



# Newsletter 5th June 2026

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

*Friday 5th June 2026*

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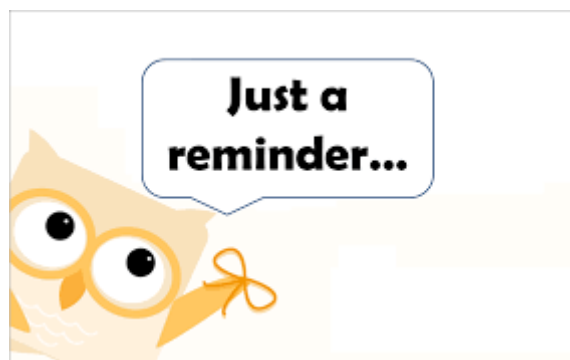
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## Dates and reminders



**Monday 15th June** - Girls football after school

**Wednesday 17th June** - Coffee Creative

**Friday 19th June** - Bloke Brekkie in the morning and Sports Day in the afternoon (Hopefully!)

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

**Tuesday 23rd June** - Y6 Transition day at Salesbury

**Wednesday 24th June** - Y5/6 netball 4:00 - 6:00pm

**Friday 26th June** - Non-uniform to bring a toy in for toy tombola

**Tuesday 14th July** - Summer production of **THE WIZARD OF OZ** - **1:30 and 6:00pm**

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

**Friday 17th July** - Y6 Leavers Service at 11:00am followed by Parent lunch.

End of term. **School finishes at 1:30pm**



*1 - Mrs Draycott's Weekly Words*

Welcome back after the half term break! I hope you managed to enjoy the sunshine while it lasted. This week has felt like winter again at times! However, the singing coming from the hall as Owls class have started rehearsing for Wizard of Oz has brought sunshine into school. The production is always a highlight of the year when the whole school family come together to perform. Thank you to those of you who completed the form to confirm your child will definitely be attending the evening performance. Part of the music curriculum is to enable children to perform to an audience so it is important that ALL children participate. I would like to congratulate all of Year 4 children for completing the Multiplication Check with such enthusiasm, resilience and speed. We really have been impressed with their super attitude and their hard work in preparing for the statutory assessment. Having a fluent recall of times table facts helps children enormously in all areas of maths. In other classes, Squirrels came back to find a beach in their classroom on Monday as they find out all about the seaside and EYFS are getting ready to launch themselves into space in their rockets.

There is so much going on this half term and we are very excited that next week our new playground markings will be completed. A huge thank you to Mrs Oddie and the FOBS team for working so hard to organise the colour run to raise money for this so that all children can benefit. Thank you also to those who sent sponsor money in. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to go ahead with our wish list for the playground. Brambles and Pre-school are looking forward to their trip to Little Lancashire Village on Tuesday. I am sure they will have a great time. The next few weeks is also an important time for our Governing Body as they make important decisions about the future leadership of our school. Please pray for wisdom and God's guidance in their decision making.

In worship this week we have looked at stories that help us grow. Jesus said that the Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed which when planted grows into a mighty tree, flourishing for all to see. At Balderstone all our school family are encouraged to flourish and God uses the small things we offer him to do something mighty. On that note, I would like to congratulate Mrs Chand on achieving her Level 3 Teaching Assistant Award. We are so proud of all she has achieved and the difference she makes to the provision in EYFS. There is

a plea from Reception and Pre school for flour, cornflour and salt. It doesn't matter if it is out of date, it is not for eating!

We would love to see as many children as possible at our special breakfast clubs next week as we Warm up for the World Cup. Miss Lee has created a delicious looking menu to represent food from the different hosting countries. I am certainly looking forward to my breakfasts next week.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Draycott

## Church and Community Corner



Save the date!

The next Forest Church is Sunday 28th June at 4pm.

**Join us at Balderstone Church  
Forest Church  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 4pm**



B.A.T.S

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Our Babies and Toddler group had their dancing shoes on this week. Coach Sarah from Progressive came in to get us dancing and moving to the music. Dance sessions will be running each week until the end of June.

## Safety in PE

Please could I remind you that earrings cannot be worn for PE. We are noticing that lots of the younger children are wearing earrings on PE days and are unable to take them out themselves. It would really help us if your child does not wear earrings on PE days. We just want to keep all children safe so would appreciate your cooperation in this.

