



Newsletter 33 – 1st June 2026

Knowledge begins with respect for God (Proverbs 1:7)

This half-term's value is 'Endurance' (Galatians 6:9)

Free School Meals - worth applying even if you're not sure!

Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility is changing from September 2026. Many families are entitled to Free School Meals and don't realise it. Applying is quick, confidential, and could save your family money while supporting your child and our school.

Why should you apply?

- Your child gets a free, healthy school meal every day
- You could save money on food costs
- The school may receive extra funding to support children's learning
- Applying will not affect your other benefits
- Your application is private

How to apply – it only takes a few minutes

Go to the council website (www.blackburn.gov.uk) and search "Free School Meals" or scan the QR Code. Complete the online form (you'll need your National Insurance number). Wait for confirmation – the school will be informed automatically.



There's nothing to lose!

Sports Day – Important Message

The weather forecast for tomorrow is very similar to today - more rain showers. We do need the ground to be dry for the children to be able to take part safely and so we will not be holding Sports Day tomorrow; due to other things happening in school we will now aim to hold this on Tuesday 7th July.



Online Safety

This month's online safety newsletter is attached to this newsletter. It's also available on our school website (Parents/Online Safety). This month's online safety video is also now available. The theme is Online Scams & Digital Footprints. You can find this video at the following address (if you view this newsletter online you will be able to click on the link):

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Scammers-and-Digital-Footprints-June-2026.mp4>

Best wishes

Julian Rogers
Headteacher

Attached to this newsletter:

- Online safety newsletter
- A flyer about BwD's Parenting Celebration Day (24th June)

This week's Amazing Achievers!

<p style="text-align: center;">You've Been Spotted!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Children who have been demonstrating one of our school values:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Aima Shah & Safa Qureshi – Robins Adam Sabir - Woodpeckers Maahnoor Syeda - Kingfishers Sumaayah Aswat – Swallows Yusuf Bismillah – Doves Ahmed Hassan – Owls Zayn Chopdat - Kestrels Umar-Farooq Chothia – Hawks Ritaj El-Morchidi – Falcons Yara Salah - Eagles</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Headteacher's Award</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Children chosen for a special achievement:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Anaya Sharif & Safa Qureshi – Robins Zayn Bhojani - Woodpeckers Abeera Chaudhry- Kingfishers Minahil Latif – Swallows Farah Hussain – Doves Sabrina Ismaili – Owls M. Ayaan Tariq – Kestrels Liza Kara – Hawks Sulaiman Ali – Falcons Adam Shah - Eagles</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Recent Reading Badges</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kingfishers Ayaan Bhojani- Topaz Yusuf Kayani- Ruby Isa Zamir- Emerald</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Doves Aisha Ditta - Sapphire Harris Khan - Topaz</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Remarkable Readers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Children who have impressed their teachers with their reading this week:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Safa Ahmed & Tehmina Patel - Robins Abu-Bakr Siddiq - Woodpeckers Zamin Faisal – Kingfishers Adil Abdrabou – Swallows Jack Jackson – Doves Zara Malik – Owls Humairah Bhamjee – Kestrels Kristofers Kilpe – Hawks Labeeqa Nawaz – Falcons Imaan Zohaib - Eagles</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Martin's Class of the Week:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hawks</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mr Ulhaq's Ultimate Achiever:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kristofers Kilpe (Hawks)</p>
<p>Mr Richardson's Luchtime Awards: Alayna Hussain (Swallows) & Yara Saleh (Eagles)</p>	

Last Week's Attendance

	Best attendance	Best punctuality
Infants	Woodpeckers	Robins & Swallows
Juniors	Doves	Owls & Hawks

Online Safety Newsletter

June 2026

Pinterest

You need to be at least 13 years old to use Pinterest.

Pinterest is a social media app, where users can share images and videos (called Pins). Users can browse through the images based on their stated interests, for example cooking. Users can then 'pin' (save) these images to their own boards to revisit.

There is content on Pinterest that is not suitable for young people to see. Also, did you know that there is a messaging element to it, so your child could be interacting with strangers? Therefore, if your child is using Pinterest, it is important to show your child how to use the blocking and reporting tools. You can find out more information, including how to set up parental controls here:

<https://help.pinterest.com/en/article/resources-for-parents-and-caregivers-of-teens>

Find out more here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-pinterest-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleycitylearningcentres.org.uk/june-2026-primary/>

Online Scams

It is important to be aware that scammers can target your child whilst online through social media, messaging apps and games. These scams often look genuine, and children may not have the digital literacy skills to question their authenticity. This can happen across lots of platforms that your child is accessing, for example Roblox or TikTok. Scams can include:

- Offering in game currency.
- Befriending your child, which can then lead to requests for money or account details/personal information.
- Phishing links, with the intention of sharing malware or requesting account details/personal information.

