

Newsletter

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Happy New Year!



Wishing you a happy and healthy start to 2024!

Well done to all our children for making such a great start to 2024! In today's Celebration Assembly every teacher shared the successes of this week—they all commented about how well their classes have settled back in to school this week.

What a great start - well done everybody!



Save the date!

WinterBloom24 Light Festival
on Saturday 24th February

The WinterBloom Light Festival returns to Colne after last year's first festival was such a success. This is a truly spectacular event with a beautiful lit parade through Colne's centre. Some of our children will be involved in making lanterns for this event as well as taking part.

Save the date so your family can come and join us!

Dates for your diary

Mon 15th Jan

After School Clubs start this week

Fri 19th Jan

9.00 Celebration Assembly

Y4 swimming

Weeks commencing 29th Jan & 5th Feb:

Online Safety focus weeks for children, including online safety workshops for parents

School & Nursery finish on **Friday 9th Feb** for half-term.

School & Nursery will re-open on **Monday 19th Feb**



School Dinners

This is the menu for school lunches next week. We are unable to provide alternative meals.

Monday

Sausage & mash or
Tomato & Marscarpone
pasta

Tuesday

Cheese whirl or Salmon
fish finger

Wednesday

Roast dinner or Tomato
pasta

Thursday

Chilli & rice or Macaroni
cheese

Friday

Pizza or Fish fingers

The cost of school dinners
is:

£2.40 per day OR £12.00
per week

Parents who pay for
their child's school dinners
should pay directly to the
office staff. Payments
can be made either by
cash or cheque.



THE BIG AMBITION

A message from
Dame Rachel De Souza
Children's Commissioner for England

I hope everyone at West Street Community Primary School has enjoyed the much-needed Christmas break. I just wanted to offer my final thanks for your support with my national campaign 'The Big Ambition' which will be **closing on Friday 19th January.**

I have been overwhelmed by the response the survey has received. Over 300,000 children, young people, parents and carers have participated, making it one of the largest surveys of its kind!

This is the final push to hear from even more children before the survey closes, it is so important that every child in England has an opportunity to tell policy makers what they want and need ahead of the General Election.

By sharing my survey with your pupils and parents or carers, you can make sure that the children and young people of Lancashire are fairly represented in the results.

Children and parents or carers can complete the survey here:

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

I am so very grateful for your support, and I am beyond excited to share the findings.



Absence Procedure

When you know your child is off school ill please call and leave us a message. Then we know why your child is not in school.

When your child is not in school, the office staff will:

- send a text message to remind parents that school needs to know why your child is absent.
- make a phone call when they have not yet heard back from you.
- ask Mrs. Peake to make a home visit.

When you receive a text from school you can either reply to the text we have sent you OR just give us a ring.

Contacting School

The school office is open from 8.30am.

Please leave a message on the answer phone before 8.30am. A member of staff will phone you back when

IMPORTANT for Nursery parents

ONLY 3 DAYS LEFT!

Primary school admissions for 2024 are now open:

If your child is in their last year of nursery you can now apply for their primary school place

at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

It's quick and easy to do. You will receive an email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

The closing date for primary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on 15 January 2024

We are happy to help you



2024—2025

SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY PATTERN

West Street Community Primary School

Term and Holiday Pattern 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term 2024

INSET (teacher training days): Monday 2 & Tuesday 3 September

Re-open to Y1 to Y6 pupils: Wednesday 4 September

Open to Nursery pupils and new YR pupils: Wednesday 4 September

YR part-time for Wednesday 4 & Thursday 5

New YR pupils start full-time: Friday 6 September

Half Term: Monday 21 October - Friday 25 October

INSET (teacher training day): Monday 28 October

Re-open to pupils: Tuesday 29 October

Close for Christmas holidays: Friday 20 December

Spring Term 2025

Re-open to pupils: Monday 6 January

Half Term: Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February

Re-open to pupils: Monday 24 February

Close for Easter holidays: Friday 4 April

Summer Term 2025

Re-open to pupils: Tuesday 22 April

May Day: Monday 5 May

Half Term: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Re-open to pupils: Monday 2 June

Close for Summer holidays after school: Friday 18 July

INSET (teacher training day): Monday 21 & Tuesday 22 July

Autumn Term 2025

New academic year starts: Monday 1 September

2025-2026 Term and Holiday pattern will be published to both parents and staff in Autumn Term 2024