



Newsletter - 10th July 2026

Tuesday 21st July—Treat Day

Tuesday 21st will be a non-uniform day for everyone. As a special end of year treat, the children will enjoy a range of fun activities throughout the day, including bouncy castles and ice cream.

This has been made possible thanks to the generous support of our families. The funds raised at both the Christmas Fair and the Eid Fair have been used to provide these treats for the children as a thank you for all their hard work throughout the year.

We hope the children have a fantastic day!

Diary Dates

Wednesday 15th July 2026—Y6 Performance—Y6 parents 1.45pm

Thursday 16th July and Friday 17th July 26 - Y3 and Y4 trip to Towneley Park

Friday 17th July 2026—Y6 Graduation Assembly with siblings and Y6 parents 2pm

Monday 20th July 2026—Transition Day—Children spending the day with their new class teacher

Tuesday 21st July 2026—Fun Day—Non Uniform

Tuesday 21st July 2026 - Y6 leavers meal at Ballaro's 5pm

Wednesday 22nd July 2026—School closes at 12.30pm. No after school care club

Wednesday 22nd July 2026—Wednesday 2nd September 2026 School Closed

Thursday 3rd September 2026—School re-opens 8.50am

Remember—every Tuesday after school for parents and children together.





Changes to Free School Meals Eligibility

From September 2026, more children will be able to receive a free meal at school. This is because free school meal eligibility is expanding to include children from households receiving Universal Credit, regardless of their income. For many families, this could mean a saving of over £500 per child per year. If you believe that your circumstances may now qualify your child for free school meals, we encourage you to submit an application to Lancashire County Council (LCC).

Please note that children who are currently in Year 2 and due to start Year 3 in September will also need to apply, as they will no longer be eligible for the universal free school meal scheme.

The application process is quick and straightforward. If your application is successful, your child will be entitled to receive free school meals. Additionally, the school may receive supplementary funding to further support your child's education.

To check your eligibility and submit an application, please visit the Lancashire County Council website or search for "Lancashire County Council Free School Meals".

Should you require any assistance with the application process, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



What is Riding The Rapids?

Riding the Rapids is a free course designed for parents and carers of children who are autistic, on the pathway for autism assessment or who have significant learning disabilities or other complex disabilities. The course aims to help parents to understand and support their child's well-being, and reduce stress, distress and distress-related behaviours, or other behaviours of concern.

Research shows that parents and carers who attend Riding the Rapids can:

- Develop effective strategies to support their children
- Increase their coping skills and confidence, reducing stress



The Boat Metaphor used during sessions

Riding the Rapids was developed in Manchester by the Specialist Community Service—Learning Disabilities and Autism. It has been researched by the Social Policy and Research Unit at the University of York.

The Course

Each weekly session covers a different aspect of supporting autistic children/ children and young people with a learning disability.

Parents and carers start the course by deciding on a target they would like to understand and focus on, to improve their child's well-being, and then putting together a plan to tackle it using a variety of strategies.

The course takes place for 2 hours a week for 10 weeks



Most courses run in the morning

Courses for parents/ carers of secondary aged children also includes a session on puberty.

Parents and carers develop strategies through discussion, direct teaching, practising ideas and watching videos of young people and other parents talking about their experiences. Parents and carers put strategies into place between sessions.

There is a follow up meeting a few months after the course has finished

The Course

The course will be held at
Burnley General Hospital— Area 3
CYPMH-east outpatients.

Starting 9th September

The course will start promptly at 9.30am and finish at 11.30am.

There are two separate courses: one for parents/ carers of primary-aged (reception to year 6) children and one for parents/ carers of secondary aged teenagers (school years 7-11).

People who attend Riding the Rapids with our team:

- Have a child with an Autism diagnosis, and/ or significant learning disabilities, (usually at specialist school) or complex physical disabilities AND want support with their child's well-being/ behaviours of concern
- Live with, or have very frequent contact with their child
- Are able to commit to a ten week course, and try strategies between sessions

How do I get on to a course?

