

Monday Memo



Thursday 6th November

Autumn Term

Issue #08

Diary Dates

Wednesday 5 th - Monday 11 th November Poppy Appeal (See Class Dojo)	Wednesday 5 th November - Wednesday 3 rd December Year 2 Multi Sports (Families contacted)	Sunday 9 th November 2:00pm - 4:05pm Lostock Hall Remembrance service 2025 3:00pm Service at the War Memorial, Hope Terrace
Tuesday 11 th & Wednesday 12 th November Parents' Evening	Wednesday 12 th November Year 6 Trip	Friday 14 th November 'Craft & Cake' to raise money for Children in Need and Cancer Research UK (more information to follow) Year 4 Lego Robotics (Families contacted)
Sunday 16 th November 12:30pm- 2:30pm Christmas Fayre at St. Paul's Church	Wednesday 19 th November FOSPS Movie Night (Available to book via School Money w/e 07/11)	Friday 21 st November 09:05am Year 3 Reading Breakfast
Thursday 27 th November 09:05am Year 4 Class Worship	Sunday 30 th November 11:00am Toy & Carol Service at St. Paul's Church	



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Thursday 4th December Key Stage 2 Advent Service (Available to book via School Money w/e 21/11)	Friday 5th December Year 5 Reading Breakfast	Monday 8th December Key Stage 1 Nativity 2:00-3:00pm (Available to book via School Money w/e 28/11)
Tuesday 9th December Key Stage 1 Nativity 6:00pm - 7:00pm (Available to book via School Money w/e 28/11)	Friday 12th December Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 12th December Christmas Dinner Day (Available to book via School Money as you would normally book a dinner)
Tuesday 16th December FOSPS Key Stage 2 Disco	Wednesday 17th December FOSPS Key Stage 1 Disco	Wednesday 17th December School Reports Emailed Out
Thursday 18th December Year 5 Class Trip	Friday 19th December Christmas Service at St. Paul's Church 1:30-2:00pm	Friday 19th December 2:00pm Finish for half term Collect from St. Paul's Church
Monday 5th January 2026 Re-open for Spring Term		



Worship Values

Our worship value this half term is Compassion

In our Celebration Assembly, we will celebrate 1 pupil from each class who has shown the term's value. 🏆

This term we will celebrate our 'Compassion Champion'



Attendance w/b 27/10

Reception: 92%

Year 1: 94%

Year 2: 95%

Year 3: 97%

Year 4: 96%

Year 5: 93%

Year 6: 92%

Whole School Overall: 95%

Target: 97%

House Points w/b 27/10

Bowland: 205



Parlick: 275



Pendle: 257

Longridge: 203

St. Pauls' Parish News & Events

Tuesdays 09:00am—11:30am

Warm Space (coffee and bacon butties)

supported by members of our

Children's Chaplain from

10:00-10:30am



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about POKÉMON TCG POCKET

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Pokémon TCG Pocket is a mobile version of the hugely popular Pokémon Trading Card Game, downloaded over 100 million times on Android and iOS. Players collect cards, battle others online, and open packs of cards – known as booster packs – to expand their decks. While the core game can be fun and helps develop tactical and numeracy skills, its design encourages spending and can feed addictive behaviours – making it important for adults to understand the risks.

AGE RESTRICTION
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ADDICTIVE PACK OPENING

Booster packs rely on probability to provide rare or powerful cards. The excitement of opening them – and the dopamine rush when finding a sought-after card – can become addictive. Unlike purely cosmetic loot boxes, the cards here are integral to competitive gameplay, adding extra pressure for serious gamers to collect more.

QUICK BUT ABSORBING

Card battles last around five to six minutes, making it easy to fit in “just one more game”. This quick format, combined with the drive to win, can lead to prolonged play sessions and increased screen time without noticing. With limited-time Ranked Match seasons constantly being refreshed – an opportunity to accumulate points and earn profile emblems – players may find themselves drawn into this game mechanic repeatedly.

PREMIUM PASS PRESSURE

A monthly subscription gives players access to exclusive missions, rewards, and an extra daily booster pack. Missions and rewards are replaced each month, providing an incentive to stay subscribed. While some premium rewards are exclusive, others are available through free play – making the pass more about faster progression and obtaining cosmetic items than true necessity.

ENDLESS PACK LOOPS

New themed sets of cards are released each month, ranging from around 85 to over 370 cards per expansion. This constant cycle encourages players to keep opening packs in an effort to complete collections or improve their battle decks, potentially promoting unhealthy spending habits. With the introduction of limited-time booster packs, some players may feel increased pressure to collect these cards while they're still available.

COST OF BOOSTER PACKS

Although free to play, with set rewards and two free booster packs given daily, players can exchange Poké Gold if they wish to open more, and a small amount of Poké Gold is rewarded for free as the player levels up. Poké Gold is also sold in bundles that are often just short of what players need to open extra packs, encouraging them to buy additional bundles.

COMPETITIVE ONLINE PLAY

Interactions in Pokémon TCG Pocket are relatively safe – there's no messaging between players, friend requests require player approval, no real names are used, and card trading is restricted to fair trades between friends. On the other hand, the competitive nature of online play can still cause frustration, over-investment, and isolation if children spend too much time focused on the game.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR SPENDING HABITS

Set clear boundaries around in-game purchases. Treat Poké Gold as an occasional rather than routine reward, helping children develop healthier attitudes towards digital spend.

SET REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Talk about the unpredictable nature of booster packs and prepare children for disappointment when duplicates appear or rare cards don't surface. Understanding probability can help minimise disappointment – use the game's built-in offering rates guides to find out more about it.

PLAY TOGETHER

Card battles can help children learn tactics, problem-solving, and rule-following, as well as numeracy skills. Playing alongside them is a great way to share in their enjoyment, while also modelling balanced play and keeping an eye on how much they're investing in the game.

TEACH FAIRNESS

Losing a battle can be discouraging, especially when money has been spent on collecting the cards to build a deck. Support children in recognising the importance of fairness, learning from both wins and losses, and making considered choices when trading cards.

Meet Our Expert

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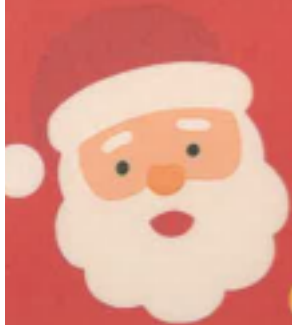
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CHRISTMAS MARKET



SATURDAY 22ND NOV
1.30-4PM

CARR MANOR NURSERY
ST PATRICK'S PLACE
WALTON LE DALE, PR5 4HN

SANTA

LOTS OF STALLS FOR YOUR
CHRISTMAS GIFTS

RAFFLE

TOMBOLA

ACTIVITIES FOR
THE CHILDREN
FOOD AND DRINK



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**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
PRIMARY**

APPLY NOW!

at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

School transport



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.



CLOSING DATE
15 January 2026

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Christmas FAYRE

SUNDAY
16TH
NOVEMBER

12.30PM - 2.30PM

FREE
ENTRY



RAFFLE - FIRST PRIZE £100!

CAKE STALL - FACE PAINTING - AND MUCH MORE

ST PAUL'S CHURCH

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ST PAUL'S CHURCH
FARINGTON MOSS

Toy & Carol Service

Sunday **30th** November, **11am**

- Please bring new unwrapped toys
- Support children less fortunate than you are

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generosity



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