

Monday Memo



Monday 15th September

Autumn Term

Issue #02

Open Day 2025

☀️ As we prepare for our Open Day on Wednesday 15th October 1:30pm - 3:00pm for our prospective Reception 2026 families, we are asking our community to continue to share the Open Day poster. If you have a local business or your child/ren attends a club where a poster can be displayed, please ask for a copy at the School Office. 🌈

We are incredibly proud of the support we receive from our wonderful school family. Together, we're building something truly special. 🌟

Worship Values

Our worship value this half term is Generosity

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 'Glorious Generosity'



Volunteering Opportunities

We have opportunities for parents/carers to support our pupils with their reading in school. Please get in touch with a time suitable to yourself and we can see if this works. Full training will be provided. 📖

We also have an opportunity to support with our library every Tuesday from 12-1:10pm. Our Year 5 pupils will run the library Monday-Wednesday and will show you the ropes. ✨

Both roles are subject to Safeguarding Disclosure and Barring Service checks.

If you are interested or require further information please contact the School Office or email Mr Eccleston: head@st-pauls-farington.lancs.sch.uk 🌟



Attendance

Reception: 96%

Year 1: 97%

Year 2: 97%

Year 3: 99%

Year 4: 99%

Year 5: 99%

Year 6: 97%

Whole School Overall: 98%

Target: 97%

House Points

Bowland: 171

Parlick: 203



Pendle: 249



Longridge: 172

St. Pauls' Parish News & Events

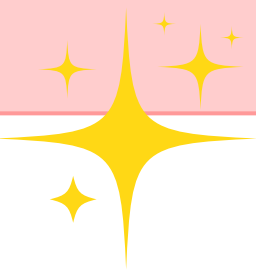
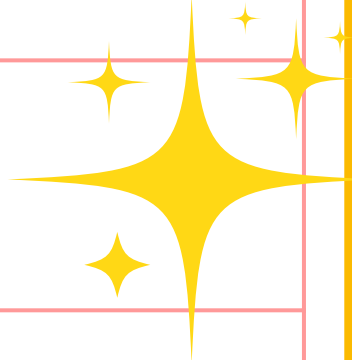
Tuesdays 09:00am—11:30am

Warm Space (coffee and bacon butties)

supported by members of our Children's Chaplain from
10:00-10:30am



Diary Dates

	Monday 15th September Roald Dahl Day Themed Dinner	Tuesday 16th September ABC Photographs Chorley Gazette Reception Class
Thursday 18th September Y5/6 Boys football league after school	Thursday 25th September Yr5/6 Boys Football League after school	October Black History Month
Thursday 2nd October Poetry Day - in class recital competition	Thursday 2nd October Yr5/6 Boys Football League after school	Friday 3rd October Harvest Festival 9:30am - 10am St. Paul's Church
Monday 6th October Poetry Comp Finals 09:00am - 09:30am	Thursday 9th October Yr5/6 Girls Football League after school	Friday 10th October Whole school Handball Festival
Friday 10th October Lord's Prayer Day	Wednesday 15th October Open Day 1:30pm - 3:00pm	
Thursday 16th October Yr5/6 Girls Football League after school	Friday 17th October Bishop Phillip - Harvest appeal Pedal - along visit 1:25pm - 1:35pm	Thursday 23rd October Year 5 Class Visit
Thursday 23rd October Yr5/6 Girls Football League after school	Friday 24th October Finish for half term from school at 3:20pm	



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CONSPIRACY THEORIES

Conspiracy theories are false or misleading beliefs that explain events as secret plots, often involving powerful groups. While once fringe, they are now more accessible through digital media, online influencers and because of algorithmic recommendations. The DfE guidance document, 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (KCSIE) explicitly recognises conspiracy theories as potential content risks. This guide will help parents and educators understand the risks, spot the signs, and build children's resilience to conspiracy theories.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNDERMINING TRUST

Conspiracy theories can lead children and young people to distrust democratic institutions and British Values, teachers, and even their own families and loved ones. This erosion of trust makes young people more vulnerable to extremist narratives by isolating them from reliable sources of information.

ONLINE ALGORITHM TRAPS

Social media platforms can often recommend sensationalist content. Once a child engages with one conspiracy-themed video or post, algorithms push more of the same, thereby creating an echo chamber that can intensify their beliefs.

MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT

Exposure to frightening conspiracy content, such as global plots, viruses, or government control, can fuel feelings of anxiety, paranoia, or hopelessness. For some young people, it can trigger prolonged distress or obsessive thinking.

GATEWAY TO EXTREMISM

Conspiracy theories can often overlap with extremist ideologies. Narratives that blame specific groups, such as politicians, scientists, or particular ethnic groups, can groom children in ways that foster hate, bigotry, and radicalisation.

CONFLICT WITH PEERS

Belief in conspiracy theories can lead to isolation or conflict at school. Children may struggle with peer relationships if they express these beliefs or become distrustful of others who disagree; sometimes, confrontation can even result in a strengthening of the belief in the conspiracy theory.

ERODED CRITICAL THINKING

Young people influenced by conspiracies may reject evidence-based learning. This risks undermining their academic progress and weakening their ability to think critically, assess risks, or engage in healthy debate.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CREATE SAFE CONVERSATIONS

Don't mock or dismiss any questions that children and young people ask about conspiracy theories. Instead, create open, judgement-free spaces to talk. This strengthens trust and makes it more likely they will confide in you.

PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING

Teach young people how to assess information critically. Encourage them to ask appropriate questions, such as: Who is telling me this? What evidence is there? What do other trusted sources say? Use real examples from current media to explain your answers and reasoning.

MONITOR DIGITAL BEHAVIOUR

Be aware of the content children are accessing, especially on platforms such as TikTok, YouTube, or Reddit. Use parental controls, but more importantly, maintain ongoing dialogue about online experiences and influencers.

REINFORCE RELIABLE SOURCES

Point children toward trustworthy and reliable sources of news and information in a variety of formats tailored to the young person's age. Build habits of verifying facts using reliable sources, and teach them how to spot misleading content.

Meet Our Expert

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/conspiracy-theories>

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OPEN DAY

Our inclusive, inspiring and
nurturing school welcomes
you to join us for our
Open Day



Wednesday 15th October 2025
1:30pm - 3:00pm



Thrive in the Gift of Life



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Instagram



Croston Road, Farington
Moss, Leyland, PR26 6PR

**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.

CLOSING DATE
15 January 2026

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.



lancashire.gov.uk



Lancashire
County Council



Heidi, Ava, Layla PUMPKIN PATCH

PUMPKINS FOR SALE

SMALL 50P

MEDIUM £1.00

LARGE £2.00

X LARGE £3.00+£4.00



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Every Sat in
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Half Term

mon 10-3

Tues 10-3

Thurs 10-3

fri 10-3