

# SCHOOL MATTERS



Week ending Friday 11th October 2024



Fortnightly newsletter of Poulton-le-Fylde, St Chad's CE Primary School

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**LOVE LEARNING. LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER.**



Attendance- Well done!

Thank you parents for your support with attendance, this month has seen a real improvement. In September 2024 our whole school attendance was 97.8% compared with attendance in September 2023 which was 96.3%. This is a really big improvement, and it is in line with our pre-covid attendance rates. Thank you for your support in not taking holidays in term time. A reminder that our Attendance policy is on the website if anyone would like to look at it. <https://eadn-wc04-12554958.nxedge.io/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Attendance-Policy.pdf>

## Separated Parents

We have a new policy, also available on the website, for any Separated parents. School staff will always remain neutral, which I know some separated parents have found difficult to understand at times. Hopefully this policy will outline why we always put children first and that we fully support a child's right to love both parents.

We ask that for our upcoming parent's evenings, one parent attend this meeting and the other parent attend the February meeting.

If any support is needed, please contact Mrs Hardy our Family Support Worker. <https://eadn-wc04-12554958.nxedge.io/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Separated-Parents-Policy-2024.pdf>

## School Council 2024-25

Congratulations to our new school councillors, who have been voted by their class to represent them.

We have already met together several times and have invited an honorary member to join us at our meetings- welcome to Floki!

Year 2 Mabel and Benjamin

Year 3 Libby and Flynn

Year 4 Ruby and Charlie

Year 5 Ellie and George

Year 6 Ameerah and Luke



PIC•COLLA

Congratulations to our new School Captains;

Head Boy: **Eddie**

Head Girl: **Ella**

Deputy Head Boy: **Oscar**

Deputy Head Girl: **Poppy**



A big thank you to all who sent in donations for our Harvest Festival. They will be shared out between Fleetwood Food Bank, Street Life in Blackpool and Vincent House.



We would like to invite children and families to worship together with staff and parishioners at 10am on Sunday 3rd November at St Chad's church. This is a regular Sunday service led by Rev Martin- we are hoping to help support more church attendance. Everyone is welcome, we hope to see you there!

*From,  
Mrs Nicole Bitsakaki*

## October

- **10th-16th**- Book Fair
- **Monday 14th**- Parents Evening 1
- **Thursday 17th**- Individual School Photographs and Parents Evening 2
- **Friday 18th** - School closes for half term normal finishing time.
- **Wednesday 30th**- Back to school!
- **Thursday 31st**- High School Application Deadline Day

Designated Safeguarding Lead:  
**Mrs Bitsakaki**

Deputy Safeguarding Leads:  
**Mr Blackburn  
Mrs Woodward  
Mrs Blackett  
Mrs Hardy**

Governor Safeguarding Lead:  
**Rev Martin Keighley**

Christian Value for Autumn 1  
**Wisdom**

# ATTENDANCE

National Expectation for Attendance

94%

School Target

96%

Whole School Attendance is currently

97.2%

Class Attendance currently



EYFS	97.8%
Year 1	96.1%
Year 2	96.2%

Year 3	99%
Year 4	95.3%
Year 5	97.8%
Year 6	99.3%

# READING AWARD



WELL  
DONE

Harry T.

# STARS AND LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

## WEEK ENDING 27TH SEPTEMBER

### STARS OF THE WEEK

EMERALDS  
YEAR 1  
CREATIVE CORNER  
YEAR 2  
YEAR 3  
YEAR 4  
YEAR 5  
YEAR 6

Everyone  
Arlo  
Elsie  
Daisy H.  
Hallie  
Abigail W.  
Amelia  
Lio

### LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Everyone  
Leo  
Luka H.  
George  
Ryan  
Jack  
Erin  
Lydia

TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Mrs Hardy

SUPPORT STAFF OF THE WEEK

Miss Rodgers

TIDY CLASSROOM

KS1  
Year 2

KS2  
Year 4



**HOUSE POINT WINNERS** Red Pandas!

## WEEK ENDING 4TH OCTOBER

### STARS OF THE WEEK

EMERALDS  
YEAR 1  
CREATIVE CORNER  
YEAR 2  
YEAR 3  
YEAR 4  
YEAR 5  
YEAR 6

Everyone  
Elle B.  
Maxwell  
Benjamin B.  
Lola R.  
Lilly H.  
Reeva  
Amelia W.

### LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Everyone  
Rory  
Harry L.A  
Benjamin S.  
Archie F.  
Charlie  
Jacob C.  
Edward

TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Mr Graham

SUPPORT STAFF OF THE WEEK

Mrs Swales

TIDY CLASSROOM

EYFS

KS2  
Year 3



**HOUSE POINTWINNERS** Green Snakes!



Learner  
Logan  
Y4

Star



Star  
Zach  
Y6

# STAR



# LEARNER



# Well Done

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# Look at our Learning in



## EYFS & KS1

### Emeralds



This week we have been reading the story Pumpkin Soup. We have been on a nature walk to explore our surroundings and have collected ingredients to make our own Pumpkin Soup!

### Year 1



In Science, Year 1 have been observing closely and drawing their chosen trees. They will check in with their tree each season and note any changes to it!

### Creative Corner



The children have been developing our colour mixing skills. Year 2 have been using black and white to make their own shades and tones of blue.

### Year 2



Year 2 had their RE lesson in the Oasis this week which they all thoroughly enjoyed!

# Look at our Learning in

## KS2



*Year 3*



Year 3 have been sharpening up their Geographical skills! The class used compasses and directional language to plot a play route through the playground.

*Year 4*



In Science, Year 4 have been making their own Water Cycles using ice cubes and hot water which created condensation and precipitation.

*Year 5*



This week we have been learning about the role that Plague Doctors played during the Great Plague and we had the opportunity to try on parts of their outfits.

*Year 6*



Year 6 enjoyed their first session of Bikeability this week. They were learning how to look after their bikes and how to be safe whilst out on the road.



# The new Defibs have arrived!



Out of hours school club are looking to freshen up/replace some of their toys- in particular dolls and board games. If anybody is having a clear out we would greatly appreciate your donations.

Thank you! 😊



# Health & Well-being Day 2024



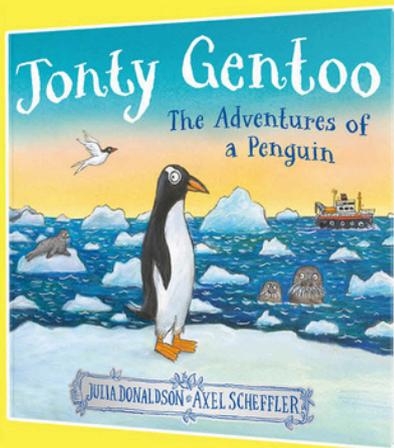
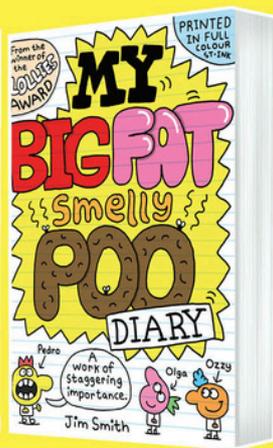
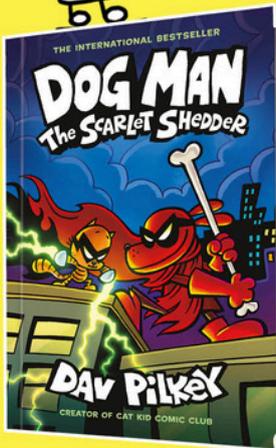
**THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER-**  
**WEDNESDAY 16TH**

**SCHOLASTIC** TRAVELLING BOOKS

**COME** to the

**BOOK FAIR**

And earn  
**FREE BOOKS**  
for our  
school!



