regarding your child's upcoming secondary school application, with particular emphasis on home-to-school transport considerations.

Before submitting your application, it is essential to carefully consider how your child will travel to and from your preferred secondary schools. Free travel assistance is only available to pupils who meet the criteria outlined in Lancashire County Council's **Home to School Transport Policy**.

When selecting your school preferences, please ensure you have read and understood the information available on the Lancashire County Council website regarding **school admissions and travel assistance**.

Please note:

- For transport purposes, the *nearest suitable school* is defined as the school closest to the family home. In some cases, this may be a school located within another local authority area.

- If you choose a school that is not considered the nearest suitable school, there is **no entitlement** to free transport. In such cases, you will need to make your own travel arrangements.
- Most children will attend their local school, which is typically within a reasonable walking distance when accompanied by a parent or carer.

If transport costs are a concern, we strongly encourage you to contact your **Area Education Office** before submitting your application.

EAST AREA

Hyndburn, Ribble Valley, Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale

(01254) 220747

If your child is not eligible for free travel assistance but you would like your child to travel to school by bus, you may be able to buy a season travel pass from us.

The County Council will not provide extra services for non-statutory pupils and you will need to [plan how your child will get to school](#) if space on the bus is not available.

Please call 0300-123-6738 or visit [School bus season tickets - Lancashire County Council](#) to make an application.

It is important to plan ahead. Please make sure that appropriate transport is available, should a place be allocated at your preferred school.

WHO DO I APPLY TO - BLACKBURN OR LANCASHIRE?

Well it depends who you pay your council tax to/who empties your bins! That's the local council you apply to.

### **Applying for a school outside Blackburn with Darwen**

If you **live** in Blackburn with Darwen but you want to apply for a school **outside** of Blackburn with Darwen, you still need to submit your application to Blackburn with Darwen.

You live in Blackburn with Darwen if you pay council tax to us and we empty your bins.

We will work with the other council on your behalf.

### **Applying for a school in Blackburn with Darwen from outside of Blackburn with Darwen**

If you live outside of Blackburn with Darwen and want to apply for a Blackburn with Darwen school, you should submit your application to your own local council eg Lancashire

Your council will work with us on your behalf. The offer of a school place will come from your own local council.

Here is a link to the Blackburn with Darwen school applications page.

[https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/School\\_Admissions\\_\(NEW\).aspx](https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/School_Admissions_(NEW).aspx)

Here is the link to the Lancashire (Ribble Valley) school application page (see poster below)

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>



**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY**

**APPLY NOW!**  
at [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

**School and Academy places September 2026**

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2025.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

**School transport** 

If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at [lancashire.gov.uk](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk) or scan the QR code. 

**CLOSING DATE**  
**31 October 2025**

[lancashire.gov.uk](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk) >>>>

**Lancashire**  
County Council 

We shall try to update our website with any local Secondary school Open Evening dates:

Ribblesdale Open evening Thursday 25th September 2025 from 4.30pm. You can book tickets using this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ribblesdale-school-secondary-open-evening-2025-tickets-1430187863399>

St Augustine's RC High. Thursday 2nd October, 5.30pm - 7.30pm, with an address from Headteacher in the hall at 5.30pm and again at 6.15pm.

St Wilfrid's CE Academy. Wednesday 24th September from 4pm - 8pm

TIBHS 25th September 2025 at 3.45pm-6.45pm.

TIGHS Thursday 2nd October 2025 4:30pm till 7pm

Pleckgate High School Saturday 20th September 9-12pm

Oakhill Wednesday 1st Oct 5-8pm & Saturday 4th Oct 9-1pm (see website for how to book on)

Westholme Thursday 2 October 2025 (register interest on website)

Witton Park 23 October 2025, from 4pm to 6pm

CRGS exam weekend **Saturday 27th September 2025.**


**Please check each individual secondary school's website for their Open Evening/events.**

[Open week at Balderstone](#)



We are preparing for our own Open week at Balderstone and this is where we need your help. We need you to spread the word about our rather splendid small school and ensure that LOTS of people come to find out more about our school family. Please make sure our current pre-school families, that you remember to apply (even if you have siblings at our school already or are in our pre-school). We have a new admissions criteria this year that helps our siblings and our pre-schoolers gain places. See our website for more information.

