



Newsletter 20th March 2026

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

Friday 20th March 2026

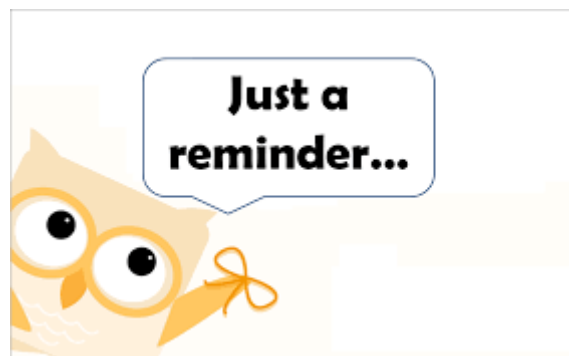
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Dates and reminders



Monday 23rd March - Swimming Gala

Tuesday 24th March - Egg decorating in school

Tuesday 24th - Comic Relief non-uniform and cake sale

Thursday 26th March - School disco straight after school until 4:30

Friday 27th March - Easter service at 9:00am

School finishes at 1:30pm



1 - Mrs Draycott's Weekly Words

Wow! It certainly has been an action packed week. There has been so much going on and I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the staff team who have organised the different events. Balderstone has been represented at the Let's Go Sing concert, in football matches, gymnastics sessions and at the dance festival this week and the children have made us proud. Back in school, we have made the most of the sunshine. EYFS have been out on the bikes and have been showing their skills on the adventure playground. Squirrel class have been busy creating their Easter gardens and weaving. Foxes enjoyed combining RE and art to create paintings showing forgiveness. It was so lovely to see them painting outside, making the most of the glorious weather. Owls class have been planning their own adventure stories linked to Beowulf and have investigated how to separate soluble materials.

Friday has been a quiet day in school as lots of our school family have been celebrating Eid. I hope those of you who have celebrated have had a blessed time with family.

Looking forward to next week, we will have our annual egg decorating competition in school on Tuesday. Children will need to bring in a hard boiled egg or plastic/ polystyrene ones (which are better) to decorate. This is always a highlight and it is great to see the different creations the children design. Any specific items your child needs for their design needs to be sent in to school with the eggs on Tuesday. We will provide paint and glue.

Our Easter service will take place at 9:00am next Friday and all are welcome to attend. Children from each class will be taking part. After the service, children will participate in the annual egg hunt. So much to look forward to.

Have a lovely weekend.

Comic Relief



This year Comic Relief falls on Friday 20th March which for lots of you is Eid. Therefore, we will hold our non-uniform day on Tuesday 24th March and will have a cake sale from 2:45pm. Children to bring a donation of at least £1 for the privilege of coming to school in their own clothes. Also, if you could donate cakes for the cake stall, we would really appreciate it. If you are making cakes, please list the ingredients so we can be aware of children who have allergies.

Let's Go Sing!



On Monday evening, Year 3 and 4 performed at our Let's Go Sing Concert at Blackburn Ice Rink. It was a fantastic evening. The venue was a sell out and the children performed in front of 2000 people!

The children have worked hard all year learning the songs and the sign language with the help of the Let's Go Sing team. We are so lucky to be involved in this amazing project which really brings a love of singing to our school.

The whole project starts in September when the teachers are introduced to the songs by the Let's Go Sing team who then come into school to sing with the children on a number of occasions. Then there's lots of hard work, learning the songs and all the words as well as the sign language that's included in some of the pieces.

We were immensely proud of all the children. The Ice Rink is not a warm place but we all took part in a big dance workout to keep ourselves warm. During the concert, the children sang, signed, danced and had a fantastic time rocking out to the music!

Thank you to everyone that helped, came along and supported us and to the Let's Go Sing team who really make this a very special evening every year.





SPORTS UPDATES: What a busy week...



Y5/6 FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Team: Zayn (C), Danyal, Inaaya, Zahraa, Yaqub, Mu'aaz, Ameerah.

