

WEST CRAVEN HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Principal's Welcome

Friday 26th June

Dear Parents / Carers

We shared a lovely evening with our very glamorous and stylish Year 11 students on Thursday at Crow Wood Hotel. The students looked fantastic and enjoyed the celebrations in style, soaking up the evening sunshine in beautiful surroundings. Students arrived in every possible form of transport imaginable from sports cars to tractors. Both the hotel staff and photographers commented on our students' exemplary conduct on the night and said that our Year 11s were such a 'well-mannered and lovely group of young people' - we agree! It was a fantastic evening and a great final celebration. We wish them a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing them on results day.

On Thursday next week we welcome our new Year 7 students for their induction day. The students will carry out science experiments and each receive a free reading book from our school library. We are really looking forward to meeting our new Year 7 and then their parents in the evening. We hope that by the end of the day our new students and parents feel very much part of our community and have everything they need for September.

We also welcomed the Year 5 students into school this week to compete in the Primary Maths Challenge. The event brought together talented Year 5 mathematicians from our local primary schools for a day of exciting and engaging problem-solving. The students showed their resilience and team working skills to tackle some tricky challenges. The children were fantastic and all involved should be extremely proud of themselves. Teams battled it out from Coates Lane Primary School, Barnoldswick Church of England Primary School, St Joseph's Primary School, and Salterforth Primary School. And the win is...You'll have to read the rest of the ebulletin to find out! Our Year 9s took part in the Stretch and Challenge day at Nelson Colne College on Friday. This was delivered by the expert A-Level teaching team over at Nelson Colne College and the activities are designed to really push the students to think hard and complete the tasks. The project is aimed at stretching creativity and introducing students to future A-Level pathways

Well, we made it through an incredibly hot week in school. I would like to thank all students for how well they coped and how maturely the vast majority of them behaved during this week. The standard of uniform was excellent, with students wearing their smart PE tops. The students kept hydrated, sought shelter from the sun and approached their lessons ready to learn. I also thank parents for your support in providing drinks bottles, hats, sun cream, not to mention multiple washes of the PE kit this week - although they didn't take long to dry in this weather!

Next week the weather is forecast to return to a normal 19-20 degrees. Therefore, we will return to normal uniform from Monday 29th June. As I had mentioned before the heatwave, we are looking to ensure skirt lengths are appropriate in school. Any student in an inappropriately short skirt will be asked to wear a pair of tights on Monday.

I am pleased to say that the change in forecast now also suggests that instead of rain and thunderstorms on Saturday, it should be wall to wall sunshine, so enjoy!

Thank you for your continued support



Mr Bates, Principal



STARS OF THE WEEK



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7AOP - Zoya
7MFO - Elsa
7OCA - Ryder
7YGR - Jessica
PYL - Ethan / Louis

8

8 EAJ - Tia
8KSN - Henry
8NHU - Emily
8 RSW - Adam
PYL - Hana

9

9 HWH - Charlie
9 AYO - Jamie-Leigh
9 LWI - Peter
9 WDA - Ella
PYL - Mya

10

10ABA - Oliwia
10 KMC - Mason
10 DWI - Martyna
10 JPE - Phoebe
10 ASC - Amy
PYL - Harry

Congratulations to this week's top students from each form group.



YEAR 9 STRETCH AND CHALLENGE DAY

Year 9 Stretch and Challenge Day at Nelson and Colne College

Year 9 students recently took part in an engaging Stretch and Challenge Day at Nelson and Colne College, focused on exploring the many different ways our world is diverse.

The day began with a fascinating session on biopsychology, where students explored neurodiversity and how the brain works, gaining a deeper understanding of how we are all unique. This was followed by a session looking at diversity in society, including topics such as species diversity and differences based on ethnicity, class and gender.

Students then moved on to an inspiring session examining “silent voices” in history. They learned about writers from underrepresented groups, including women and individuals from ethnic minorities, whose work was not recognised at the time, and discussed the reasons behind this.

To round off the day, students took part in a creative session where they reflected on their learning and wrote their own pledges, considering ways they can help to celebrate and promote diversity within our school community.

