



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday 8th October 2026



Headteachers Message



Dear Parents,

I would like to share the news that Mrs English our amazing school Bursar will be retiring on 22nd October after 26 years working at Lea; initially as a Teaching Assistant and then for the past 14 years as our school Bursar.

Mrs English has been a very valued and trusted part of our school community, and her care, commitment and selfless support have touched the lives of many children and their families over the years. We are deeply grateful for everything she has contributed to our Lea family and will miss her enormously, but we understand that the opportunity to enjoy all the joys that a happy retirement can bring is enticing! I know parents will join us in thanking Mrs English for her dedicated service and wishing her every happiness for her retirement. We will be celebrating Mrs English's 26 years of dedication and love for our school with the children at the end of this half term.

Best Regards

Lynne Slater - Head Teacher

Cycling Helmets

Safety Reminder: All children cycling or scooting to school MUST wear a helmet for their own safety.

Black History Month



This year's theme is "**Honouring Our Communities**", which celebrates individuals whose work is sometimes unseen but is essential to community life. This includes volunteers, teachers, carers, nurses, community organisers and many others whose everyday contributions help to strengthen black British communities. Each year group will learn about a famous people who have made notable contributions across fields like healthcare, education, civic leadership and the arts.

EYFS & Blossoms - Rosa Parks known as the "mother of the civil rights movement" when she refused to give her seat up to a white man on the bus.

Year 1 - Mae Jemison the first Black woman to travel into space.

Year 2 - African and Caribbean-inspired art

Year 3 - Windrush- Caribbean migrants who arrived in the UK between 1948 and 1971 to help fill severe post-World War II labour shortages in the UK

Year 4 - Ruby Bridges who was the first African American child to attend formerly whites-only William Frantz Elementary School

Year 5 - John Newton (who wrote the hymn Amazing Grace)/ and William Wilberforce both British slavery abolitionists.

Year 6 - Martin Luther King Jr and his impact on equality and communities.

Be sure to ask your children about their learning!

EYFS LEP Photos



ABC Portraits are coming to school **TOMORROW** Friday 9th October 2026 to take photos of the EYFS children to be published in the Lancashire Evening Post. Please complete the attached consent form indicating whether your child has permission to be photographed. Thank you! <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/YbvPyxUb1y>

Harvest Donations

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we are collecting **non-perishable food items and toiletries** for a local food bank. Donations could include items such as tins of soup, baked beans, pasta, rice, cereals, tinned fruit and vegetables, biscuits, tea and coffee. Toiletries such as shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste, toothbrushes and soap are also very welcome. Rev Joe will be visiting school next week to talk to the



children about **Harvest** and the importance of being thankful for what we have, while also thinking about those who may not have enough. Children are welcome to bring donations into school and place them in the **shopping trolley near the school office**. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us to teach our children the importance of **kindness, gratitude and helping others**.

Half term Free events at Savick Library



Two one-off children's events will take place at Savick Library during the October 2026 half-term holiday, in addition to the normal weekly children's events. They will both take place on Wednesday, 28th of October 2026. The details are as follows and are attached.

Stories Like Ours Wednesday, 28th of October 2026 from 12:00 to 12:30 for children aged 3-8 years old

Join Gemma and Liz the founders of "Stories Like Ours" children's book authors for a fun story reading session featuring their latest books: "Play Date" and "New Bedrooms" on Wednesday, 28th of October 2026 from 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm "At Stories Like Ours, we believe every child deserves to see their family reflected in the stories they read. Families come in all shapes and sizes, from co-parented and single-parent households, to foster and adoptive families, blended families, and children with disabilities and additional needs."

The event is free, but places are limited so please reserve yours by completing the FOSL form below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchWWOvboKteafczZbs0AAwPIXl4r6RIkNndXg8wIl8xtOOrg/viewform>

Please note that an adult must accompany all children throughout the event.