What can I do?

It is important to have regular conversations with your child about what they are doing online and remind them to:

- Never share passwords or verification codes.
- Speak to you or another trusted adult if they are unsure about anything.
- Ensure appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are in place.
- Talk to your child about the different scams that can appear online and remind your child to check links before clicking on them.
- Remind your child that if they do think that they have been scammed, then to tell you straightaway.

Further information

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/how-deal-online-scams-parent-guide>



Digital Footprints

When we go online, we create a digital footprint, which is a record of what we do online. This can be by visiting websites, sharing photos, liking or commenting on other people's posts or playing games. It is important that children are aware of the digital footprint that they are creating and the lasting effect it can have. Childline provides further information about digital footprints, including advice on how to protect our privacy online:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/taking-care-your-digital-footprint/>

Risks of Auto saving

Does your child use the likes of WhatsApp, which may automatically download any image/video that is sent to them to their phone's own camera roll? We would advise switching this feature off.

Children may receive lots of photos/videos, particularly within group chats, that they have not requested. If auto download is allowed, then your child does not have control over what is being saved to their camera roll. Potentially, it may also be content that you would not want your child to have saved. Additionally, from a safeguarding perspective, if everything is automatically downloaded to your child's camera roll, it can become difficult to ascertain the source of the image.

How can I disable this feature?

If your child is using a platform that allows this, then there is usually an option to disable this feature, so your child has control over the images saved to their device. The option to disable will be within the settings of the App, here is how to do this on WhatsApp:

- In WhatsApp, go to settings (click on 'You' in the bottom right).
- Click on 'Chats'.
- Toggle 'Save to Photos' to off.



Storybooks and games from the BookTrust

BookTrust have a whole host of storybooks and games on their website. They have storybooks to read, story time videos to watch and kid's games to play.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/how-we-help/have-fun-at-home/storybooks-and-games/>

Emoji Meanings

Did you know that some children and young people may be using emojis to mean something completely different? For example, a cap emoji may be used to represent a lie. It is important that you are aware of how emojis can be used and keep up to date with the way in which they can be used as their meanings are changeable. You can find out further information here:

<https://www.bark.us/blog/emoji-slang-guide/>

"Retro – Photos with Friends" App

This is a photo sharing app, and it is rated as 13+ by the App store. The aim of the app is users share their photos with close friends only, like a photo journal. Whilst it is marketed as a safer alternative to other social media apps, you do need to be aware of the following:

- Privacy and data access.
- It does include group chats so there is still the potential for cyberbullying and peer pressure.
- Users may feel safer sharing images as it is with close friends, but content can still be shared with others (through screenshots).

If your child is using this app, make sure you check that privacy settings are set up appropriately.

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date released 01.06.26. The inclusion of any links does not imply any affiliation with or endorsement of the linked websites, documents, or videos, nor are we claiming any ownership or copyright in the content of the linked materials.

Omoggle

Omoggle is an online platform that is for adults only. However, you can simply lie and say you are over 18 to access it. The platform joins two strangers together and uses AI to rate their appearances in a "mog battle."

As you are paired up with a stranger and can see and hear them, there are serious safeguarding concerns and **young people should not be accessing this site.** Find out more here:

<https://www.waynedenner.com/omoggle-parent-guide/>



PARENTING CELEBRATION DAY

Fun, support & connection for families



WEDNESDAY
24TH JUNE



9.30AM –
12.30PM



LIVESEY
FAMILY HUB



PARENTS, CARERS
& PROFESSIONALS
welcome!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



Come & find all about our **Parenting Offer**, exploring all the support we offer to families across Blackburn with Darwen.



The day will be filled with **fun, free resources** and **activities**, including a **FREE refreshments**.



Parent & professional voices welcome to shape the future of our parenting offer.



SENSORY PLAY



TOY LIBRARY



MARKETPLACE



TEA, COFFEE
& PASTRIES



YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Help shape the future of parenting support.
Parents & professionals encouraged to share ideas.



For more information, contact us at parenting@blackburn.gov.uk

★ Come along, connect,
and enjoy the day together! ♥



Family
Hub



Darwen | Little Harwood | Livesey | Shadsworth