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# STRIKE LANE NEWS

## 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and the best of starts to 2024. As promised, we have lovely news to share with you in that Mrs McDowell's baby son Leo arrived safe and sound last Friday 5th January. It has been a very exciting year for Year 6 as they celebrated a new baby and a big birthday for Miss O'Grady this week.

Mrs Burdett has thoroughly enjoyed her first week at Strike Lane and all the Year 4 children seem to have had an excellent week, particularly as it started with their first swimming lesson on Monday.

Year 2 have now started on their Forest School lessons with Mrs Bowerman on Friday afternoons and also have a new visitor to class, Mrs Zoe King is a student teacher who will be working closely with Mr Moulding whilst also teaching Year 2.

Meanwhile Year 5 have had a delivery of 100 tiny trout eggs as part of their Trout in the Classroom Project. They will be caring for the trout in their tank environment culminating in a trip to the River Ribble later in the year to release them into the river. Next week Year 5 have a trip to Freckleton Library booked in for Thursday afternoon – we hope it inspires them to use the library regularly to increase their engagement and enjoyment of reading and even to join in with the Reading Trails that the library provides.

Just a final reminder that any applications for Reception starters for September 2024 close on Monday 15th January. All applications need to be made via <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>. Parents will receive their offers of school placements on 16th April from the local authority.

It has been a lovely first week back in school as everyone has settled back in so brilliantly and the weather has been cold but kind to us. Let's hope it continues next week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Katherine Shuttleworth

### Dates for your diary (new dates in red)

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January** – Y5 Library Visit

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January** – Y5/6 Athletics Competition at Carr Hill (*invitation only*)

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – 5pm-6:30pm** – Valentines Disco

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – Valentines Raffle Draw

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – School Closes For Half Term (usual finishing times apply)

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** – School Re-Opens For All Pupils

### Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

If your financial circumstances have changed your child may be entitled to free school meals/pupil premium. You can quickly check your eligibility by visiting the following website, <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/> Please be aware school receives additional funding for any pupil premium children we have on roll so it would be appreciated if you check your eligibility and apply if entitled.

| <b>Class Attendance<br/>(week ending<br/>12/01/24)</b> | <b>Weekly</b> |
|--|---------------|
| Oak  | 87.5%         |
| Beech  | 93.0%         |
| Rowan  | 98.6%         |
| Maple  | 93.7%         |
| Willow   | 97.7%         |
| Sycamore   | 96.8%         |
| Hornbeam   | 93.3%         |

### **Stars Of The Week**

Well done to all our Winners  
You should be very proud of your  
achievements

| <b>Year Group</b> | <b>Stars Of The Week</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Oak</b>        | Ivan & Harley-Mae        |
| <b>Beech</b>      | Jude & Joshua            |
| <b>Rowan</b>      | Albie & Ella             |
| <b>Maple</b>      | Hope & Tommy-Lee         |
| <b>Willow</b>     | Laila & Jay              |
| <b>Sycamore</b>   | Noah & Tilli             |
| <b>Hornbeam</b>   | Sam & Matthew            |

### **Attendance**

Well done to Rowan, Willow & Sycamore classes for achieving over 96% attendance this week.

### **Finance**

We still have a number of outstanding payments for school lunches, Care Club and class trips. Please could any outstanding payments be made at your earliest convenience.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the school office and a payment plan can be arranged. Failure to do so could result in your debt being passed on to Lancashire County Council's Debt Recovery team where further charges may be incurred.

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

We still have places available in Cheerleading, KS2 Football and also Athletics Club.

**Please note:** Athletics Club has now been opened up to Y3 pupils due to a very low uptake in Y1 and Y2.

### **100 Club**

The Friends have done their 100 Club Draw today and the winners are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - £15

Cian – Y3

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - £10

Harriet – Y3

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - £5

Molly – Y1

We hope you enjoy your spends!!



# SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

NORTH

## Do you have a child starting primary school in September 2024 and living in Lancashire?

Apply now and check your eligibility for school transport at:  
[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)  
or call 01524 581148

**Closing date: 15 January 2024**

You must apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school,  
or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

**HAVE  
YOUR SAY**

*Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with  
you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs.  
To find out more please visit [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces)  
and click 'school admission policies'.*

[lancashire.gov.uk](http://lancashire.gov.uk)



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# TWILIGHT TASTERS



Tuesday 16 January 2024: 4.15 pm - 6.15 pm



We invite all Year 6 children to immerse themselves in the wonders of science, the creativity of design technology, the thrill of computer science, the richness of history, the enchantment of performing arts and the beauty of languages and classics.

Your child will participate in two exciting lessons, followed by a complimentary meal in our welcoming Dining Hall.



To ensure your child does not miss out on this experience, simply scan the QR code provided or visit the following link: <https://kirkhamgrammar.simplybook.it/v2/#book> to book. Places are limited so please book early.

Scan to  
book



We look forward to welcoming your child to Kirkham Grammar School in January.

# Thinking about private Speech and Language Therapy for your child?

Happy Talk will soon be offering therapy sessions in your local area.



Therapy sessions will be held on Tuesdays between 3.30pm and 5.30pm at Ribby with Wrea Endowed CE Primary School (PR4 2WQ)

To find out more visit us at our drop in evening on Tuesday 16th January 2024  
3.30-4.30 at  
Ribby with Wrea Endowed CE Primary School  
(PR4 2WQ)

To sign your child up for therapy sessions contact Happy Talk on 07983 587528 or [help@happy-talk.co.uk](mailto:help@happy-talk.co.uk)



# Join our 100 Club

Do you fancy being in with a chance  
of winning £15 every month?

Join the Friends of Strike Lane 100  
Club today!



The Friends thank you for your continued  
support raising extra funds for school!