It was a thoughtful and inspiring experience for our Year 9 students, encouraging them to reflect, learn and take positive action.





Year 7 Rounders Team Shines in Pendle Tournament

On Tuesday evening, our Year 7 rounders team delivered an impressive performance at a tournament featuring five other schools across the Pendle Borough. From the very first game, the girls showed confidence, teamwork, and determination, setting the tone for a fantastic evening of sport.

The team got off to an outstanding start, securing three consecutive victories against Park High School, Primet Academy, and Marsden Heights. Each match showcased the girls' growing confidence and skill, with strong batting, sharp fielding, and excellent communication on display throughout.

Their toughest challenge came against Fisher More, whose exceptional batting proved difficult to contain. Despite a spirited effort and continued determination, our team narrowly missed out on the win in this final fixture.

Overall, West Craven finished in an impressive second place — a remarkable achievement that reflects both the talent and hard work of the entire squad. The girls should be incredibly proud of their efforts and the way they represented the school.

Well done to everyone involved!





Under-15s Claim Convincing Victory at Haslingden

West Craven Under-15s delivered an impressive all-round performance on the road today, securing a comprehensive victory over Haslingden. Chasing a competitive target of 81, the visitors made light work of the total, reaching it in just 13 overs with a confident and composed display. Captain Leo won the toss and opted to bowl first—a decision that quickly paid dividends. Although Haslingden made a solid start, their momentum was halted when Kian removed the hosts' key batter. That breakthrough set the tone for the innings, with West Craven applying consistent pressure from that point onwards.

Lucas then played a crucial role with the ball, producing an excellent spell of off-spin bowling. Not only did he claim two wickets, but he also maintained tight control to limit Haslingden's scoring opportunities. Supported by disciplined bowling across the team and a sharp fielding effort, West Craven restricted the hosts to 81 from their allotted 16 overs.

In reply, Leo and Ely set about the chase in confident fashion. The opening pair took advantage of any loose deliveries, playing positively and putting the Haslingden bowlers under immediate pressure. Their approach saw both batters retire not out, having laid a strong foundation for victory.

With the target well within reach, Kian and George calmly guided the team home, completing the chase with ease and ensuring a convincing win for West Craven.

It was a superb team performance, showcasing strength with both bat and ball as well as excellent work in the field. Congratulations to all the players involved, and thanks to Haslingden Cricket Club for their hospitality.



GCSE ART EXHIBITION AND SUMMER CONCERT

West Craven High School Art Exhibition & Summer Concert

West Craven High School is delighted to invite families, friends, and the wider community to an inspiring evening celebrating student creativity and talent.

 **Date:** Tuesday 7th July 2026

 **Venue:** West Craven High School Main Hall

 **Entry:** Free

The evening will begin with our Art Exhibition at 5:00pm, showcasing a diverse and exciting selection of student work, including:

- GCSE pieces from Art, Photography, and 3D Design
- Creative work from Key Stage 3 students
- Outstanding entries from our Primary School Art Competition winners
- Visitors will have the opportunity to explore a vibrant display of artistic talent across a range of mediums and styles.

At 6:00pm, the celebrations continue with our Summer Concert, featuring a variety of musical performances from our talented students.

This promises to be a wonderful evening highlighting the creativity, dedication, and achievements of our students across both the visual and performing arts.

We look forward to welcoming you!



West Craven High School

ART EXHIBITION & SUMMER CONCERT

7th July 2026

A SELECTION OF GCSE WORK
FROM ART, PHOTOGRAPHY
AND 3D DESIGN

ARTWORK FROM KEY STAGE 3
STUDENTS

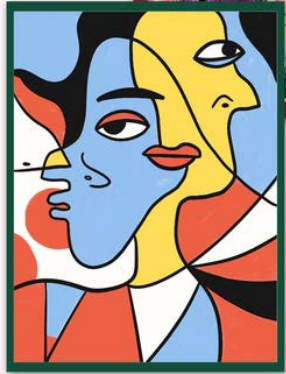
PRIMARY SCHOOL ART
COMPETITION WINNERS

**Art
Exhibition
5:00pm**

**Summer
Concert
6:00pm**

FREE

VENUE: WEST CRAVEN HIGH SCHOOL MAIN HALL



PLANNING THE PERFECT BIRTHDAY PARTY FEAST

This week, we have been busy learning how to plan and prepare food for a child's birthday party. It has been a fun and creative project that helped us practise important life skills. First, we thought about what kinds of food children enjoy. We discussed popular party snacks like sandwiches, fruit, cupcakes, and healthy treats. We also considered how to make sure there was a good balance of different foods so that everyone could enjoy something tasty and nutritious.

