



# Newsletter 8th May 2026

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*Friday 8th May 2026*

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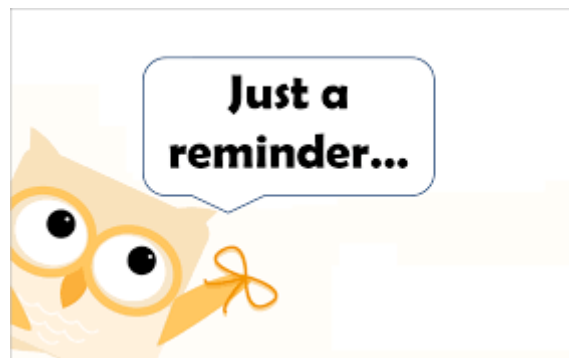
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## Dates and reminders



**Monday 11th May** - Y6 SATS week

**Thursday 14th May** - FOBS Colour Run

**Monday 18th May** - Sports Day 1pm

**Wednesday 20th** - Y3/4 Striking and Fielding festival at Accrington Academy. 12:30 - 2:30pm

**Monday 22nd June** - Y6 Leavers service at Blackburn Cathedral

**Tuesday 14th July** - Summer production of **THE WIZARD OF OZ**

**Wednesday 15th July** - Y6 leavers treat afternoon



*1 - Mrs Draycott's Weekly Words*

It may have only been a four day week this week but we have crammed such a lot in! The hatching of chicks in EYFS has been very exciting and a great reminder of the joy new life brings. There have been lots of sporting events taking place which are outlined in more detail in the newsletter. It was lovely to welcome Year 5 parents to parent lunch on Wednesday, although having chips on a Wednesday instead of Friday really confused us all. Parent lunches are always such a lovely time of sharing together. Thank you to Miss Lee and Mrs Burton for organising them. We have had a visit from the police today - see below for more details but I think Balderstone was in safe hands! In worship this week we have continued to explore titles for God and we have thought how he is wide awake and great. Rev. Nathaniel led our worship on Thursday and spoke to the children about Ascension. Our infant children enjoyed their visit to church this week. We may be a small school but our curriculum offer is rich and varied making it a vibrant place to learn and a joyous place to be.

Please could you discourage your child from bringing in fidget toys to school. As you can imagine, they are very distracting and can cause upset if they get lost. Also, we encourage children to practise telling etc time but we would ask them not to wear smartwatches in school.

Next week our Year 6 children will sit their SATS tests. Please could we ask that all of the year 6's are in school by 8:30 on Monday to Thursday mornings so we can ensure they have had something to eat and are fully prepared. We have said this many times but SATS only test a small part of what children learn in school and do not reflect the person they are and the qualities they possess. All of our Year 6 children should be proud of who they are and what they have achieved. The colour run on Thursday after school will be a fun way to mark the end of SATS and a time to celebrate with our wonderful school family.

## Church and Community Corner



Come and join us on Saturday afternoon for Walking Day!

It's a wonderful community day where we meet at Mellor Brook Community Centre at 2.15pm and walk down to school for a short service on the playground and then refreshments, a raffle and children's races on the field.

This year Thwaites Shire Horses will be leading us down to school and Balderstone Brass band will meet us there.

Come rain or shine, we'll make sure Walking Day goes ahead even if we have to move into school.

Come along and join us for a fun afternoon!



## Visit to Church

Squirrel class visited church on Thursday afternoon to discover more about Baptism and what happens during this special occasion for Christians. Reception also ventured over to church to reflect why it is a special place for Christians. A huge thank you to Rev. Nathaniel for taking the time to talk to the children and help them in their RE quest.







## SPORTS NEWS



### Y5/6 NETBALL

Team: Poppy S, Inaaya, Zahraa, Fayha, Haniya, Ameerah, Amelia, Aisha.

Our first sports event of the week was held at Ribblesdale High school on Tuesday evening. The girls performed with their usual enthusiasm and energy. We played 5 games, but unfortunately, on this occasion, only won one. Nevertheless we saw goals scored by Poppy S, Ameerah and Aisha and excellent defensive play in action from Inaaya, Zahraa and Fayha. Amelia and Haniya showed they had skills both defensively and in attack.

It has been an absolute pleasure to take these girls to the tournament - they are a bundle of fun and consistently show our school sporting values. Thank you girls for making me smile and laugh so much and for playing so enthusiastically !