The Giant's Blankets storytelling Wednesday, 28th of October 2026 from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm for children aged 4 to 8 years old

Step into the world of The Giant's Blankets — a heartwarming 25-minute storytelling performance brought to life with swirling clouds, stormy skies, and a kind-hearted giant who helps her neighbours with nothing but her soft blue blankets.

Created and performed by artist and storyteller Claire Weetman, this soothing, imaginative tale transforms everyday fabric into hammocks, tents, baby slings — and even a giant picnic space for a joyful celebration of friendship. After the story, families are invited to stay and play with the Giant's blankets — inventing their own stories, characters, and worlds in this creative, open-ended play session. Described by audiences as "magical," "soothing," and "inventive", this show is perfect for curious little minds and grown-ups alike.

The event is free, but places are limited so please reserve yours by completing the form below.

<https://www6.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/all-events?service=ALL&venues=Savick+Library>

Please note that an adult must accompany all children throughout the event.

Parents Evenings Tues 17th & Thurs 19th Nov 3.30-5.30pm

Tuesday 17th & Thursday 19th November 3.30-5.30pm

Please put these important dates in your diary. These parent evenings give you the opportunity to find out how your child is progressing with their learning.

Appointments will be made available to book on each class dojo nearer the time. Communication between school and home is a crucial part of your child's development so please make an appointment to see their teacher.

Book Fair 4-11th Nov 	The Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting school 4th-11th November. The Fair will be open to families after school each day in the foyer outside the hall, please access school via the school office not the playground doors. These books and stationary goods make great presents or stocking fillers for Christmas.
Birthday Treats in School	Please could we remind all parents that treats of any type are not to be brought into school for birthdays or any other events. This is both part of our school's relational policy and also due to the number of allergies and dietary requirements we have within all of our classes. Any treats that are brought into school will be handed back to parents when noticed, either at the beginning or end of the school day. Thank you all in advance for your understanding and support.
Y6 SATs Week 10-13/05/27	Parents of Y6 children please be aware that your child's SATs will take place from Monday 10th May - Thursday 13th May 2027. Please do not book any holidays during this time.
Open Day for EYFS applicants Sept 2027	We are excited to welcome parents and children to our school in preparation for our September 2027 intake. Wednesday 18th Nov 1.30pm and 4pm If you would like to book a place on one of our school tours please complete the Microsoft form within this link: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/D2NVMtuy7t We would be happy to show you and your family around and will look forward to meeting you on one of the tours.
School Admissions September 2027 Primary and Secondary Schools 	School admissions are now open! Secondary school admissions: If your child is in Year 6 you can now apply for their secondary school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application. You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application. Saturday 31 October 2026 - National closing date for secondary applications for Sept 2027 (statutory). For guidance on high school transport see: https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school-transport/. Primary School Admissions: If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery* you can now apply for their primary school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application. You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application. Friday 15 January 2027 - National closing date for primary applications for Sept 2026 (statutory). Friday 16 April 2027 - Offers issued to parents (The national offer date is 16 April, if this date falls on a weekend or a bank holiday, offers are sent the next working day.)
Free School Meals 	Universal free school meals are an automatic entitlement for all children in EYFS, Y1 and Y2. If you get any of the qualifying benefits, your child's school can get extra funding, called pupil premium. If your child is in Y3 or above, your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the qualifying benefits.

	If your financial circumstances have changed and you think you may be eligible, please visit: https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/ to check eligibility and apply.		
Class Assembly Dates 	Look out for dates coming soon! Please go to our website and subscribe to our school calendar which will drop dates into your own calendar. https://www.leacp.lancs.sch.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11&pid=6&viewid=5	Dates for your diary - Autumn Term	08/10/26 - EYFS Learning Session 3.30pm 09/10/26 - EYFS LEP Photos 04-11/11/26 - Book Fair 17/11/26 - Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm 18/11/26- Open pm for Sept 27 Starters 19/11/26 - Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm 31/10/26 - Applications close for High Schools 18/11/26- Open pm for Sept 27 Starters 15/01/27 - Applications close Primary School 10-13/05/27 - Y6 SATs week