Next, we planned our menu. We worked in groups to decide what we would make, making sure to include a mix of sweet and savoury options. We also thought about any allergies or dietary needs, which is very important when planning food for others.

After planning, we moved on to preparing the food. We practised safe food handling, learning how to wash our hands properly, use kitchen tools safely, and keep our workspace clean. Then we started making our dishes, carefully following our plans.

Finally, we presented our food as if it were at a real party. We learned that presentation is important and can make food look even more appealing.

This activity helped us understand how much effort goes into organising a party. We developed teamwork, planning skills, and confidence in the kitchen all while having lots of fun!



FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 11 CLASS OF 2026

A Perfect Send-Off for Year 11

This week, West Craven High School proudly said a fond farewell to our fantastic Year 11 students as they marked the end of their high school journey in true style at their prom.

The Class of 2026 certainly made it an evening to remember. Held at the beautiful Crow Wood Hotel, the venue provided a stunning setting for a night filled with celebration, laughter and reflection. From the moment students arrived, there was a real sense of occasion, as they stepped out dressed to impress elegant gowns, sharp suits and plenty of confident smiles made for a spectacular sight.

The evening began with a delicious sit-down meal, giving friends the chance to relax, chat and enjoy each other's company one last time as a year group. As the night went on, the dance floor quickly filled, with music, laughter and joyful moments shared throughout. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to look back on their time at West Craven High School and celebrate the friendships and memories they have made along the way.

Events like these are always special, but this year's prom was particularly memorable a fitting send-off for a year group that has shown resilience, spirit and a strong sense of community.

We are incredibly proud of all our Year 11 students and wish them every success as they take their next steps. Whatever the future holds, we hope they carry with them the happy memories of their time at West Craven High School and especially this unforgettable evening.



YEAR 11 PROM



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YEAR 5 MATHS CHALLENGE

Primary Maths Challenge at West Craven High School

On 25th June, we were delighted to host the United Kingdom Maths Trust (UKMT) Primary Team Maths Challenge at West Craven High School.

The event brought together talented Year 5 mathematicians from a our local primary schools for a day of exciting and engaging problem-solving. The children worked collaboratively in teams, tackling a variety of challenging activities including a group round, logic round, cross number, and relay round. The competition provided a fantastic opportunity for children to develop their mathematical thinking, teamwork, and communication skills.

It was inspiring to see such enthusiasm, resilience, and creativity from all participants, who represented their schools with great pride. The atmosphere throughout the day was both supportive and competitive, with pupils encouraging one another and celebrating their successes.

We would like to thank all the schools who attended, as well as the staff and volunteers who helped make the event run so smoothly.

A special congratulations goes to our winning teams:

-  1st place - Barnoldswick Church of England Primary School
-  2nd place - St Joseph's Primary School
-  3rd place - Salterforth Primary School
-  4th place - Coates Lane Primary School

Well done to everyone who took part, we look forward to welcoming you again for future events!



THE ADDAMS FAMILY EXPERIENCE



The Addams Family Experience – Summer Show 2026

We are delighted to invite families and members of our local community to our much-anticipated summer production of The Addams Family Experience! Our talented students have been working incredibly hard alongside Stage Door Youth Theatre to bring this exciting and entertaining musical to life, and we cannot wait to share it with you.

The performance will take place on **Tuesday 14th July 2026 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm** at West Craven High School.

This is a free event, and everyone is warmly welcome to attend. To help us manage numbers, we kindly ask that tickets are booked in advance via our Eventbrite page.

[Click here to book tickets](#)

We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating the fantastic achievements of our students in what promises to be a brilliant evening of entertainment.



