

STRIKE LANE NEWS 17th October 2025

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Dear Parents & Carers,

What a fantastic week it's been at Strike Lane!

A huge congratulations to our Progress and Kindness Cup winners for this half term! These awards are always so special and it's never an easy decision for our staff to make. Well done to everyone who's been working hard and showing such brilliant kindness around school — you make us all proud!

On Tuesday, we welcomed Gareth Caunce from Endeavour Learning Trust into school to carry out a Community Voice exercise. He spent the day talking to children, parents, and staff about how we're doing and where we can improve.

The feedback was overwhelmingly positive — we were praised for our inclusive culture, knowledgeable staff, trauma-informed approach, and our strong focus on well-being for everyone. We also received some great ideas for next steps, including further developing our multicultural awareness, musical enrichment, and parental engagement. We'll be looking at these areas closely over the coming year, with support from the Trust.

It was lovely to meet several prospective new families for 2026 this week! Our prefects did a wonderful job showing them around. If you know anyone who missed our open events and would like to visit before applications close in January, please ask them to contact the school office — we'll be happy to arrange a tour.

Next week will be a short one —we close after school on Thursday as staff will be attending a Trust INSET Day at Ormskirk High School on Friday, joining colleagues from all nine schools in the Trust for the first time.

Before that, our Year 5's are off on their London Residential! They've got an action-packed few days ahead, including visits to the Houses of Parliament, a River Thames Cruise, a flight on the London Eye, and a trip to see The Lion King! Huge thanks to Miss O'Grady, Mr Denton, Mrs Bamber, and Isaac's Mum for leading the trip — it's sure to be an unforgettable experience.

Finally, after such a busy week (and a very energetic Fun Run!), I hope you all enjoy a peaceful Friday evening and a wonderful weekend.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm wishes, Katherine Shuttleworth

Dates for your diary (new dates in red)

Sunday 19th October – 10:00am – Gardening Day **Tuesday 21st October** – Reception Class Photo for Lancashire Evening Post

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

Monday 3rd November – Behaviour Quality Mark Awards (*invitation only*)

Thursday 6th November – 5:00pm-6:30pm – Bonfire Disco

Tuesday 18th November – KS2 Dodgeball Competition at Carr Hill (*invitation only*) Thursday 20th November – Y6 Library Visit Friday 21st November – Non-uniform Day – Xmas Hamper Donations

Tuesday 25th November – KS2 Dodgeball Competition at Carr Hill (*invitation only*)

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/

Free School Meal Eligibility

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 could check your eligibility and apply if entitled.

Class Attendance (week ending (17/10/25)	Weekly
(17/10/23)	
Oak	98.7%
Beech	100%
Rowan	98.6%
Maple	93.7%
Willow	95.6%
Sycamore	94.9%
Hornbeam	99.1%

Progress Cup Winners

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

Year Group	Progress Cup Winners			
Oak	Kiana			
Beech	James			
Rowan	Harley-Mae			
Maple	Sienna			
Willow	Caelan			
Sycamore	Cian			
Hornbeam	Laila			

Attendance

Well done to Oak, Beech, Rowan & Hornbeam classes for achieving over 96% attendance this week. **Beech Class** can come to school in their own clothes next **Thursday 23rd October** as their class reward for achieving 100% attendance this week.

Care Club Kindness Award

A huge well done to Robyn in Reception Class who has won the Care Club Kindness Award this half term. Robyn has settled into Care Club exceptionally well and follows Care Club routines fantastically whilst never forgetting her manners. What an amazing way to start your time here at Strike Lane!!

Sponsored Fun Run

We hope you managed to pop along to our Sponsored Spooky Fun Run this afternoon — what an amazing turnout! It was brilliant seeing all the children running laps of the school with such big smiles, all while raising money for The Friends of Strike Lane.

As this is a Friends event, we can accept sponsor money in cash or alternatively, if you go to the "School Shop" section of your Arbor app, there has been a payment item named "Fun Run Sponsors" the minimum payment amount has been set to £1.00 and you can purchase multiple quantities to decide how much you wish to donate.

A huge thank you for your continued support — funds raised will go towards our annual whole-school trip to the Christmas Pantomime at Lowther Gardens on Tuesday 9th December.

Gardening Day

The Friends of Strike Lane are having an autumn gardening day at school this Sunday 19th October starting at 10am. They will be tidying up the outdoor areas and planting some spring bulbs ready for next year. Everyone is more than welcome to come along and lend a hand. Please bring trowels, forks etc. We are also looking for any donations of bulbs or winter bedding plants please. For any more information please speak to any of the Friends or email friendsofstrikelaneschool@gmail.com.
All help would be very much appreciated.



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Junior Sea Cadets has spaces for new young people aged 10+!

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Join us on our free open evening!

Thursday 16th October 7pm-9pm

Thursday 23rd October 7pm-9pm

To find out more, send us an email and secure your space!

