



Where all our Pupils SHINE

Newsletter – Week 24 Thursday 20th March 2026

Attendance

It has been brought to my attention that there is some confusion about the start of our school day. So I am writing to clarify our expectations around punctuality and attendance, as these routines help ensure a smooth and positive start to the school day for all children.

Our classroom doors open at 8:45am each morning. This gives the children time to come in calmly, organise their belongings, and prepare for learning.

The register is completed at 8:50am. Any child arriving after 8:50am will be marked as late. To maintain the safety of our site, the school gate needs to be close at 8:55am. Arrivals after this time must enter through the main office and will be recorded accordingly. If a child has not arrived by 9:30 am this then becomes a safeguarding concern and school will phone parents to find out where their child is.

We would also like to remind families that we do not authorise or encourage holidays during term time. Regular attendance is essential for children’s progress, and missing school for holidays does have a significant impact on learning.

School trips, residential, sporting events, and enrichment activities are an important part of our educational offer. These are not optional days; attendance is recorded in the same way as any other school day. These experiences support the curriculum, build confidence, and provide valuable learning opportunities that cannot be replicated in the classroom.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards of attendance and punctuality. If you need any guidance or support with morning routines or attendance matters, please contact the school office.

Cardboard Rolls!

If anyone has any cardboard rolls, please could we have them for our planting incentive. They can be brought into the school office.

Governor News

The Governors have met this week for the Standards & Effectiveness Committee and the Full Governing Body Meeting.

Weekly Active Minutes			
<u>The Nook</u>	<u>Nicky Nook</u>	<u>Clougha</u>	<u>Pendle</u>
45 minutes	10 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes

AM PM Club

There will be no PM Club on Friday 27th March

Forton Field Day

Retinue for Forton Field Day - we are still looking for a few boys and girls to join this year’s retinue at Forton Field Day

Forton Field Day will be held on Saturday 27th June 2026.

Attendants – Boys / girls from years 1-6. We do ask for a contribution of £20 towards the outfits. You are still welcome to put your name forward even if you have been an attendant before and would like to do it again.

Please note that you will be asked to represent and walk at the other local gala days including at Cockerham Field Day in 2026 and then again in 2027 including Garstang, Catterall, St Michaels gala and a few others and ending by the Queen and retinue retiring at Forton Field day in June 2027.

If your child / children are interested please email fortonfieldday1@gmail.com. or speak to Jenna Metcalfe/ Katie McDonald at school



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LINE DANCING NIGHT
 Saturday 21st March
 7pm 'til late
 Raising money for FOFS
 Bar Open
 Line Dancing Fun
£10 per ticket
 Forton Village Hall
 Friends of Forton School –
 buytickets.at/friendsoffortonschool/2070435



Online FREE talk by Jane Keyworth
Anxiety Based School Avoidance

March 26th 7-8pm



Book online
www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk
 go to PARENTS - Live Talks page



All 16 parent talks **FREE** with our School Membership

Dates for the Diary	
March	
21 st	FOFS Fun Evening
23 rd	Whole School Trip Hothersall Lodge 8.30 am in school
25 th	Rock Steady Concert
26 th	Parents Evening
27 th	Bikeability –Years 5/6
27 th	CLOSE SCHOOL – NO PM CLUB
April	
13 th	Re-open School 8.45 am
13 th	Clougha Trip to Ribchester Museum
15 th	EYFS trip to Transport Museum
16 th	Fire Service Years 2 and 6
21 st	Life Education
24 th	FOFS Break the Rule Day & Cake Sale after School

EASTER KIDS RUGBY & MULTI-SPORTS CAMPS
 ACROSS 3 VENUES!
 CHILDREN AGED 5-11
 ONLY £15 PER DAY
 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
 HAF PLACES AVAILABLE
 FYLDE RFC AND GARSTANG RUFC- MONDAY 30TH MARCH - THURSDAY 2ND APRIL
 FYLDE RFC, GARSTANG RUFC AND FLEETWOOD RFC- TUESDAY 7TH APRIL - FRIDAY 10TH APRIL



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BOB SUTCLIFFE
AT LEVENS HALL

FAMILY ART WORKSHOP

10 April - 10.30 - 12pm

Come and enjoy quality time as a family dabbling with paints and learning some new skills. Different content at each workshop so return guests welcome.