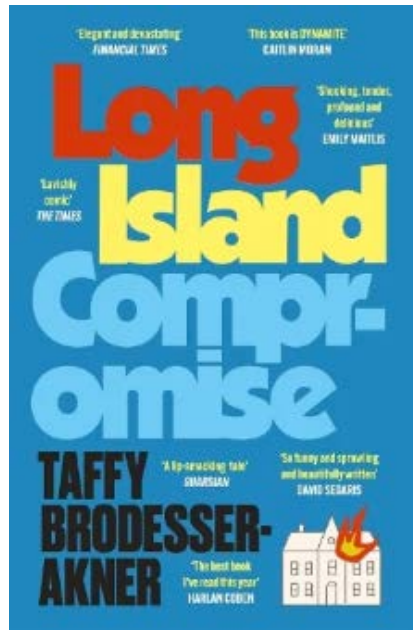
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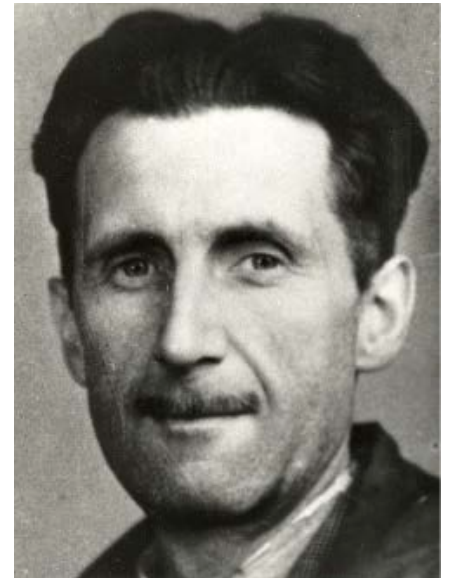
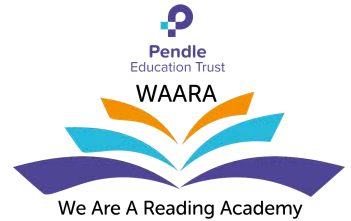


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The librarian loves

Long Island Compromise by Taffy Brodesser-Akner. It tells the story of a wealthy American family and its inheritance, and it spans several generations. I have only read a few pages, but it is shaping up to be a brilliant read.



Orwell was a British journalist and author, who wrote two of the most famous novels of the 20th century 'Animal Farm' and 'Nineteen Eighty-Four'.

Orwell was born Eric Arthur Blair on 25 June 1903 in eastern India, the son of a British colonial civil servant. He was educated in England and, after he left Eton, joined the Indian Imperial Police in Burma, then a British colony. He resigned in 1927 and decided to become a writer. In 1928, he moved to Paris where lack of success as a writer forced him into a series of menial jobs. He described his experiences in his first book, 'Down and Out in Paris and London', published in 1933. He took the name George Orwell, shortly before its publication. This was followed by his first novel, 'Burmese Days', in 1934.

An anarchist in the late 1920s, by the 1930s he had begun to consider himself a socialist. In 1936, he was commissioned to write an account of poverty among unemployed miners in northern England, which resulted in 'The Road to Wigan Pier' (1937). Late in 1936, Orwell travelled to Spain to fight for the Republicans against Franco's Nationalists. He was forced to flee in fear of his life from Soviet-backed communists who were suppressing revolutionary socialist dissenters. The experience turned him into a lifelong anti-Stalinist.

Between 1941 and 1943, Orwell worked on propaganda for the BBC. In 1943, he became literary editor of the Tribune, a weekly left-wing magazine. By now he was a prolific journalist, writing articles, reviews and books.

In 1945, Orwell's 'Animal Farm' was published. A political fable set in a farmyard but based on Stalin's betrayal of the Russian Revolution, it made Orwell's name and ensured he was financially comfortable for the first time in his life. 'Nineteen Eighty-Four' was published four years later. Set in an imaginary totalitarian future, the book made a deep impression, with its title and many phrases – such as 'Big Brother is watching you', 'newspeak' and 'doublethink' – entering popular use. By now Orwell's health was deteriorating and he died of tuberculosis on 21 January 1950.



