

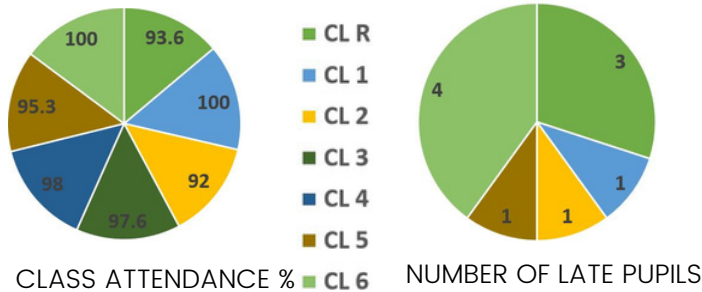
HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

It's been a particularly busy week, but a definite highlight for me was the Grandparents' Assembly. I was without a doubt, a Headteacher bursting with pride at the singing, poetry reads and storytelling that the children performed. Seeing the children's faces light up when they saw their grandparent and the looks they got back in return was equally magical. The feedback from those who could attend was also heartwarming. Thank you to The PTFA for serving the refreshments and for making all our events so lovely and to everyone who helped make the experience so memorable.

Mrs M. Ward
Associate Headteacher

ATTENDANCE STATS

Overall attendance this week for the whole school 96.6 %



SCAN THE QR CODES TO VISIT OUR PAGES

SPOTLIGHT ON 'BREAK THE RULES DAY'



Today, for 'Break the Rules Day', the PTFA challenged us to create some crazy hairstyles - I think you will agree, we certainly rose to the challenge! BGL has been a sea of hair spray, hair gel and crazy colours. Well done to all of the children for taking part and bringing in lots of goodies to add to our summer fair stalls next week.



LOST PROPERTY

Last property will be taken to a recycling centre on Thursday 18th July. Please can all parents check that they have collected any items as they will no longer be available after this date.



BREAK THE RULES DAY



Wednesday 3rd July is the 3rd and final Break the Rules Day. Children can break the 'fill your water bottle with water ONLY' rule in return for donations for the Summer Fair.

RECEPTION LYTHAM BEACH

Receptions' visit to Lytham beach will take place on Monday 8th July. Please ensure that you have completed the Consent form and made payment on School Spider.



Y3 WILDWOOD DAYS

Year 3's visit to Wildwood Days takes place on Monday 15th July. Please ensure that you have completed the consent form and made payment on School Spider.



THE NEST

Please ensure sessions for the nest are booked in advance through Spider.

- If you are using Breakfast Club next Tuesday, please bring your child in via the main office.



PTFA SUMMER FAIR



If you can help with the Summer Fair, please complete the survey on spider, thank you. It is only with the help of wonderful volunteers that these events can take place.



BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

This week I want to spotlight the amazing behaviour I saw across school during our weekly singing assembly. I absolutely loved leading this assembly. It was great to see you all singing and enjoying yourselves while following our school rules. Keep it up!

Miss Pass

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Wednesday 3rd July	Brownedge, St. Michael's, Walton-le-Dale & Lostock Hall transition days
Wednesday 3rd	New Reception taster Day 1.15 - 2.15pm
Wednesday 3rd	Transition Day (children will spend time in their new classes)
Thursday 4th	Brownedge transition day
Thursday 4th	Full Governors 6.00pm
Thursday 4th	New Reception taster Day 1.15 - 2.15pm
Friday 5th	Summer Fair
Monday 8th	Rec. Visit to Lytham Beach
Tuesday 9th	Y5 watching Beauty and the Beast at Brownedge High school
Wednesday 10th	Whole School Athletics Festival
Wednesday 10th	New Reception Teddy Bears Picnic 1.30pm
Friday 12th	End of year reports sent home
Monday 15th	Y3 trip to Wildwood Days
Monday 22nd	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Monday 22nd	Close after school for summer

BIRTHDAY SHOUT OUTS!

Happy birthday to the children who have been celebrating this week and a big THANK YOU to:

- Heidi in Y1 for her Ladybird book 'Heidi'.