The deadline for Reception applications for 2026 is **15th January 2026.**



**Join THE BALDERSTONE ST LEONARD'S SCHOOL FAMILY... THE SMALL SCHOOL WHERE EVERY CHILD IS KNOWN, NOTICED, AND NURTURED**

**LOVE GOD • LOVE EACH OTHER • LOVE LEARNING**  
**ST LEONARD'S BALDERSTONE**

**Oxford Good Provider**

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

**Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary, Pre-School & Nursery**

We understand that choosing the right pre-school and primary setting for your child is crucial. That's why we'd like you to come and spend some time getting to know us - tour our small school, meet our wonderful staff team and pupils and get a feel for our exceptionally caring ethos. If you are looking for a small sized, caring, rural school with a diverse, outstanding and faith-filled education, then we are the school for you! Balderstone is a place where your child can thrive in an ethos of love and excellence. Small intake of only 15 children ensures every child is known, noticed and nurtured!

- Outstanding Pre-school education from **2 years of age**
- Incredible **outdoor learning and play-based exploration** (limiting screen time & prioritising learning outdoors)
- **Maths mastery** school & outstanding reading and phonics attainment
- **BRAND NEW EYFS unit**, outdoor area, adventure trail and bike track (with over £380,000 investment in 2023)
- Incredible Forest School provision & qualified staff
- **Platinum** school games accredited school.
- Two residential holidays for every child
- **Gold** Artsmark school & History Quality Mark, Step Outside EYFS award
- Wraparound care from **7.30am till 6pm**. Holiday club provision too.
- **Free breakfast club for ALL children from 8am every day**

**Open week Monday 13th - Friday 17th October 2025**  
**Showcase day**  
**Thursday 16th October 9.30am - 7pm**  
with Headteacher talks at 9.30am, 1.30pm and 6pm, Forest school experience, chat to current parents and governors, share refreshments & enjoy a pupil led tour

01254 769 150 @BalderstoneSchl  
www.balderstoneschool.co.uk

**RING NOW TO BOOK YOUR TOUR**



**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY**

**APPLY NOW!**  
at [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

**School and Academy places September 2026**

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

**CLOSING DATE**  
**15 January 2026**

**School transport**

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**Lancashire County Council**

[lancashire.gov.uk](https://lancashire.gov.uk)

## Balderstone Brekkie Club - read, fed and get ahead!



We have had a super start to breakfast club already this term. It is really important that our numbers do NOT drop off at Breakfast club in order to make sure that this provision can keep running. If you haven't signed up for the club yet, please do so this week as registration will end next week. You can use the club flexibly to meet your needs but we need a clear number of attendees on each day so we can sort our staffing and food orders.

Please could ALL families complete the form for breakfast club by Monday 15th September (regardless of whether or not you are going to use the provision) so we can get an accurate number of those wanting provision and so we can buy the right amounts of food for the days. Please complete the form for each of your children so we can forward the information on to the DfE registers. Here is the link to the form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ytKpRkMmGi>

FREE BREAKFAST CLUB - CONFIRMATION OF PLACES (PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EVERY



Traffic, road safety and disabled parking!



Unfortunately, I had a visit from a very disgruntled local resident last week, who had numerous complaints about drivers on Commons Lane. Our breakfast club in the mornings has made the morning flare up of traffic somewhat better as parents can drop off from 8am. However, he was particularly irate about speeding along the road. As a school and as a staff we have all been witness to speeding along the lane (by a whole range of different vehicles - delivery vans, farm machinery, cars) and some of this is most definitely not school related traffic. However, in order to make sure that our road is kept safe I implore you to drive more slowly, cautiously and courteously along Commons Lane in order to dispel the myth that it is always Balderstone parents/carers causing the issue. I have asked our wonderful PCSOs Katie and Caroline to come and do some more speed checks around the lane, as the last time this was done a number of local residents and a few parents were warned about their speed. It served as a timely reminder of the importance of driving slowly, even when we are in a rush, late for something or if we are local and think we know the road well enough to drive beyond the speed limit. Speeding past school and along the lane will be taken seriously and reported to the police.

We had one family who are also in desperate need of the **disabled parking spot**. PLEASE do NOT use this parking space unless you are a blue badge holder, as you are making it difficult for one of our parents with a disability to get into school.

## Progressive Kids



Coach Joe and Aimee will be updating us weekly on the Progressive Kids offer. Remember that we have wraparound care from 7.30am in the morning till either 4.30pm (short session) or till 6pm for the extended session. You can book onto this provision if you are in **Pre-school to Year 6** using the link

[https://enrolmy.com/progressive-sports-south-lancashire/activity/54-Progressive Kids Breakfast Afterschool club at Balderstone St Leonards](https://enrolmy.com/progressive-sports-south-lancashire/activity/54-Progressive%20Kids%20Breakfast%20Afterschool%20club%20at%20Balderstone%20St%20Leonards)

You can book a place regularly or just book on when needed. You can book an after-school place up to 11am on the day - after this point you would need to contact school to ensure the club know your child is attending.