**IN THE SCHOOL HALL**  
**MORNING BREAK TIMES**  
**&**  
**AFTER SCHOOL**

# Break Time

*Fun group activities for children and young people with SEND in Lancashire*

*Don't forget!*

**Registrations will be open from  
21st October 2024  
to  
12th January 2025**

**Both new and current  
members must register!**

**[www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND)**



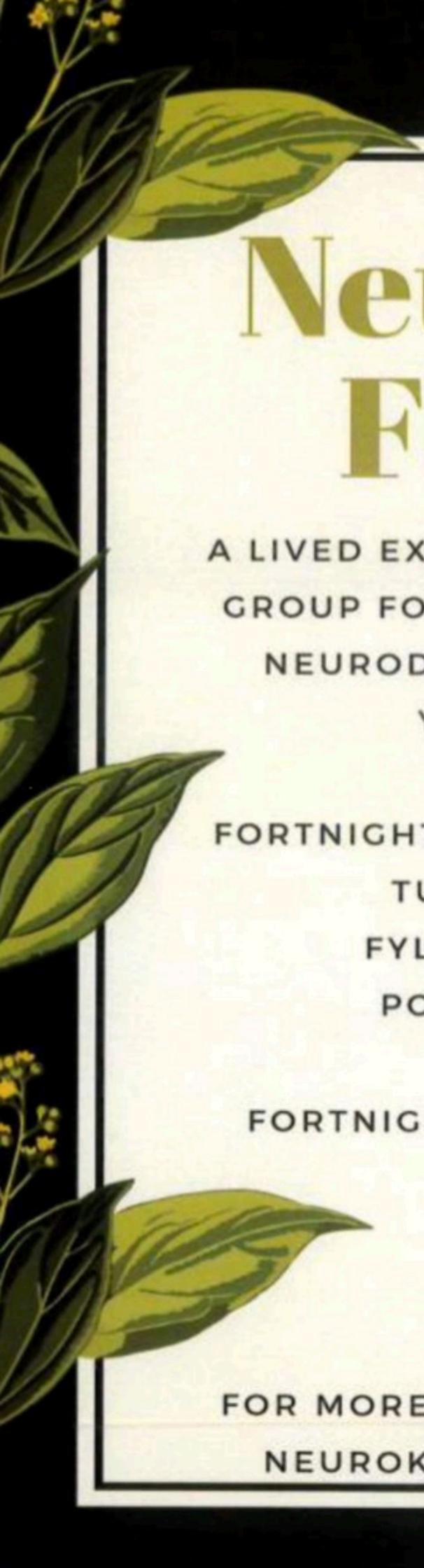
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# Neurokin Family

A LIVED EXPERIENCE PEER SUPPORT  
GROUP FOR PARENTS & CARERS OF  
NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN &  
YOUNG PEOPLE.

FORTNIGHTLY IN PERSON MEETINGS  
TUESDAYS 11-12.30  
FYLDE CRICKET CLUB  
POULTON-LE-FYLDE

FORTNIGHTLY ONLINE MEETINGS  
TUESDAYS  
8-9PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
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As a not-for-profit organisation, we source our food by buying late dated and overproduced stock and offer these at much reduced prices. For example, a £5 basket of items could save our members roughly £10-15 on Supermarket prices. Membership of the grocery is just £5 for 12 months, and members can come and shop every weekday between 9:30 and 4:30. There is no limit to what our members can purchase (other than a maximum of 4 portions of any item per visit, to allow as many people to benefit as possible).

In work, out of work, elderly, young, large family or single person, everyone is welcome, and we are here to help.

So why am I writing to you? Simply to offer our services to your families, staff and anyone who you feel may benefit from shopping with us. There is no financial criteria and we don't need to see proof of income, benefits or ID. NOW, for a Limited Time only, we are able to offer FREE MEMBERSHIPS for everyone, saving £5 (funding from Blackpool Council Housing Support Fund).

I am happy to answer any questions about our services and can provide you some digital material for you to send to families, or printed material if that helps. Please either contact me by email, post or contact me on 07526 507 108.

For more details on what we do, and offer, please see our website or Facebook page.

Kind regards,

*Chris Lowry*

Chris Lowry  
(NW Regional Manager)

# SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

North

## Do you have a child starting primary school in September 2025 and living in Lancashire?

**Closing date: 15 January 2025**

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website, or get a copy from them.

Apply for a school place now by scanning  
the QR code or visit [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://lancashire.gov.uk/schools)



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, please check the guidance on our website, or call **01524 581148**.

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](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces) and click 'school admission policies'.*

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