PICTURE NEWS

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

This summer, the 2024 Olympics, held in Paris, will run from 26th July to 11th August, and the Paralympics will take place from 28th August to 8th September. The Games will see the world's greatest athletes come together in France's capital city to compete for their place at the top of the podium. For many athletes, these Games are the peak of their sport, with a gold medal as the highest accolade. The competitors are likely to have spent months and years training for numerous hours per day to prepare.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your knowledge of the upcoming 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Ask someone at home to share their experience with you.
- > Will you be watching any of the events? Which sports do you find most interesting and why?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Our smartest lining up classes this week are ...

RECEPTION



YEAR 5



BOOKING SCHOOL LUNCHES

Can we please remind you that if your child is having a school dinner, their choice needs to be ordered in advance. This helps service to run as smoothly as possible and ensure that all children get the meal of their choice.

ONE STOP SHOP

Families - visit to access advice on:

Housing, Emotional Health & Wellbeing, Finances, Home Safety, Foodbanks, & speak to Citizens Advice Bureau Christians Against Poverty & more

18th June & 16th July

Young People - call in for advice & support on any issues, meet staff from Inspire Youth Zone, Sexual Health Services, Targeted Youth Support, and We Are With You (plus a free weekly bus pass if 16-18 & not in education / training / employment)

9am till 12noon Families

2.30 - 5pm Young People (11 - 19 or up to 25 if SEND)

Third Tuesday of every month



Duke Street Family Hub
Chorley
PR7 3DU

Call: 01257 516 316
for more info!



Please make sure that your child has sun screen applied before school in the morning if the weather is hot!

SCHOOL SUMMER FUN



WHEN

5th July, 2024

4pm - 7pm

WHERE

Brindle Gregson Lane
Primary School
PR5 0DR



Organised by **BGLPTFA**

Sponsored by ...



EVENT INFORMATION

TICKETS
£1 ENTRY FEE



INFLATABLES
HOOK A DUCK
SWEET HOOPLA
TEMP TATTOOS
TOMBOLA
RAFFLE
CAKES
ICE CREAM
TUCK SHOP
HOT DOGS

AND MORE....



BGL PTFA presents

BREAK the RULES DAY



Rules to be broken include:

1. Bring a healthy lunch or snack
2. Have neat hair
3. Fill your water bottle with water only

Here's how it works:

When?

Friday June 21st – break rule 1

Friday June 28th – break rule 2

Wednesday July 3rd – break rule 3

Volunteers will be outside school each day to collect donations.

For **each break** a rule day, we are kindly asking for donations for our Summer Fair. Donations can be:

- Cakes
- Bottles (alcoholic and non-alcoholic)
- Sweet Jars
- Chocolate

Thank you!

ONLINE SAFETY FOCUS: SNAPCHAT

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS AND BLACKMAIL

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages feature by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them (regardless of whether it is true or not) and will share them online unless they send them money. Teens then (understandably) panic and worry about the long-term consequences. Snapchat's own research found that 65% of teenagers had experienced this – either on this app or others.

EXCESSIVE USE

Snapchat works hard on user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight'. It claims the content shown here is relevant to each user, but it could also be seen as an easy way to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore,

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beauty' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy if a young person compares themselves unfavourably with other users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

VISIBLE LOCATION

A feature called 'SnapMaps' highlights your device's exact position on a virtual map, which is visible to other users. There are options to restrict who can see this information: all friends, selected friends or just you. Snapchat also has real-time location sharing, which is intended as a buddy system to help friends keep track of each other – but it could also be used to track a young person for more sinister reasons.

Advice for Parents & Educators

SET CONTROLS VIA FAMILY CENTRE

Snapchat has parental controls called 'Family Centre'. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. This allows you to view their friends list, see who they have chatted with in the last 7 days (but not to view the specific messages) and report any concerns.

TALK ABOUT REAL LIFE SCAMS

If a young person is mature enough to have Snapchat, then they are mature enough to have a conversation about scams, nudes and blackmail. Have this discussion before you let them join. Share some real-life examples. Discuss the importance of never adding strangers and discourage them from sharing nudes. If they are lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately, then block and delete the predator and screenshot any evidence.