**Brambles** children need to let Mrs Gow [head@balderstone.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@balderstone.lancs.sch.uk) and/or Aimee Barton know which days they need for wraparound in advance please and the time slots - so we can make sure that Aimee (Mrs Barton our EYFS specialist ) is in club to look after your little one. The wraparound hours for Brambles can be included in your 30 hours of childcare for working parents.

The children have an incredible time at club and the provision has been outstanding. See next week's newsletter for more information.

## Places in school/Brambles - spread the word



We are very blessed that school is popular, busy and flourishing. We do have a couple of spaces across the coming year in Brambles and Key Stage 1.

### **Brambles** nursery

- 1 space for Monday, Thursday, Friday from April 2026,
- 2 full-time places from June 2026.

**Pre-school** - limited full-time spaces available immediate start (for 3 year olds)

**Reception class** - full

**Year 1** - full

**Year 2** - spaces available immediate start

**Juniors** - full

Forest School & Our new Toddler group



Our Forest school sessions will start again on Monday 22nd September and this half-term it is the turn of Year 1 and 2. Please make sure that the children have their warm/spare clothes in school. Mrs Riddell will send more details next week.

Our Brambles class will also be having their Forest School sessions from 10-11am on a Tuesday starting on the 23rd September. All children will need wellies and a waterproof coat/spare clothes.

## Baby and Toddler Squad (B.A.T.S)



You know that we are passionate about early years at Balderstone and that we love supporting our families. Well, with this in mind, we have been updating our Baby and Toddler group offer for the year. This year there are going to be 6 themed B.A.T.S activities as part of our toddler sessions for our youngest children to get involved in. Firstly, our wonderful Mrs Riddell is going to run a block of autumnal themed Forest school sessions. These sessions will be suitable for all children who are walking and will run from 10 - 11 am. There will still be play, brews and socialising time in the hall before and afterwards. Everyone is welcome to join us from the local area. This week is a meet and greet session (normal toddlers) before Forest Fun starts next week (see attached flyer).

We are really exciting about the new launch of B.A.T.S with some really exciting sessions planned - Batty Balance (balance bike fun), Batty bakes (cooking and tasting), Batty Ball

(footy and early sports), Batty Brushes (arts and crafts), Batty Boogie (dance classes) to name just a few of the new adventures we shall be sharing on a Tuesday morning. Our Brambles children will automatically be enrolled into the fun with Mrs Hussain and Mrs Barton helping them join in.

**Balderstone B.A.T.S.**  
*eee*  
**Toddler Forest School Group**

**Tuesdays**  
**9.30am - 11.30am**

Come and join us at our all new Toddler Forest School session (led by our own Forest school teacher) in our magical Forest school and stream!

Refreshments from 9.30am and outside from 10-11am. Songs and games till 11.30am.

**Dates**

- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

**You will need:**  
*eee*  
Warm waterproof clothes, a hat, gloves and wellies, a sense of awe and adventure and an adult to help with the fun! Only £3 a session

**Contact details**  
*eee*  
Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary, Pre-school and Brambles Nursery  
Commons Lane, Balderstone, Blackburn. BB2 7LL  
01254 769150  
Come along and join the forest fun!

## Food for Life



As a school we are working towards our bronze Food for Life award. This initiative promotes healthy sustainable food for everyone, focusing on growing, cooking and of course enjoying eating food together.

In the newsletter we'd love to share ideas, recipes and maybe growing tips so if you've got any easy recipes or great ideas to share, please let me know ([askmrsriddell@balderstone.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:askmrsriddell@balderstone.lancs.sch.uk)).

Down on our field, the mature apple trees have done really well this year with a bumper crop and the trees we planted as a school about 3 years ago have also produced just one apple!

So here's our first recipe, apple muffins! Let us know if you try cooking them, we'd love to see photos!

## Harvest-time Fruit Muffins

Makes 12 large or 18 smaller individual cakes



### Ingredients (allergens in bold)

- 120g plain white flour
- 120g wholemeal flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 100g caster sugar
- 100g **butter** (melted)
- 150g **natural yoghurt**
- 2 medium-sized eggs
- 2 tbsp milk
- 2 tbsp runny honey
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 100g apple (peeled and finely diced or grated)\*
- 50g blackberries (enough for at least 1 berry per muffin)\*
- 2 tbsp oats

### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200 °C/180 °C Fan/Gas 6 and line a 12-hole deep muffin tin with paper muffin cases.
2. Mix the 2 types of flour, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda and caster sugar together in a large bowl.
3. In a measuring jug, mix the melted butter, yoghurt, eggs, milk, honey and vanilla, then add to the dry ingredients along with the apple and blackberries. Mix until just combined – don't overmix.
4. Spoon the mixture into the muffin cases – they will be quite full. Sprinkle oats over the tops and bake for around 20 minutes, until golden brown and well risen. Allow to cool before eating!

