



School Prayer This Week

Dear God, we thank you for your gift of joy. Teach us how to play, have fun and laugh with others. Give us the wisdom to choose what is right, so that our happiness makes those around us happy too. Amen.



School Diary

17 th March	Wear green for St Patrick's day
17 th March	Let's go sing event (choir)
18 th March	Year 5 & 6 Road safety
23 rd March	Year 1 trip to Blackpool Zoo
24 th March	Eid Celebration by PTA
27 th March	Non-Uniform – St Joseph's Penny - Caritas
31 st March	11am Mass PM Easter Bingo
1 st April	Year 6 skiing Trip
2 nd April	School closes for Easter at 1.15pm
20 th April	School reopens at 8.45pm

Diorama Winners

Rec – ZF & AS
Y1 – HM & MA
Y2 – RZ & AM
Y3 – AB/FR/MM & LH
Y4 – SM & AM
Y5 - SP & TF
Y6 – NA & AM/HN/ME

Well done to all!

Important Updates

- Please see the following link for a useful national guide: [A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives](#)
- A polite reminder that Breakfast club starts at 7.45-8.25am. The charge is £1 per day – regardless of whether your child eats or not.
- We now only have two spaces left available in Year 1 and Year 3. If you are aware of anyone wanting a place, please contact the school office.
- Earrings-** Please do not send your child into school with large earrings, even on own clothes day, as they are a health and safety issue for the children

Class Dojo

Most of class and school notices from your teacher will be put on Class Dojo. Please ask your class teacher for a login if you are unable to access it.

Uniform

Ties, Book Bags & PE tops can be bought from the school office; Ties are £4.00 KS1 & £5.00 KS2; Book bags are £3.50; PE tops are £10.00 each (limited sizes available) t-shirts and long-sleeved quarter zips can also be purchased via our online supplier [here](#)

School Attendance and Punctuality

Reception	94.8%	Year 1	95.1%	Year 2	99.2%
Year 3	96.1%	Year 4	95.4%	Year 5	98.30%
	Year 6	98.70%	Overall total	96.8%	

This week's winners – Attendance – YEAR 2, Punctuality - YEAR 2



Family **AUTISM** Service

**Is your child seeking or
has an autism diagnosis?**

**Do you live in East Lancashire or
Blackburn with Darwen?**

Is your child/children under 25 years old?

**Are you a parent/carer looking for
information, advice and support?**

Come along to our:

- Parent Support Group
- Autism Awareness Sessions and workshops
- Cygnet Course
- Social Activities (for families, young people, siblings)
- Emotional Health and Well Being sessions



**MAKE A
REFERRAL**

For more information:

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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 32.7% enjoying it in 2025. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

1 VALUE ALL READING

When we think about reading, it's very easy to picture a young person reading a fictional novel; however, reading is so much more than this. To help them understand, why not show them how to create a 24-hour reading diary? Jot down all reading and then discuss this with them. By doing this, you can demonstrate the many ways we turn to reading.

2 WIDEN THE SELECTION

Once we know reading can be varied, we need to think about the selection of reading material they can access. Visit a shop selling magazines, the library and a bookshop, and consider the range of material that is available within them. Then consider how you might broaden their reading choices, so all young people have access to a wide and varied selection.

3 GIFT A BOOK

One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Gifting a book adds value and shows it's something to be treasured. Whether it's as a reward or for a celebration like a birthday, let the young person choose a title or pick one you know they will enjoy. You could also include a personal note inside.

4 CONNECT WITH AUTHORS

Meeting authors can certainly spark an interest in their reading material. This might be through a live event in a school/bookshop or by using the wealth of online material that is now available. Encourage young people to look at ways to connect with authors using free resources such as Authority and Just Imagine's Children's Authors Live.

5 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Access training about reading for pleasure to widen your understanding of this topic and, more importantly, how to develop it. Explore a wide range of free resources that can be found online. The more you know, the better placed you are to inspire a love of reading in others.

6 TALK BOOKS

There are times when we need silence to read and focus on our book; however, we know that reading is a social experience, so we must also factor in discussion time. Reading the same book gives two people a connection and the opportunity to voice their thoughts and questions about it. Why not buy two copies of a book and read it together? Start the connection.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

As well as talking about the content of books, we can share what we are reading or have read recently. This can often act as a trigger for someone else to explore it. How often have you watched a film or series because someone else has recommended it? It's the same with books. If you know the young person well, you can tailor your recommendations and share why you think they'll enjoy it.

8 GO DIGITAL

With the rise in online digital material, we can easily focus on the negatives; however, it also brings a wealth of opportunities. Resources can aid and enhance the reading experience for young people. They can read along with audiobooks, translate, and track their reading goals with resources like Polyline and apps like Goodreads for older children. Augmented reality books also bring books to life and offer a great way for engagement.

9 RECONNECT

There can come a time when a love of reading seems to disappear. It does not mean it's gone forever; it generally means they have lost the connection. How do we get it back? Find the next piece of reading material that sparks their current interests. The National Year of Reading focus of 'Go All In' captures this well as it is their key theme. As children grow and change, so do their interests. A visit to the local library is a great way to support the reconnection.

10 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, you send a strong message to children: reading matters. Share why you enjoy it. Is it to relax, escape the world, learn something new or to be entertained? When children see reading as a normal and valued part of everyday life, they are more likely to adopt it themselves.

Meet Our Expert

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