£12 per child (adults frees)

Book via www@bobsutcliffeart.com

CARTMELL TENNIS
EASTER TENNIS & MULTI-SPORT CAMPS

Keep your kids active THIS EASTER BREAK!

Serve up some Easter fun with our energetic mix of:

- TENNIS
- FOOTBALL
- BASKETBALL
- ATHLETICS
- TEAM GAMES & CHALLENGES
- DANCING
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- PLAYSTATION (Rainy-Day Fun)

Ages: 5- 14 Years
Times: 9am-12pm or 9am-3pm
Prices: £9 (9-12pm) • £15 (9-3pm)
10% Sibling Discount

LOCATIONS & DATES

LANCASTER TENNIS CLUB 31st March, 2nd, 7th, 9th April	GARSTANG TENNIS CLUB 31st March, 1st, 7th, 8th, 10th April
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Scotforth Playschemes

EASTER PLAYScheme

30TH MARCH - APRIL 2ND
WELCOMING CHILDREN FROM ALL SCHOOLS
AGES 3 - 12 YEARS
OPEN 8AM TILL 6PM

Fully Ofsted Registered
Pay via Card, Tax Free Childcare, unused pre-school
30 free hours,
Claim up to 80% back for low-income

30TH - CUTE ANIMALS/JELLY CATS & GROWING FOOD!
31ST - EASTER BAKE OFF/HEALTHY SWEET TREAT MAKING
1ST - EASTER CRAFTS (BONNETS & EGG DECORATING)
2ND - GREAT EASTER EGG GAMES (EGG ROLLING / HUNTS)

OUR STAFF AND SUPPORT:
 > STAFF QUALIFIED IN EARLY YEARS, TEACHING & YOUTH WORK
 > YOU CAN BE REASSURED YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE WELL LOOKED AFTER AND HAVE A GREAT TIME IN OUR CARE
 > NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE: BOOK ONLINE OR APPLY & USE UNUSED SUMMER TERM FUNDED HOURS

FULL & HALF DAY SESSIONS BOOK ONLINE

Register & Book through our website
www.scotforthplayschemes.co.uk or call Marie
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Scotforth St Paul's School, Lancaster
admin@scotforthplayschemes.co.uk



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What's On at Garstang Library?

You can join Lancashire Libraries for free by applying online or by coming into any branch. There are no overdue or reservation charges for under 18's. Find out more on our website:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/



Free Events during the Easter holidays

Children's Author Visit and Exploring Nature with Wyre Borough Council- Saturday 28 March 10am

Local author Mary Brown will read her new book all about meeting the wildlife in her garden and Wyre Borough Council will also join us to help us get hands on and explore the outdoors!

Creative Crew- Monday 30 March 3.30-4.30pm- Come along for a relaxed hour of games, arts and crafts. Delivered in partnership with the Children and Family Wellbeing Service.

Lego Club- Tuesday 31 March + Tuesday 7 April 9am-1pm

Spring Stories - Thursday 2 April 11am (book online)- Enjoy listening to stories and then make a craft to take home.

STEM Club- Thursday 2 April 4pm (book online). Building, coding and problem-solving. Suitable for ages 8+.

Lego Club and crafts- Saturday 4 April + Saturday 11 April 10am-12pm

Comic Writing Workshop- Tuesday 7 April 11am (book online). Share ideas and get inspiration to write your own comic.

Make banana bongos- Thursday 9 April 11am (book online). Makey Makey allows you to turn everyday objects in touchpads. We will guide you through how to create a circuit to play banana bongos. Aimed at children aged 8+ but younger children welcome if accompanied by an adult.

Scratch Club- Thursday 9 April 4pm (book online). Do you enjoy coding? Would you like to learn more? Learn new skills, make new friends and have fun at our Scratch club.

Meet the author- Friday 10 April 3pm (for ages 8+, book online). Listen to a short story from the Brightwell universe before taking part in a Raven Hunt, a playful quest to discover hidden ravens.

Further details and lots more events can be found on our website!