E: dave.seacadets@outlook.com sea-cadets.org/lytham





Celebrating Kirkham & Wesham's Textile Heritage

Kirkham and Wesham were once at the heart of Britain's textile industry — home to 11 busy mills, producing the sailcloth that powered the British Navy.







Discover our textile story with displays, crafts, Clogs from Cleggs, hands-on activities, dressing up, Worldwise Samba, and refreshments.

Saturday 18th October 2.30 - 5pm Kirkham Community Centre

Percy The Post-Penguin

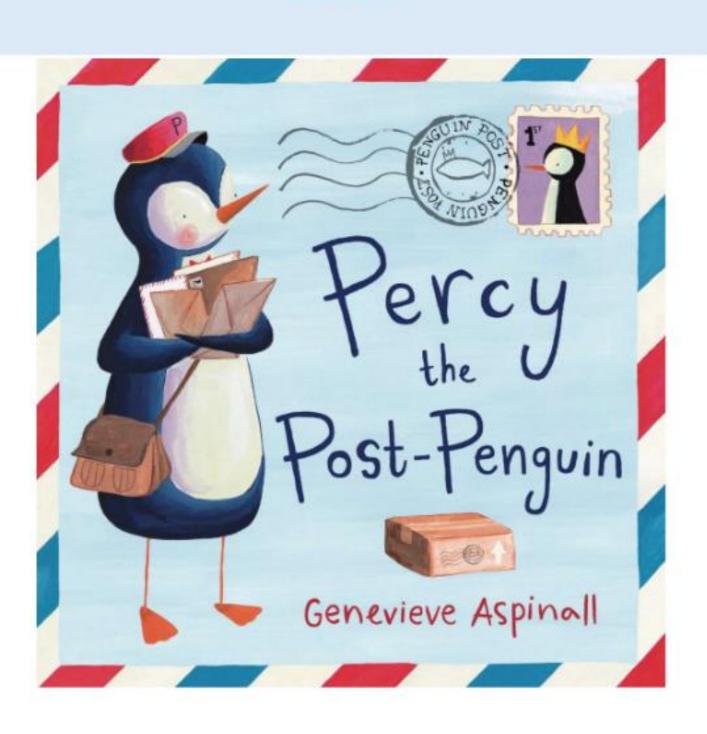
Author Visit and Children's Workshop

Tuesday 28 October 11am- Freckleton Library

Join Local Author and Illustrator <u>Genevieve Aspinall</u> this half term for a story workshop

The event is free but please can you book you place to allow the author to prepare the materials for the workshop

Book Here





OCTOBER 2025



JUNIOR MILE

- Start time: 9am
- Ages 4-15 on race day
- Finishers medal
- Traffic-free course within Green Drive

GREEN DRIVE FIVE

- Start time: 9:30am
- Accurate 5 mile course
- Chip timed
- 25 year special edition t-shirt
- Lancashire 5 Mile Road Race Championships

To sign up, go to: bookitzone.com/greendrive5/6NjFFX www.lythamrunners.org.uk

DANGE YOGA CRAFI







OCTOBER HALF TERM WORKSHOP

MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER

10.00 - 3.30PM

WEETON VILLAGE HALL

JOIN US FOR A
FUN FILLED DAY
OF EXCITING
ACTIVITIES,
GAMES AND NEW
FRIENDS!



BOOK YOUR CHILD'S SPOT HERE:

BOOKWHEN.COM /JCDANCE



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



Medlar with Wesham Primary School, PR4 3DE (Situated in the Pavilion Building)

Dance Sport Crystal Maze T-shirt Design **Team Building**

GET BOOKING!





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Holy Trinity Church
Lytham Road
Freckleton
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Coffee and toasties supporting Trinity Hospice and Brian House

Come and join us for tea, coffee, toasties, sausage barms, scones, cakes, and good company.

Everyone's welcome!



Saturday 25 October, 10:00 to 12:00







Holy Trinity Church
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Schedule - October 2025

Fri. 03 Oct.	18:30	Pearl of Africa Choir at Freckleton C of E Primary School		
Sat. 04 Oct.	10:00	St Paul's Little Hospice Café for Trinity Hospice & Brian House		
Sun. 05 Oct.	11:00	Harvest Worship4U		
Wed. 08 Oct.	14:00	Mothers' Union		
Thu. 09 Oct.	09:15	CE School Harvest service		
Sun. 12 Oct.	11:00	Parish Communion		
	13:00	Harvest festival lunch at Rigby's Farmhouse Restaurant		
Sat. 18 Oct.	10:00	Churchyard working party		
Sun. 19 Oct.	11:00	Parish Communion		
Sun. 26 Oct.	11:00	Parish Communion		
Wed. 29 Oct.	19:00	Memorial service at Holy Trinity		
Thu. 30 Oct.	19:00	Memorial service at St Paul's		
Sat. 01 Nov.	10:00	St Paul's Little Café		

'Hope explored' course, Mon. 6, 13 & 20 Oct., 19:00, at Holy Trinity Evening Prayer Mondays at 16:00

Next coffee and toasties 22 November.