On Monday, our Year 5 and 6 team had the 3rd round in the Ribble Valley league at Edisford. Our team performed with determination in some very wet and cold conditions. All of the children played in all 4 matches as we were short of players on this occasion. Mu'aaz impressed us with his goal keeping skills and the Khan girls were fierce in defence. Danyal and Zayn were able to hit the back of the net and allow us to gain some points. No wins on this occasion, unfortunately, but sporting values were shown in abundance.

Thank you to the parents who transported the team to Clitheroe.

Y5/6 GIRLS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Team: Inaaya (C), Zahraa, Aisha, Ameerah, Rehmat Fatima, Aliza, Haniya. Poppy B, Poppy S, Fayha

It was our girls' turn to compete in their league on Tuesday and the weather couldn't have been more different: we had lovely sunshine! We played 4 matches in total ... and

managed to win our game against Barrow 2 - 0 with goals from Poppy S and Inaaya. Poppy B was amazing in goal and had some brilliant saves. Again the children showed our sporting values .

Thank you to the parents who transported the team to Ribblesdale.



Y1/2 GYMNASTICS

On Tuesday, our Year 1 and 2 children travelled to Burnley to participate in a taster event at The Best Centre.

The children worked in groups with a gymnast from the club and had the opportunity to try out the bars, beam, vault, floor, trampolining, the tumble track and even a foam pit.







Dance Festival at Burnley Mechanics

Team Poppy B, Poppy S, Eeva, Tessa, Adah, Primrose, Florence, Olive, Phoebe, Isla, Charlotte, Elizabeth, Bobbie

Wednesday was the turn of our dancers, who have been working really hard since Christmas to choreograph and learn a dance with the help of Miss Estelle.

Our Dance was named "Circle of Champions" and was designed in line with the theme: "Rhythms of Unity": Celebrating the spirit of major sporting events happening all over the world where sport, culture and imagination come together as one.

We were exceptionally proud of our children's performance and behaviour on the night. For some of our younger children, it was a late night and they all coped really well.

A massive thank you to Miss Estelle for her choreography skills and patience; Mrs Oddie for sorting out tickets and transport; Mrs Turner and Mrs Hussain for the t-shirt designs and also Mrs Simm and Mrs Lorgat for their hairdressing skills - what a team effort! Also a huge Thank you to Bobbie's Mum for helping us at the Mechanics and Bobbie's Dad for bringing Mrs Turner and Mrs Heyworth home.

Check out our 'X' page for the full video!







Food for Life

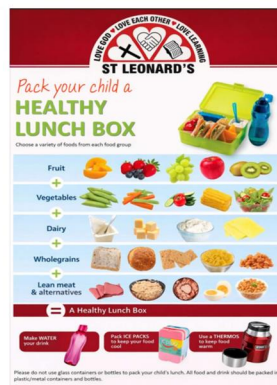
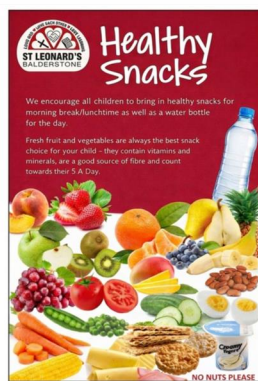


Here's the new menu from Lancashire for the Summer term beginning 20th April. Remember choices must be made by 23rd March. Any questions, please check the Parentmail email dated 12th March as Mrs Oddie has included lots of information that should help you.

