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STRIKE LANE NEWS

26th September 2025

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had a very quiet end to this week with most of our Year 6 in Winmarleigh. The children have returned exhausted, bedraggled and full of great memories, I am sure their parents will hear all about their escapades this weekend. Thank you so much to Miss Groome, Mrs Bamber and Mrs Mitchell for giving up their evenings to make this trip happen and to Mrs McDowell for her excellent organizational skills as usual. For those of you who haven't seen, there are some great photos on our X and Facebook page.

Most of our children from Year 2 upwards have been enrolled onto a new web-based Reading scheme called Reading Plus which is designed to develop the skills of fluent readers. In the next 2 weeks our Y2 – Y6 staff will be sharing login details with you so that the children can continue their reading, vocabulary and skills lessons at home as well as in school, reading a variety of texts appropriate for their assessed reading level. The more they read the quicker they will progress through the scheme. Please don't worry if your child is not registered on this scheme yet, they will be having additional support with their phonics and decoding skills to improve their reading fluency.

Mr Layzell, Headteacher from Carr Hill, will be visiting school next Thursday at 2.30pm to talk with Year 6 parents and children about the opportunities at Carr Hill as you prepare to apply for High School places for next year. Just a reminder that online applications must be completed by 31st October.

I have had a request from one of our children about running a chess club. If anybody has any unused chess sets at home that would start us off we would very much welcome them in school as we look to gather interest for this club.

Have a wonderful weekend everybody,
Katherine Shuttleworth

Dates for your diary (new dates in red)

Monday 29th September – 7:00pm – Friends AGM at The Coach and Horses
Tuesday 30th September – Y5 London Trip
Balance Due
Thursday 2nd October – 2:30pm-3:30pm – Mr Layzell from Carr Hill Visiting Year 6
Wednesday 8th October – Memories Made Photography – Individual, Siblings, and Staff Photos
Tuesday 14th October – 12:30pm-3:30pm – Y5/6 Hockey Competition at Mill Farm (invitation only)
Wednesday 15th October – 1:30pm-2:30pm – Reception 26 Starters Open Day
Wednesday 15th October – 5:00pm-6:00pm – Reception 26 Starters Open Day
Thursday 16th October – 1:30pm-2:30pm – Reception 26 Starters Open Day
Friday 17th October – Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 22nd – Thursday 23rd October – Y5 London Residential
Thursday 23rd October – School Closes for Half Term (usual finishing times apply)
Friday 31st October – Closing Date for High School Applications
Monday 3rd November – School Re-opens For All Pupils

Free School Meal Eligibility

Your financial circumstances may have changed over the summer and 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.

Class Attendance (week ending (26/09/25))	Weekly
Oak	99.3%
Beech	99.5%
Rowan	92.1%
Maple	98.9%
Willow	89.5%
Sycamore	99.4%
Hornbeam	96.9%

Stars Of The Week

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

Year Group	Stars Of The Week
Oak	Robyn & Albie L
Beech	Shania & Lucy
Rowan	Casper & Harley-Mae
Maple	Molly & Eva
Willow	Caelan & Melissa
Sycamore	Joey & Isla M
Hornbeam	The Whole Class

Attendance

Well done to Oak, Beech, Maple, Sycamore, & Hornbeam classes for achieving over 96% attendance this week.

High School Applications

As you may be aware, Year 6 parents/carers can now apply for high school places for the 2026/2027 academic year. Applications opened on 1st September 2025 and must be submitted by 31st October 2025 via the Lancashire County Council's website: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-secondary-school/>

The Friends Of Strike Lane School

Our School's PTA (Parent Teacher Association) or The Friends as they're better known in school are very much at the heart of our school community. The Friends continuously support Strike Lane School to create a better environment for children to learn by bringing parents, teachers and children together to raise funds and strengthen our school community. The money that The Friends raise is usually spent on things that the school budget does not cover (please see poster for further details).

Joining The Friends can be a great way to get to know our school environment and make new friends whilst helping to raise much needed funds that will make a difference for your children right now and for generations to come.

There is no expectation of any parent volunteer, any amount of time you can give will always be well received by The Friends and there are a variety of ways you can get involved such as: volunteering and coordinating events, engaging with social media activity, donating raffle prizes and sharing ideas for improvements.

We make it clear that parents can come to The Friends meetings to just listen and learn, or they can take a more active role if they wish, there are no set expectations.

If you would like to get involved with The Friends or would like any further information please email friendsofstrikelaneschool@gmail.com



Strike Lane Primary School

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We would love you to join our Strike Lane family.

Open Days for September 2026 intake:

Weds 15th October 1.30pm-2.30pm

Weds 15th October 5pm-6pm

Thursday 16th October 1.30pm-2.30pm

We also have places available for in-year admissions

Come and find out more about our curriculum; our commitment to Forest School & outdoor learning and developing the use of technology to support learning.

We welcome visits during the school day.

To book visits to the school outside these times, please contact the school office

Tel: 01772 632724 Email: bursar@strikelane.lancs.sch.uk

Thank you From the

Friends



of Strike Lane School

**With your help and support last year we
raised funds for:**

Transport for the whole school to attend the pantomime

Contribution towards a new sensory area & fish tank

Book bags for new starters in reception

Contributions towards Year 6 leavers gifts and party

Materials for health and happiness activities

Set of shin pads and socks for the football team

Items for reception class outdoor area



Set of books

Play items for break-time



Join Us For Our

Open Day



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Sunday 5 October 2025

Two Time Slots Available: 1pm - 3pm | 2pm - 4pm



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OPEN EVENING

Thursday 9th October: Doors open at 4pm

Applications close 31st October 2025

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**AUTUMN KIDS CAMP
5 - 12 YRS OLD
OCTOBER 2025**

**Come join us during the school holidays for
an inclusive, fun filled, exciting time!**

Mon 27th – Fri 31st Oct

8.30am – 3.30pm: £20

8.30am – 5.30pm: £25



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THE ACTIVITIES

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Crystal Maze
T-shirt Design
Team Building

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