



Newsletter 38 – 6th July 2026

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

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

Year 6 SATs Results – Important Information

All schools were informed last week that there will be a delay to this year's Key Stage 2 (KS2) test results.

Schools were due to receive results tomorrow, 7th July 2026. However, Pearson Education Limited, the provider responsible for administering marking and returning Key Stage 2 results to schools has informed the Department for Education of a delay affecting the national system used to make results available to schools. Results will now be available on the 16th July 2026.

The Department for Education were keen to point out that the delay is not related to the quality of the tests or the accuracy of pupils' results. Test papers have been marked in line with usual processes. This will not impact your child's transition to secondary school and no action is required from parents or pupils. We will share results with you as quickly as possible after we receive them on the 16th July.

IMO Summer Holiday Activity & Food Camp 2026

Following the success of their HAF camps in 2025, IMO are back this summer with even more FREE activities for children aged 5–14 across Blackburn! Action-packed camps include Sports & Team Games, Arts & Crafts, STEM & Science Activities, Well-being Workshops, Healthy Meals and so much more!

Activities take place from Monday 27th July – Thursday 20th August 2026 at various times in different venues across Blackburn.

Priority will be given to school-aged children eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). For more information on FSM eligibility, including changes from September 2026, visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/free-school-meals-guidance-for-schools-and-local-authorities>



Limited Places – Book Now!

Registration closes Wednesday 22nd July, but places may fill before then.

Blackburn Camps: <https://bit.ly/BlackburnIMO>

Paid places are also available. Contact us for more information:

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Sports Day

A reminder that we are hoping to hold our Sports Day tomorrow, Tuesday 7th July.

The junior classes will take part in the morning (Doves, Owls, Kestrels, Hawks, Falcons and Eagles). This will be on the playground and grass at the back of the school from 9.30am.

The infant classes will take part in the afternoon (Robins, Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Swallows). This will be on the playground at the front of school from 1.00pm. All parents and carers are welcome to come along.

Kingfishers' Class Assembly

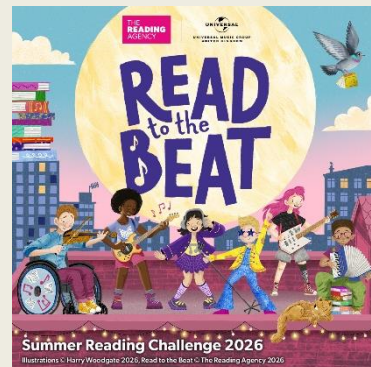
The last class assembly of the year will be led by our Kingfishers' class and will be taking place this Thursday, 9th July. Parents and carers of children in the Kingfishers' class are very welcome to come and join us for this. It starts at 8.45am.

The Summer Reading Challenge

Get ready to Read to the Beat at Blackburn with Darwen Libraries this summer!

The annual Summer Reading Challenge for children age 4 – 12 years gets underway from 1st July, with children encouraged to read and rate six library books before 30th September, collecting stickers and prizes along the way.

Audio books, eBooks and eAudio (on the BorrowBox app) can all count towards the final total, and this year children can mix and match with a range of reading related challenges too.



Enrolment is completely FREE of charge, so don't delay! Visit Blackburn Library and get your Read to the Beat challenge started.

Poetry by Heart

Congratulations to the following children who represented our school so brilliantly in last week's 'Poetry by Heart' event at Blackburn Library:

Inaaya Mulla, Ameen Awan, Rayhan Rizwan, Haniya Syed, Simrah Hajat, Jumaanah Isa, Razane El Mansori, Aamirah Karolia, Aisha Hussain, Sara Slonka, Hooria Abbas, Anayah Patel, Fatima Noor, Sakina Shah, Hamza Abdrabou & Hassan Mujtaba.

As well as performing their poems so well, their behaviour throughout the day was excellent.

Best wishes

Julian Rogers
Headteacher

Attached to this newsletter:

- July's Online Safety Newsletter
- A message from the British Heart Foundation

This week's Amazing Achievers!

You've Been Spotted!

Children who have been demonstrating one of our school values:

Yaseen Awan & Harris Faqir – Robins
 Amelia Murimira – Woodpeckers
 Zoya Satia – Kingfishers
 Jan Bawah – Swallows
 Aahil Muhammad – Doves
 Zara Malik – Owls
 Bilal Badat – Kestrels
 Fatima Geloo – Hawks
 Aliyah Malik – Falcons
 Hamza Abdrabou – Eagles

Headteacher's Award

Children chosen for a special achievement:

Alayna Shafiq & Minahil Ayoub – Robins
 Ismail Mahmood – Woodpeckers
 Jak Mullen – Kingfishers
 Khadija Malik – Swallows
 Yusuf Mangera – Doves
 Aamina Bhamjee – Owls
 Ayaan Tariq – Kestrels
 Aisha Hussain – Hawks
 Umar Hussain – Falcons
 Mahnoor Ayoub – Eagles

Recent Reading Badges

Woodpeckers

Yahya Latif, Zakariyah Latif & Ismail Mahmood – Gold
 Maliha Khan & Hannah Muhammadi – Bronze
 Aliza Chaudry, Zayn Bhojani &
 Umaima Mohsin – Ruby

Doves

Zahra Akhtar & Farah Hussain – Jet

Falcons

Ritaj El Morchidi – Ruby

Remarkable Readers

Children who have impressed their teachers with their reading this week:

Sami Abdrabou & Juwayriyyah Noori – Robins
 Daniel Malik – Woodpeckers
 Maahnoor Syeda – Kingfishers
 Huda Hooti – Swallows
 Rayhan Rizwan – Doves
 Hussain Ali Shah – Owls
 Aamirah Karolia – Kestrels
 Sara Slonka – Hawks
 Sulaiman Ali – Falcons
 Yara Saleh – Eagles

Mrs Martin's Class of the Week:
Robins

Mr Ulhaq's Ultimate Achiever:
Adan Sabir (Woodpeckers)

Mr Richardson's Lunchtime Awards:
 Zoya Satia (Kingfishers) & Hassan Mujtaba (Eagles)

Last Week's Attendance

	Best attendance	Best punctuality
Infants	Robins	Kingfishers
Juniors	Falcons (100%)	Hawks

Online Safety Newsletter

July 2026

Social media to be banned for under-16s

The government has announced that social media platforms will be blocked from offering services to under-16s from next Spring. The ban will include platforms like Snapchat, TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, Facebook and X.

Furthermore, there will also be blocks on live streaming and communication with strangers (these restrictions will also apply to 16 and 17-year-olds) and the government will also be looking at overnight curfews and breaks in infinite scrolling.

You can read the Government's press release here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/social-media-to-be-banned-for-under-16s-in-landmark-government-move-to-givekids-their-childhood-back>

In addition, you can find some FAQs here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fact-sheet-new-rules-to-protect-children-online/fact-sheet-new-rules-to-protect-children-online>

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/july-2026-primary/>

WhatsApp

We frequently receive reports of children using WhatsApp inappropriately, such as sharing images to embarrass others, sending hurtful messages, spreading rumours, or excluding people from group chats to make them feel left out. It is important to think about whether WhatsApp is the right platform for your child. For example, you should consider if your child has the critical thinking skills to recognise bullying and can they manage peer pressure and refrain from joining in on hurtful behaviour?

Users should be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp. WhatsApp have announced that they are rolling out the option of Parent-Managed accounts for those under the age of 13. The settings will include allowing you to choose who can contact your child and ensuring only you can add them to groups. Find out more here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/894871699629864>

What should I be aware of if my child is using WhatsApp?

- **Group chats:** Everyone within a group, even if they are not one of your child's contacts, can see all messages within that group.
- **Inappropriate content:** users can be exposed to content that is not suitable for their age.
- **Location sharing:** talk to your child about the potential danger of sharing their location.
- **Chat lock/secret code:** users can lock chats as well as apply a secret code setting, so a chat does not appear in the main chat.
- **Screentime due to addictive nature**
- **AI:** WhatsApp includes Meta AI including Incognito Chat with Meta AI so nobody (including Meta) can read your conversations.

What can I do?

- Check privacy settings e.g. who can add them to groups.
- Ensure your child understands that they can leave a chat at any time. Find out more here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/424124173736394>
- Show your child how to block and report other users. Find out how here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/1142481766359885/>
- Set up appropriate parental controls.
- Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about the messages they send and how they might be received.
- Chat to your child about the groups that they belong to.

Further information

- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/whatsapp>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

Livestreaming

What is livestreaming?

Livestreaming is when an individual broadcasts video live over the internet. People can watch livestreams from any device that is connected to the internet.

What are the risks?

There are risks associated with watching livestreams that you should be aware of. The main risk being that your child may see or hear something inappropriate as your child may come across themes or content that is not suitable for them. It is difficult to moderate live content as it is happening in real time.



How can I help my child?

- All online platforms have an age rating, ensure your child only accesses platforms that are appropriate to their age. For example, TikTok has an age rating of 13.
- For any platforms that your child uses, ensure appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are applied.
- Take an interest in what your child is doing online and on a regular basis, ask your child to show you what they are accessing.
- Ensure your child knows how to use any reporting/blocking tools on the app that they are using and as always please ensure that your child knows to talk to a trusted adult if they see anything that concerns them online.

Further information

- <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/livestreaming-parents/>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-live-streaming/>

Netflix Playground

Netflix Playground hosts a number of games aimed at kids aged 8 and younger. The games include Sesame Street and Peppa Pig.

It is available as an app to all Netflix subscribers and has no additional in-app purchases and no adverts. Find out more here:

<https://www.netflix.com/tudum/article/s/playground-kids-game-hub-news>

Moving to secondary school

Is your child moving to Secondary school this year? If so, Internet Matters have published a variety of resources on their website to support this transition:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/moving-to-secondary-school-online-safety-guide/>

Screentime balance over the summer holidays

With Summer holidays approaching, we know children may be spending more time alone. Vodafone and SWGfL have published some advice on how to navigate common digital risks and tips on how to balance screen time. We hope you have a lovely, safe summer!

- <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/features/digital-awareness-uk-30-digital-risks-young-people/>
- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/balancing-screen-time-over-the-holidays-advice-for-parents-and-carers>

Instagram: New supervision tool

You must be over 13 years of age to set up an account. Instagram is used to post photos and videos as well as send direct messages, make voice/video calls, and send disappearing messages.

Instagram have introduced a new supervision tool allowing parents/carers to view the general topics their child is engaging in. Find out more here: <https://about.fb.com/news/2026/05/new-supervision-tools-parents-insights-teens-algorithm/>

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