Menu Serving Fantastic Lunches Everyday - All menus are carefully planned to meet School Food Standards, with all new dishes tested by children. Our aim is to positively influence the diet of our children and young people, and always consider where the food we put on the plates comes from and how it was produced.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1 19th April 22nd April 23rd April 24th April 25th April 26th April 27th April 28th April 29th April 30th April	Traditional Choice Roast Beef Dinner (Chicken or Turkey) Pasta Meat (Vegetarian) & Salad	MONDAY TUESDAY Meat & Potato Meat & Potato Meat & Potato	WEDNESDAY Pork or Vegetarian Sausages & Vegetables Meat & Potato Meat & Potato	THURSDAY Meat & Potato Meat & Potato Meat & Potato	FRIDAY FRONTSITES Meat & Potato Meat & Potato Meat & Potato
Alternative Choice Pasta Tuna & Tomato Sauce Homemade Curry Homemade Curry Homemade Curry					
Jackets & Sandwiches Chicken Chilli or Beef Over Salad Jacket Potatoes Fruit & Veg Fruit & Veg Fruit & Veg					
Dessert Choice Fruit Selection & Milk					
Week 2 19th April 22nd April 23rd April 24th April 25th April 26th April 27th April 28th April 29th April 30th April	Traditional Choice Homemade Curry Garden Peas & Bacon or Rabbit Beans Pasta	MONDAY TUESDAY Meat & Potato Meat & Potato Meat & Potato	WEDNESDAY Pork or Vegetarian Sausages & Vegetables Meat & Potato Meat & Potato	THURSDAY Meat & Potato Meat & Potato Meat & Potato	FRIDAY FRONTSITES Meat & Potato Meat & Potato Meat & Potato
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And for those of you on packed lunch, here's a helpful reminder of what a healthy packed lunch looks like. It's so important that your child comes to school with a healthy lunch. This helps them concentrate and therefore learn. Please think carefully before including chocolate bars or snacks high in salt such as crisps. These should not be included in their lunch boxes. There are many healthier alternatives. Let's see how many healthy lunch stickers we can give out at lunchtime!



Disco



Church and Community Corner



Come and join in the big Churchyard Tidy Up on Saturday from 9am.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



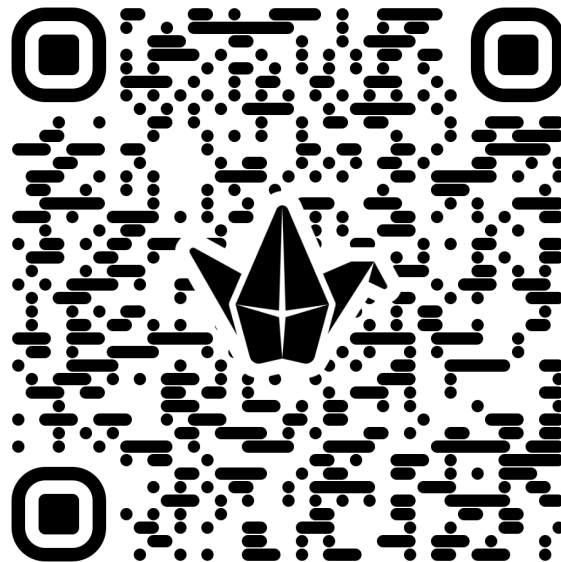
Outdoor learning

Year 3 and 4 made the most of the sunshine and completed their RE work on forgiveness outside. We are so fortunate to learn in such a beautiful place.





SEND AT BALDERSTONE



2 - PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO ACCESS OUR SEND PADLET FOR PARENTS - NO LONGER PASSWORD PROTECTED.

HERE YOU WILL FIND INFORMATION TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR CHILD'S NEEDS AND SIGNPOST YOU TO FURTHER ASSISTANCE.

<https://padlet.com/jcast7/balderstone-st-leonard-s-send-information-for-parents-y4rnxde3x90nxs3>

I really hope that you can always talk to us and I hope you feel supported with any SEND concerns. Please remember that SENDIAS are there to help parents too!

<https://lancssendias.org.uk/>. It is really worth following them on Facebook. They post details of workshops and drop in sessions. (For Lancashire families.)

<https://www.communitycvs.org.uk/index-html/sendias/> (For Blackburn families.)

Mrs Cast

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:



If you haven't been down on to our field lately, have a peep over the gate. Thanks to gardening club's work last year we have daffodils and snowdrops flowering on the field. Thank you gardeners!

[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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