## Forest School



Year 6 began their Forest School sessions on Monday. We put on our waterproofs and got outside! First challenge, to draw a mud map for another team to find a very small wool worm. Every group chose a green worm so it was camouflaged in the environment. There were some great maps and ingenious ways to make the mud paint including sharing the water resource. All the children showed amazing resilience as we searched for the worms! All but one was found, well done Year 6! We then enjoyed exploring in the brook and seeing the natural changes that have occurred in the area. We finished with some water games - our buzzy bee game and the water relay!

Next Monday please remember to bring your Forest School kits - this includes a waterproof coat and wellies if you have them. It's important that the children become more independent in organising their own kits but please check they have everything they need.







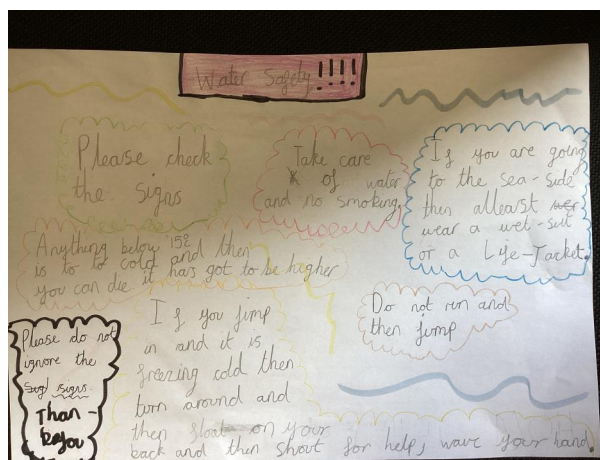






## Water Safety

In light of recent events during the warm weather we had, the junior children have been learning how to stay safe in water. We thought about where it is safe to swim and where it is dangerous. In addition, we looked at what to do if we do find ourselves in an emergency. The children have created posters to help everyone keep safe in and around water. A separate letter has been sent with this week's newsletter to help you talk to your child about water safety.



# HOW TO BE SAFE IN WATER

Stay within the flags.

Don't run by a lake, river or a swimming pool.

Check the signs.

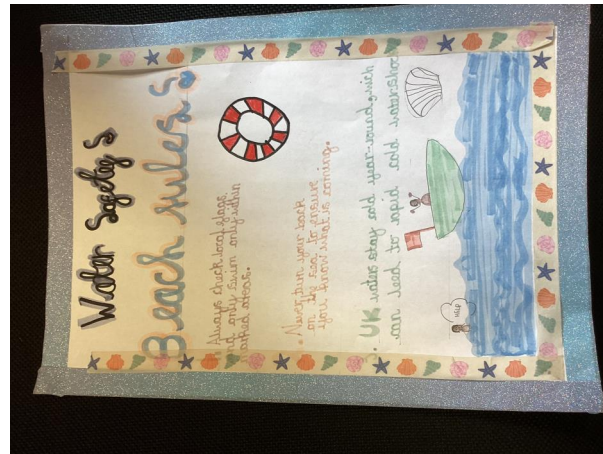
Wear a wet suit in a river or a lake.

Float in a star shape then call for help.

## HOW TO BE SAFE IN WATER

Rule	1	Always look at the signs just in case it says you can't swim or jump in.	
Rule	2	If you feel like your going to sink make a star shape. In the water,	
Rule	3	Look out for the flags just in case the waters NOT safe.	
Rule	4	Always wear a wet suit in a lake because it keeps you warm.	
Rule	5	If you are near the water always be Careful not to fall in.	

BE CAREFUL!



## Geography in Foxes



Did you know we have rainforests in the UK? So, as we start our rainforest unit in geography, we were wondering, was our Forest School area a rainforest habitat? That's the question Year 3 and 4 were thinking about as we visited the area and looked at the list of different features that made up a temperate rainforest.

We noticed, different types of moss, layers of vegetation, trees of different ages and a lot of evidence of rain and water! So what did we decide? Well, we were split. There are

definitely some features down there of a temperate rainforest but not all of us were convinced our small, valuable forest ticked all the boxes.

What do you think?

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/habitats/temperate-rainforest/>


<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/habitats/woodland/temperate-rainforest>




## Upcoming F.O.B.S events



### Save the Dates – Upcoming FOBS Events

 **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.

## 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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