Mrs Heyworth

Thank you to Mrs Heyworth for organising the many and varied sports events that we participate in each week. Please can I ask that when you receive a form to give permission for an event, you complete it as soon as possible so we can organise a team in advance of the competition.

## Year 1 and 2 Animal Olympics





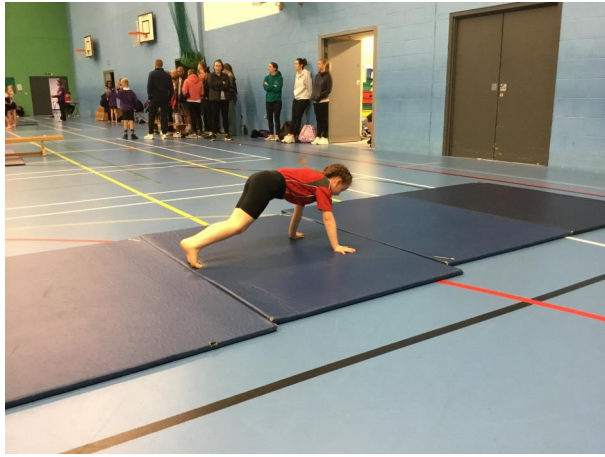
## Y3/4 GYMNASTICS.



Year 3 and 4 were exemplary at the Gymnastics competition on Thursday. Everyone achieved either bronze or silver and showed real professionalism in their well practiced routines on the floor and vault. Well done to Tessa, Adah, Olive, Phoebe, Primrose, Thomas B, Thomas O, Ralph and Florence







## EYFS Events

New life 🐣 - The joy of new life has filled our classroom! We are delighted to welcome six cute, soft fluffy chicks, bringing wonder, excitement, and endless smiles to everyone. A heartfelt thank you to Thomas Oddie and family for sharing this special experience with us, bringing such delight, awe, and the miracle of new life into our classroom.







A huge thank you to Dougie's mum for visiting EYFS today and giving us such an exciting look into her work with the police! The children loved meeting the police dogs, exploring the police car, trying on parts of the uniform, and even having a look at the handcuffs. It was such a fun, hands-on experience and a fantastic opportunity for our little learners to learn more about the important role police officers and their amazing dogs play in keeping us safe. Thank you for making today so memorable!














## Upcoming F.O.B.S events



### Save the Dates – Upcoming FOBS Events

 **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!

 **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.



🎉 Sponsored Colour Run – Join the Fun! We’re excited to share that our Sponsored Colour Run is coming soon – a lively, colourful event for everyone to enjoy.

**Date: 14th May**

**Time: 3:30pm**

**Location: School Field**


This year, we are raising money for new playground markings to support active, creative play at break and lunchtime.

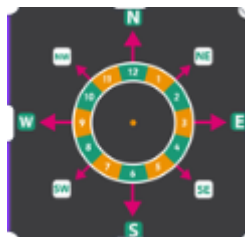
What you need to do:

- Check the poster for full event details
- Encourage your child to collect sponsorship using the form provided
- A parental consent waiver will be sent out next week
- Further details about the day will be shared nearer the time

Please return all completed sponsorship forms and donations after the event. Families are very welcome to come along, support and enjoy the atmosphere together.

Following last year’s success, we will also be recreating the Year 6 colour throw photo.

 Bright colours, big fun – all for a great cause!



