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

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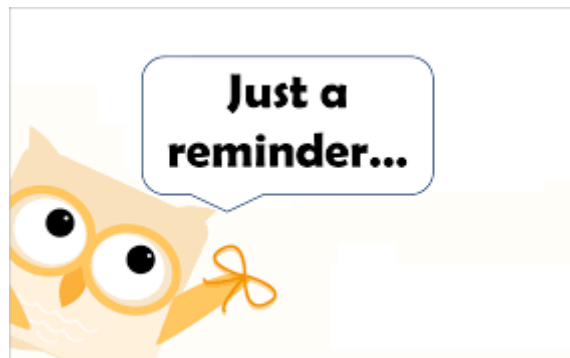


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Dates and reminders



INSET/Training days for staff are coming up on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th October (Holiday club is available on the Thursday to help with childcare - see below with details on how to book on)

Tuesday 21st October - 4pm - 6pm Selected pupils from Year 5 & 6 Netball competition

Weekly Words



A huge thank you to everyone for supporting our Open Week event and Showcase Day. A special thank you must go to our Year 6 tour guides. It is such a joy to hear the children talk so positively about school as they took visitors around school. A huge thank you to Mrs Riddell for running additional Forest School sessions so all the children got a chance to have some outdoor learning. I am always reminded during open week of the bible quote from John/s gospel where Jesus says, "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full".

It describes an abundant life that goes beyond merely existing, encompassing physical, emotional, spiritual, and mental well-being. This fullness of life is deeply visible in our school life as we share with others the Balderstone way: our residential trips, our focus on outdoor education and fostering a deep love and respect for nature, our love of sports and keeping active (and commitment to reducing screen time), our passion for the arts, our varied school trips, excursions and events and our deep faith filled family. Truly life is lived in all its fullness at Balderstone.

As our biggest FOBS event of the term approaches, our bonfire night celebration, on Saturday 8th November, we remember that it is our sense of community that makes school family so very special. Do come along to this event and see the school community feel in action - we eat (lots), drink, ooh and aah at the fab firework display and enjoy our bonfire (from a lovely safe distance) and get to know one another and meet family and friends. As we always say, there are no strangers at Balderstone, only friends we are yet to meet. We were revising with the children the core British values of democracy, respect, individual liberty, the rule of law and tolerance (or as we like to phrase it at Balderstone - hospitality). At Balderstone we are radically hospitable, in that we always strive to make everyone who enters our school feel purposefully at home and welcome. Bonfire night is one of those events where you can tangibly feel the community hospitality in action, so do come along and bring your extended families and friends to join the family fun!

Mrs Gow



FOBS Bonfire Night – Saturday 8th November 2025, 5pm 🎆 We are excited to announce our first FOBS event of the year – Bonfire Night at Balderstone St Leonard's School! Bring your family, friends and neighbours along for an evening of fun, fireworks and food. Event details:

📍 Balderstone St Leonard's School

🕒 Saturday 8th November 2025, 5pm

There will be a fantastic fireworks display, along with plenty of delicious food and drinks including hot dogs, curry, samosas, mulled wine, hot chocolate, waffles, cakes, tea, coffee and more! This is a wonderful opportunity to support our school while enjoying a great night with our community. ✨ We would love to see you there! ✨

Holiday club - October half term

Progressive Active Camps

Be happy, healthy and active!

Our holiday camps are running again this year, to help with childcare for our families but also to give the children active, fun and safe activities over the holiday. This year the club is running on :

8.30am - 3.30pm on

Thursday 23rd October

Monday 27th October

Tuesday 28th October

Each full day only costs £22.50

Please find attached the October Half term booking link:

<https://enrolmy.com/progressive-sports-south-lancashire/book-now/58-Balderstone-St-Leonards-Primary-School--October-Holiday-Camp--->

Please **do make use** of this provision otherwise it will not be a viable venture and we will lose the club at our venue. Primary school aged children/cousins/siblings etc from outside Balderstone are allowed to book on too.

Thanks

INCLUSION NEWS



For all children on the SEND register, your class teachers will be in touch with you soon to arrange termly Learning Plan meetings.

As always, please get in touch with any concerns or queries.

EYFS - Rabbit Report and Bunny Bulletin



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Thank you to everyone who attended the Autumn Crafts session led by Laura from Lancashire Adult Learning.









Book fair



We LOVE reading at Balderstone and it is at this time of year that we hold one of our 2 annual book fairs. Father Christmas, particularly at this time of year, starts to get VERY busy getting preparing for the Christmas season and with this in mind our Scholastic book fair is in school until Tuesday 21st October. The book fair will be open:

- Monday after school till 6pm so our after-school club children can access it
- Tuesday at our Toddle B.A.T.S group and then after school till 3.30pm

You will be able to pay with vouchers, cash or your card/phone at the fair (mobile reception allowing).

These fairs are an important part of our school reading year, as we use the commission we get to buy class reading books so each classroom has it's own sets of readers.