- Discuss with school

Before the course, we meet with all parents/ carers to check that Riding the Rapids is the right intervention for you, and to answer any questions you may have.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do you have a crèche, or can I bring my small child to the sessions

Unfortunately we don't

Can I bring my partner/ mum etc to the course?

We have limited numbers so please check when having your initial assessment

What parents have said about RTR

Riding the Rapids was a lifeline because at the time I was very, at extremely low point and I was close to breakdown and everything, because I'd just got to a point where I just couldn't handle things anymore and I felt like I was just on my own with it. And obviously I got there and everyone's in the same boat and it was just, it really brought me up out the depths.

Have really enjoyed being in the group, everyone supporting each other, you're not on your own'

'It's been brilliant – so much taught in such a fun way'

'(I am) realising how far he has come and how much calmer I am

'I have learnt so much – I will miss it'

Contact us for more information about Riding the Rapids

Mental Health Support Team
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Ask for practitioners completing the riding the rapids course



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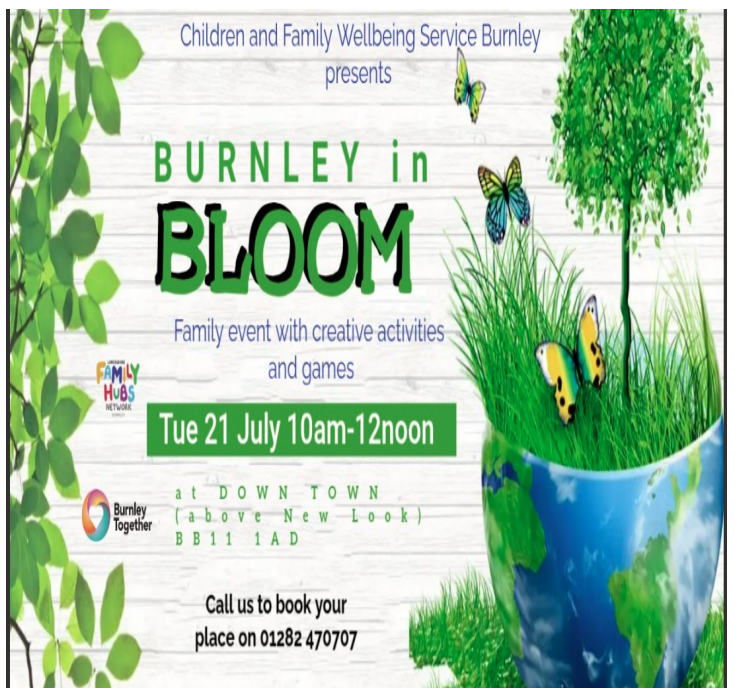
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SHINE and Achievement Award

SHINE Award— Each week teachers select one pupil from their class who has demonstrated one of our **SHINE** values during the week. The **SHINE** values are:

S— Safe H – Here I – Inspire N—Neighbourly E—Excellent

Achievement Award— This award celebrates an aspect of learning your child has achieved during the week that we are really proud of.

Class	SHINE award	Achievement Award	PE Stars
Y R	Isabella Paisley	Elijah Sutcliffe	Aminah/Isra
Y R/1	Amelia-Grace Bilocerkowicz	Mumtaz Noreen	Alana Rose Griffin
Y 1/2	Inaayah Zaighum/ Fatima Ali	Khadijah Afzal	Michael Holden—Mclean
Y 2	Amelia Gerrard	Haseeb Ashraf	Usman Iqbal
Y 3	Fatima Yasar	Isaac Stansfield-Mushtaq	Saffa/Hashim
Y 3/4	Junior Nyoni	Millie Burrows	Serrah/Harley Jae
Y 4	Lexi Ginley	Saleem Elahmed	Daniel Coker
Y 5	Ayana Miah	Isaaq Khan	Inaayah/Ivon
Y 5/6	Noah Kay	Amariya McRandle	Zayaan/Henry
Y 6	Rayan Baig Tahir	Aaminah Karim	Sophie Hartup

Attendance



The best class attendance this week is:

KS1 — Y2 98.67%

KS2 — Y5 99.69%