### Storage

These muffins freeze well, so make a full batch and package any you don't use straight away for the freezer. They will keep for up to 6 weeks and can be defrosted quickly.



### Equipment

- muffin tin with paper muffin cases
- mixing bowl
- measuring jug
- fork or small whisk
- wooden spoon
- cooling rack

### Recipe notes and tips

- Use standard size cake cases and bun tins to make more but smaller muffins. Better for your lunchbox!
- Make these in the early autumn when windfall apples and hedgerow blackberries are freely available.
- \*Other delicious seasonal variations are rhubarb and strawberry in early summer or grated carrot, cinnamon and banana in the winter.

## Safeguarding section



## Flu Vaccinations

Please make sure that you have signed up/or opted out of the Flu injection/spray for your child. We have been told to expect quite a harsh flu season this year, so please do consider getting your child immunised. If you have any issues with the QR code sign up, then come into school. Mrs Oddie has put more information onto Parentmail. The sign up link can also be accessed through

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/d750c1fc>

ALL children from Brambles to Year 6 are eligible for this year's Flu immunisations. Please see the enclosed poster with the dates and the QR codes for more information. The injected vaccine does not contain porcine gelatine .



**IntraHealth**

**NHS**  
Lancashire (inc. Blackburn & Darwen)  
School Aged Immunisation Service

**Your child can be a  
Real Life Superhero!  
Protect your  
Friends And Family  
Against  
FLU.**

**ST LEONARD'S CofE PRIMARY & NURSERY**  
Vaccination Date: **MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**  
To complete a consent or refusal form online,  
Please scan the QR code:

For any queries... Call: 0333 358 3397 Option 2, Option 2  
Email: [team.lancashire@intrahealth.co.uk](mailto:team.lancashire@intrahealth.co.uk)

To find out more about the flu vaccine, please scan the following:  
Info available in multiple languages

The Child and Family wellbeing service have set through some information about help/advice lines and also workshops that families can access.

**Children and Family Wellbeing Service**

**Get advice and support**

Someone to talk to  
Problems at home/school  
Jobs and training  
Apprenticeships  
Staying safe online  
Sex and health  
Relationships

Mental Health  
Self Harm  
Bullying  
Drugs and alcohol  
Things to do  
Housing, rights and money  
What age can I?

[facebook.com/LancashireYZ](https://www.facebook.com/LancashireYZ)  
[twitter.com/LancashireYPS](https://twitter.com/LancashireYPS)  
You can contact us 365 days a year  
**2pm to 10pm**

**tak zone**  
Text **07786 51 11 11**  
Talk online [lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone](http://lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone)  
Call **0800 51 11 11**

**Age 0-19**  
(up to 25 for young people with learning difficulties or disabilities)

[lancashire.gov.uk](http://lancashire.gov.uk)

**Lancashire County Council**

FOUNDATION FOR RIBBLE VALLEY FAMILIES

*Have you heard about our*  
**WORKSHOP SUPPORTING  
THE MOVE TO  
SECONDARY SCHOOL?**

Join our FREE 2-hour session for the parents of young people to learn how to support your children with anxiety. We'll explore triggers, emotional overwhelm and practical strategies to manage anxiety and build emotional regulation skills.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26** 10AM - 12NOON

Email: [connect@rvf.co.uk](mailto:connect@rvf.co.uk)

**The Toll House, Trinity Hub, Clitheroe**

 **Ribble Valley Families** \*FULLY REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT REQUIRED



## Church and Community Corner



SAVE THE DATES:

**Sunday 12th October Harvest festival 11am**

**Sunday 23rd November Forest Church 4pm**

We are really looking forward to Harvest Festival at church on Sunday 12th October. Harvest is a time for us all, from every faith, to come together to thank God for His creation and food. At a time when so many are going hungry and when Food Banks are in such high demand,

school will be collecting dried/tinned goods for Blackburn Food Bank and also collecting for the Bishop's Harvest appeal and Red Cross for Palestine. Find out what is happening at our church at:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11534/service-and-events/events-all/>

Get in touch



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

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