DISCUSS AI

Although My AI's responses can often give the impression that it's a real person, it's essential that young people remember this certainly isn't the case. Encourage children to think critically about My AI's replies to their questions: are they accurate and reliable? Remind them that My AI shouldn't replace chatting with their real friends, and that it's always better to talk to an actual person in relation to medical matters.

CHAT ABOUT CONTENT

It may feel like an awkward conversation (and one that young people can be reluctant to have) but it's important to talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting. Remind children that once something's online, the creator loses control over where it ends up – and who else sees it. Likewise, it's vital that children understand that some 'challenges' which become popular on the platform may have harmful consequences.

KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Profiles are private by default, but children may make them public to gain more followers. Snap Stories are visible to everyone a user adds unless they change their settings. On SnapMaps, their location is visible unless Ghost Mode is enabled. It's safest for a child to avoid adding people they don't know in real life – especially since the addition of My Places, which allows people to see where users regularly visit.

BE READY TO BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger *does* connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can select the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or masquerading as someone else.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/snapchat-2021>

COMMUNITY LINKS

Choose fun at

fun-fest WALTON LE DALE

HOLIDAY CLUB

Ofsted Registered

29th July - 23rd August

7:30am - 6:00pm

A menu of 50+ activities

3-12 years

SUMMER 2024

St Leonard's C of E Primary
Walton Green
Walton-le-Dale
PR5 4JL



Book online at www.fun-fest.co.uk
Enquiries to 07392 790727 or waltonledale@funfestholidayclub.co.uk

fun-fest WALTON LE DALE

HOLIDAY CLUB

SUMMER '24

PRESTON Walton-le-Dale

29th July - 2nd August

	AM		PM	
MON	Olympic Challenge	Crafty Creations	Sports Action	Pottery
TUES	Tag Rugby	Kidstingo	Dodgeball	Imaginering
WED	Hockey	Magic	Sports Action	Playful Painting
THURS	Crazy Golf	Under the Sea	Fun Fest Bootcamp	Jewellery Making
FRI	Football Camp	Puppet Making	Fun Day Friday & Water Fight!	

Limited spaces available so please book early
www.fun-fest.co.uk

fun-fest WALTON LE DALE

HOLIDAY CLUB

SUMMER '24

PRESTON Walton-le-Dale

5th - 9th August

	AM		PM	
MON	Gymnastic	Scavenger Hunt	Sports Action	Nailed It
TUES	Athletics	Around the World	Mission Impossible	Music Maestros
WED	Basketball	Yoga & Mindfulness	Sports Action	Crafty Creations
THURS	Football Camp	Superhero's & Princesses	Great Outdoors	Creative Cooks
FRI	Olympic Challenge	Dance Nation	Fun Day Friday & Water Fight!	

Limited spaces available so please book early
www.fun-fest.co.uk

fun-fest WALTON LE DALE

HOLIDAY CLUB

SUMMER '24

PRESTON Walton-le-Dale

12th - 16th August

	AM		PM	
MON	Ultimate Frisbee	Messy Mayhem	Sports Action	Summer Gardens
TUES	Circus Training	Space Cadets	Minute To Win It	Sublime Slime
WED	Bench Ball	Sand Fest	Sports Action	Mystical Creatures
THURS	Sports Action	Mad about Science	Nerf Challenge	Picturesque Painting
FRI	Wacky Races	Fun Fest's Got Talent	Fun Day Friday & Water Fight!	

Limited spaces available so please book early
www.fun-fest.co.uk

fun-fest WALTON LE DALE

HOLIDAY CLUB

SUMMER '24

PRESTON Walton-le-Dale

19th - 23rd August

	AM		PM	
MON	Crazy Golf	Lights Camera, Action	Sports Action	Harry Potter Experience
TUES	Dodgeball	Beauty School	I'm a Kid Get Me Out of Here	Crafty Creations
WED	Great Outdoors	Animafastic	Sports Action	Down in the Jungle
THURS	Sports Action	Shiver me Timbers	Crickit Club	Jewellery Making
FRI	End of Summer Party Day!			

Limited spaces available so please book early
www.fun-fest.co.uk