



Newsletter 27th March 2026

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

Friday 27th March 2026

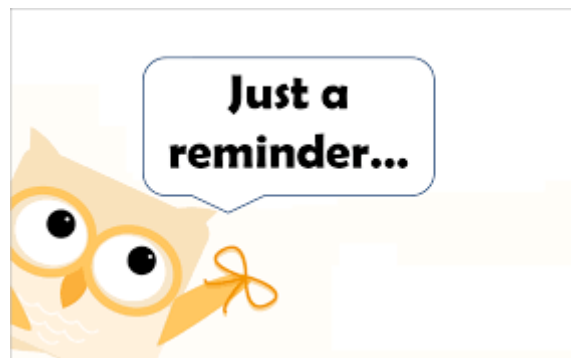
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Dates and reminders



Monday 13th April - Start of term

Wednesday 15th April - Year 3 Parent lunch

Friday 17th April - Interfaith themed lunch

Wednesday 22nd April - Year 4 Parent lunch



1 - Mrs Draycott's Weekly Words

It has been another great week in school with lots to be thankful for and celebrate. The annual egg decoration competition was **eggsellent** with outstanding designs and creations. The children made it **eggstremely** difficult to pick a winner from each class as so much thought and effort had gone into each one of the creations. It was lovely to see the school family in action as children helped each other, worked together and the teachers were on standby with the hot glue gun in hand. Every time I have walked in to EYFS this week they have been celebrating! The teddy bears were very well behaved at their picnic on Wednesday and Mrs Chand's special birthday was celebrated in style. Squirrels class have been busy weaving and baking Easter treats and their Easter gardens, representing the events of Holy Week are truly amazing! Foxes went bug hunting in our school grounds on Thursday as part of their science investigations and Owls class have been investigating irreversible changes. There has been great excitement and speculation as the children have tried to guess the end of year production and I can now reveal, after lots of wild guesses, that Balderstone will proudly present The Wizard of Oz at the end of the Sumer term. Year 6 have been given a script to look over in preparation for auditions after the holidays.

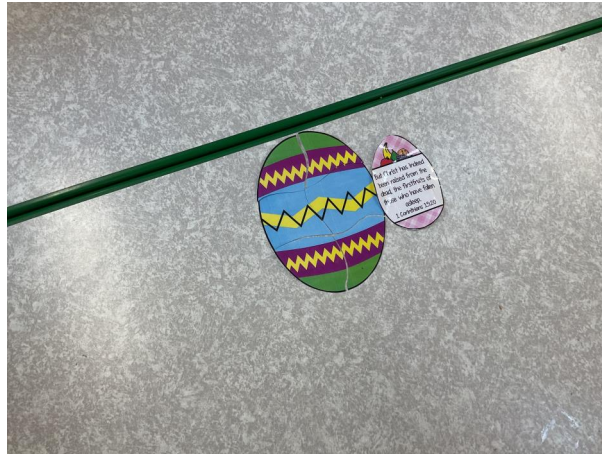
This morning we joined together in church to hold our Easter service. Foxes class treated us to some beautiful singing and the children from SALT and LIGHT (plus a few others) did a great job of leading our service through acting and reading. The song we sang at the end of the service was one of true celebration and joy as we reflected that Easter is a time to celebrate the glory of the risen Jesus. After the service, we held our annual Easter egg hunt. Children worked in their family groups to search for the pieces of egg and a Bible verse linked to Easter. Thank you to Mrs Burton for organising this. Children were all awarded a prize form the School Council and they have all been given an Easter egg from our amazing FOBS team.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your support over the last term. Have a lovely Easter break and I look forward to seeing everyone after the holidays safe and well.

N Draycott







Comic Relief



Thank you for your donations and to those of you who sent in cakes. Your generosity meant that we raised £160.93 to send to Comic Relief. Well done to Mrs Burton and the school council for organising this.



Mrs Cast and Mrs Burton took Year 4 for their last Forest School session on Monday. They had great fun looking for minibeasts on the field and making bug homes to attract more biodiversity to our school grounds.

Next term, it's Year 5's turn for Forest School. Look out for a letter on Parentmail with more information.

Fox class took part in a science lesson outside this week too. We were looking at whether all animals had a backbone and which animals were vertebrates and which were invertebrates. We had to look very carefully at the mini beast we found and draw them in detail.







Upcoming F.O.B.S events




Save the Dates – Upcoming FOBS Events

We have an exciting line-up of events coming up – pop these dates in your diary and join us where you can! 🍫 **Chocolate Bingo** – Friday 17th April. Doors open at 6:45pm, eyes down at 7:00pm.


A fun evening for all the family, with refreshments available. Bingo books are £1 each or 6 for £5. No admission charge.

 **Colour Run** – Thursday 14th May, 3:30pm. On the school field.

Come in your oldest clothes and get ready to be covered in a rainbow of colour – it's going to be fun, bright and full of laughter!

 **Festival of Faith** – Friday 5th June, 2:00pm. A celebration of our school's cultures and traditions.

Families are warmly invited to share food that reflects their faith or background.

 **Bloke Brekkie** – Friday 19th June. Join us to celebrate the special men in your life.

A lovely opportunity to spend time together and start the day with a smile.

 **Summer Fun Day (FOBS)** – Saturday 4th July 2026

More details to follow, but expect a fantastic day of fun for everyone! We look forward to seeing you at these events. Further details, including volunteer sign-up opportunities, will be shared closer to each date.

Disco



2 - The children had a great time at the school disco on Thursday evening and so did the staff! A massive THANK YOU to the FOBS team for organising this fun event. The DJ commented to us afterwards how well behaved the children were and what great manners they showed. It is so lovely when our wonderful children are recognised by people outside of our school.

B.A.T.S



Our Toddlers and Brambles have had so much fun each week cooking and baking. A huge thank you to Miss Lee and Mrs Lorgat for leading the Mini Chefs sessions. After Easter, we are hoping to get the children outside on the toddler track and adventure playground. We would also like to get them doing some gardening.









Church and Community Corner



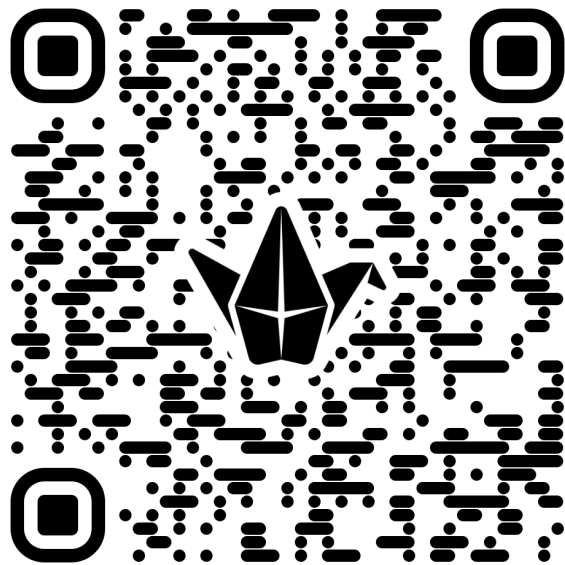
Great work tidying up the churchyard in the sunshine last Saturday!

Thank you to Poppy, Phoebe and their friends for all their hard work!





SEND AT BALDERSTONE



3 - 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-y4rnxde3x90nxs33>

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](#)



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