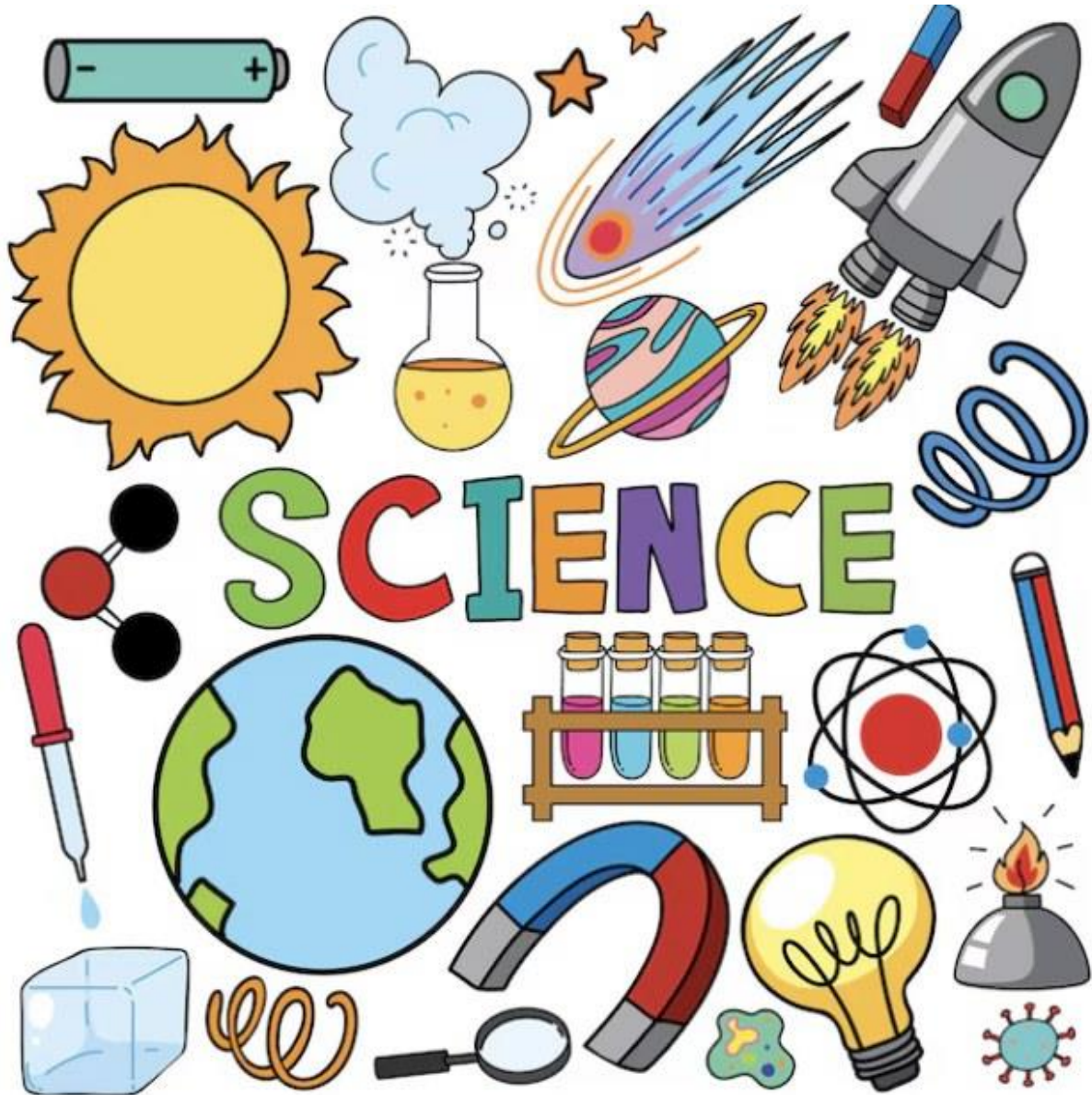
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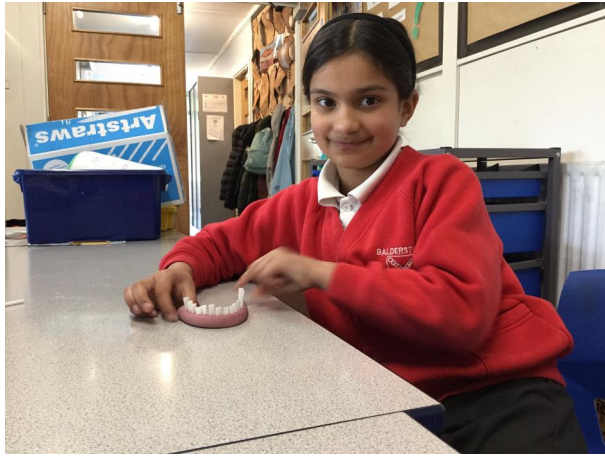
BATS enjoyed their gardening session with Mrs Riddell on Tuesday morning. They did some planting and enjoyed the outdoor space. Please remember there is NO B.A.T.S SESSION on Tuesday 12th May as we have our Year 6 assessments taking place. The following week ,

they will be back outside gardening with Mrs Riddell. We are hoping that after half term, we can offer a series of dance and movement lessons as part of the group.

## Science in Foxes



Foxes had a great fun learning about teeth on Tuesday. We looked at the different types of teeth that we have and how we use them. We all enjoyed eating a biscuit in order to see which teeth do which job! Then we made models of our teeth and looked at what happened as our adult teeth pushed through our gums, replacing our baby teeth. Have a look at the photos below to see our wonderful creations!





Get in touch



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