



# NEWSLETTER



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## News and events

### SWIMMING POOL ON OUR YARD!

This week, we have had our very own swimming pool on our school yard.

The 'pools to schools' programme is delivered by MK Sports Academy. So far, years 4-6 have enjoyed daily swimming lessons with a qualified swimming coach and onsite lifeguard.

The pool is here until the 14th Feb, we are so excited for all classes to have their turn in the pool making amazing memories.



School have a selection of spare swimming costumes, trunks, and goggles.

Please let us know if you require them.



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### LFC Champion of the month!



A huge well done to Brodie Y5, who recently won 'Champion of the month' with the LFC foundation.

Brodie was recognised by the LFC foundation as a positive role model during his trips to Anfield and the 6 week social action project. Annie from the LFC foundation was touched by his enthusiasm motivation and ideas so nominated him for Champion of the month. Brodie was up against hundreds of other nominated children. A panel of judges had to pick a winner; and they picked Brodie!

Brodie enjoyed Champions league match tickets, and a family stadium tour pass.

Well done Brodie, a well deserved award!

### Police dog visit

Our school mini police thoroughly enjoyed their visit from police dogs Toby and Ziggy.

Toby, the VERY intelligent springer spaniel stole our hearts. He was SO friendly and loved getting lots of attention from our children. Toby showed off his intelligent skills that he learnt in training 6 years ago, by finding hidden objects on our playground using his super strong sense of smell!

Ziggy, was a much bigger German Shepherd who showed off his impressive barking when his handler told him to "speak"! He often 'crowd controls' at big football matches in our city.





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### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS HALF TERM

CLUB	DAY (see letters for dates)	YEAR GROUPS	FINISH TIME
Girls and boys football	Monday	Year 1 and 2 (limited space)	3.45pm
Cricket	Tuesday	KS2 (limited space)	4.15pm
Gardening	Wednesday	Year 6 (selected children)	4pm
Yoga	Thursday	Y2	3.45pm
SATS booster	Thursday (one Tuesday please see letter)	Year 6	4pm
Phonics is fun	Thursday	Reception (limited space)	4pm

We are excited to have had some new afterschool clubs this half term!

### Cricket!

Our newly formed cricket club is being ran by the Lancashire Cricket Foundation, as part of their 'Chance to Shine' programme.

The programme is also delivered to all classes through their PE lessons, as a fun and engaging way to learn a new sport.

We are delighted to be able to work with the Lancashire Cricket Foundation to discover talent and unlock our children's potential.

### Special mentions!

Thank you to Vinny, George, Joseph, and Rory from Y5 who created their very own football tournament within school. They worked with lots of children in EYFS and KS1. The winning team received a trophy in our Rewards Assembly.



Lucca Y5,

Lucca has created a poetry competition for the whole school. He has produced a banner to promote the competition and shared the details in our assembly. The coemption will run for 2 weeks and then Lucca and some staff will chose a winner from KS1 and KS2. Brilliant idea Lucca, sharing your passion for poetry!





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## Dates for the diary

Children's Mental Health Week= 03/02-07/02

NSPCC Number Day= 07/02

Year 6 trip to The Imperial War Museum= 13/02

Children finish for half term= 14/02 (normal school time)

HALF TERM= 17/02– 21/02

School re-opens after half term= 24/02

Parents evening= 25/02 and 26/02

Reception and Y6 hights and weights screening= 26/02

Wear red day for Children's Heart Surgery Fund= 28/02

Visit from Great Athletes= 28/02

### NSPCC NUMBER DAY

**7th February**

We are taking part in this years Number Day to raise money for NSPCC. Your child will enjoy lots of fun maths activities throughout the day, and we are asking for a small donation of 50p per child, or £1 per family.

**Children can to come to school showcasing their favourite number.**

**Some children wear old T shirts with their numbers on, or pin their favourite number to themselves, be creative!**

We are asking that children still wear their *uniform* with their numbers as some classes will still be swimming this day!

### Wear Red Day

**28th February**

On Friday 28th February we are asking that children come to school wearing something red.

We are doing this to raise awareness and funds for the Children's Heart Surgery Fund.

We are asking for a donation of 50p per child or £1 per family.

Further fundraising info will follow on class dojo.

<https://chsf.org.uk/wear-red-day/>



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REC	92.5%
Y1	91.6%
Y2	93.5%
Y3	94.6%
Y4	88.5%
Y5	91.5%
Y6	88.1%
WHOLE SCHOOL	91.5%

**We like to keep you up to date on how our whole school attendance is looking!**

We have been hit with winter illness, and we understand that sometimes children are unwell cannot be in school.

However, we still have too many children not attending school when they should be.

This not only effects the data, but the child's learning, opportunities and often friendships.

We want to do everything we can to support children who face barriers to their attendance.

Please reach out to us if you feel your child needs support.

## **Celebrating good attendance!**

There are many reasons to celebrate attendance, whether this be individual achievements or class wins!

For this half term, the class with the highest attendance will enjoy a multisport afternoon with a qualified football coach!

Year 2 are our current leaders this half term... can another class catch up?!



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### ***Attendance reminders-***

As summer is approaching, we would like to remind you about the regulations surrounding term time holidays and fines.

Holidays cannot be authorised by school and they could result in you receiving a fine from Knowsley council.

New government regulations say that fines are capped at two fines per child within a three year period. Once this is reached, you may be prosecuted with fines of up to £2500

Please refer to our website for full details.

If your child is going to be absent for any reason. Please complete the 'leave of absence' form at the school office.

This can be used for holidays, but also for authorised circumstances like hospital appointments or funerals.

When filling in the form, you will be advised whether the absence is authorised, or not authorised.