



Newsletter - 4th September 2026

Welcome Back!

It has been lovely to have everyone back in school this week after enjoying a lovely summer break. A special welcome to our new EYFS families and others who are new to our school.

Children have settled in well, and have been sharing all the exciting things they have been doing during the holidays. It's brilliant to see all the children in their uniforms and ready to learn.

Please ensure all your child's uniform and other belongings have their names on them.

Diary Dates

Friday 23rd October 2026—School Closes at 3.20pm for 2 weeks

Monday 26th October 2026—Friday 6th November 2026—School Closed

Monday 9th October 2026—School Re-opens

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.

School Dinners—September 2026

If your child is moving from Year 2 into Year 3 in September 26 they will no longer receive a free school meal and you will be required to pay for a school dinner, unless you are eligible for free school meals. If you would like to check if you are eligible for free school meals please click on the link [Free school meals - Lancashire County Council](#)

The cost of a school dinner is £2.90 per day £14.50 per week. These can be booked in advance from home using Parent Pay or chosen in the classroom.



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South Cumbria
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East Lancashire Young People's Mental Health

**Concerned about your Mental Health?
Are you under 18 or concerned about
someone under 18?**

Advice sessions are available on-line via
'Attend Anywhere'
Delivered by ELCAS
tinyurl.com/ELCAS-LSCFT



Enter the word "ELCAS" as the first name and "drop in" as the second
name followed by your date of birth.
You will then enter our virtual waiting area where we will collect you.

Wednesday 3 rd September 25	1pm – 3pm
Wednesday 10 th September 25	3pm – 5pm
Wednesday 17 th September 25	5pm – 7pm
Wednesday 24 th September 25	1pm – 3pm