Progressive Kids



If you need to book your child on to wraparound care from 7.30am till either 4.30pm or 6pm, then please use the qr code below which links to our school's booking page. You can book on up until lunchtime on the same day or ring school before 12.30pm.



**Do you need to access
our wraparound
provision?**



Scan the QR code to book on:





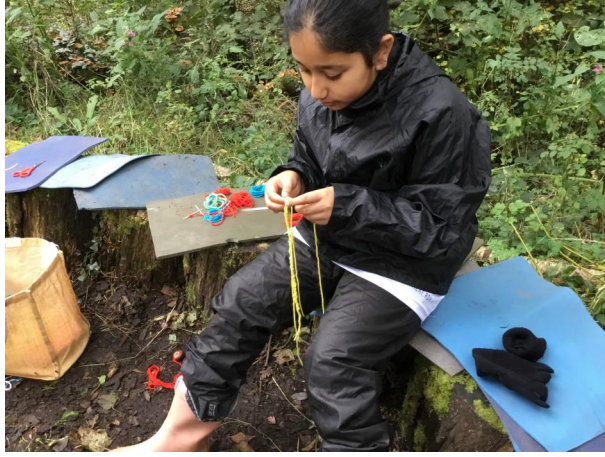
What a great week at Forest School! On Monday, Year 1 and 2 built mini dens on the field for our bumble bee to hibernate in. There were some great constructions which included slides and a balcony! They needed their balancing skills for our tyre team game and then enjoyed exploring the brook.

On Thursday, every year group came outside for a Forest School session as part of our Showcase Day. From conker necklaces to magic wands, from finding shrimps to making models with the mud, the children loved being outside and exploring the brook and Forest School area!













Food for Life



School council met this week to talk about our Good Food Culture in school as part of our Food for Life award. We talked about all the healthy options that were available as part of school dinners such as the salad bar, milk and water to drink and fruit. The children all agreed they enjoyed sitting in their family groups at lunchtime and particularly enjoyed our special occasion meals, a big thank you to Mrs Burton and Miss Ley for organising these. They discussed what they do and don't like about how lunchtime is organised and came up with suggestions on how things can be changed. They all said there should be less waste at the end of lunch. We also discussed the cooking projects we do as part of our curriculum and they all said they'd love to do more.

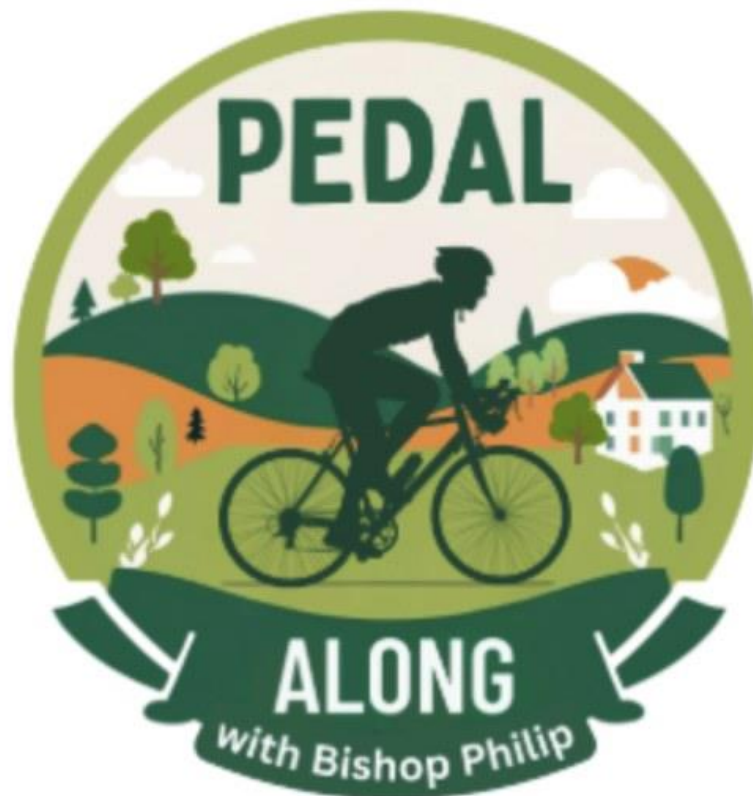
From all these discussions, we're going to create our action plan as we work towards our bronze Food for Life award.

Look out for the new lunch menu on Parentmail! Have a chat with your child and please fill in their choices.

Church and Community Corner



Supporting Bishop Philip



As a whole school family we pedalled along with Bishop Philip in support of this year's Harvest appeal. We have raised over £100 to send in to help support our link Diocese of the Free State in South Africa. Watch our video on X

<https://x.com/BalderstoneSch1/status/1979469121927385509>



SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday 23rd November Forest Church 4pm

A huge thank you for the many food donations for Harvest. These have been sent to Blackburn Food Bank.

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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