WE ARE A READING ACADEMY

Word of the Week

Aggregate is an adjective meaning the whole sum or amount. It descends from aggregāre ("to cause to flock together" or "to join together"), a Latin verb made up of the prefix ad- (which means "to," and which usually changes to ag- before a g) and greg- or grex (meaning "flock, herd, or group"). Greg- also gave us congregate, gregarious, and segregate. Aggregate is commonly employed in the phrase "in the aggregate," which means "considered as a whole." Aggregate also has some specialized senses. For example, it is used to describe a mass of minerals formed into a rock, and materials like sand or gravel that are used to form concrete, mortar, or plaster.



Windrush Day takes place on 22 June each year to mark the anniversary of the arrival of HMT Empire Windrush on 22 June 1948.



According to records, the ship was carrying 1,027 passengers, 802 of whom gave their last country of residence as somewhere in the Caribbean; additional documented countries of residence are India, Pakistan, Kenya and South Africa.

There is a display in the library to commemorate this day.

Royal Mail is encouraging children to write letters to their favourite football players to show their support during the FIFA 2026 World Cup, as part of a new writing campaign designed to teach young football fans the value of writing letters. The UK postal service is urging children aged 4-17 to write letters wishing the teams and players well during the North American tournament in the hopes of inspiring a whole new generation to get involved in a way that feels forgotten in recent years. Royal Mail chief executive Alistair Cochrane said: "Sporting moments like this bring people together across the country, and we wanted to give children a simple and meaningful way to get involved. "Writing a letter is a personal way to show support, and we hope this campaign encourages young people to take part while highlighting the value of sending letters."

Have a look at the attached link for further information.

<https://www.royalmail.com/sites/royalmail.com/files/2026-06/World-Class-Letters-Guide-to-Letter-Writing.pdf>



Sarah MacDonald
Librarian



EXTRA CURRICULAR – SUMMER TERM 2

We are pleased to share details of our Summer Term 2 extracurricular programme, which offers a wide range of lunchtime and after-school clubs designed to enrich students' learning and support their personal development.

This half-term, students can take part in a variety of activities including Homework Support Club, Stage Door Drama Group, Cricket, Rounders, Imogen's Dance School, Band Club, and many more. These opportunities give students the chance to develop new skills, explore their interests, and build confidence outside the classroom.

All students who attend extracurricular activities will receive positive points on ClassCharts, recognising their commitment and participation. In addition, students who regularly attend clubs throughout the term will be awarded a certificate at the end of the term to celebrate their involvement.

We encourage all students to get involved and make the most of the fantastic opportunities available.

West Craven High School Lunchtime Clubs					
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	
Library Years 10 & 11	 Library Years 7,8, & 9	Library Years 7,8, & 9	Library Years 7,8, & 9	Library Years 10 & 11	
	Choir Lunch time Room G8	Computing All Years Room G11			
	Youth Enterprise / Fundraising Room G11	Creative Writing Room T8 Year 7 only			
					



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – SUMMER TERM 2

West Craven High School (Summer term 2)

After School Clubs



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Cricket (Year 7 & 8) 	Rounders Year 9 & 10 		Cricket (Year 9 & 10) 	Art Room M10 
French Club Room G3 Year 10s 			Science Club Room G4 	
Library Homework club	Library Homework club	Library Homework club	Library Homework club	
Rounders Yr 7 & 8 	Band club Main Hall 		SEN Homework Club Room G6	
	Stage Door Drama Club 3:30pm – 4:45pm Room T1/2 		Imogen's dance School 3:30pm–4:30pm Gym 	



OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

Out of School Achievement 🌟

Congratulations to Bella on an incredible performance at the Lancashire Schools Athletics Championship, held at UCLan, Preston on Saturday 13th June!

Competing in the 1500m Steeplechase, Bella was crowned Lancashire Champion in her age category. In extremely windy conditions, she delivered an outstanding debut performance, crossing the line in an impressive time of 5:48.

Even more remarkably, this time not only meets the county standard but also beats the existing championship record by five seconds – a fantastic achievement!

We are incredibly proud of Bella's success and look forward to seeing what she achieves next 🙌

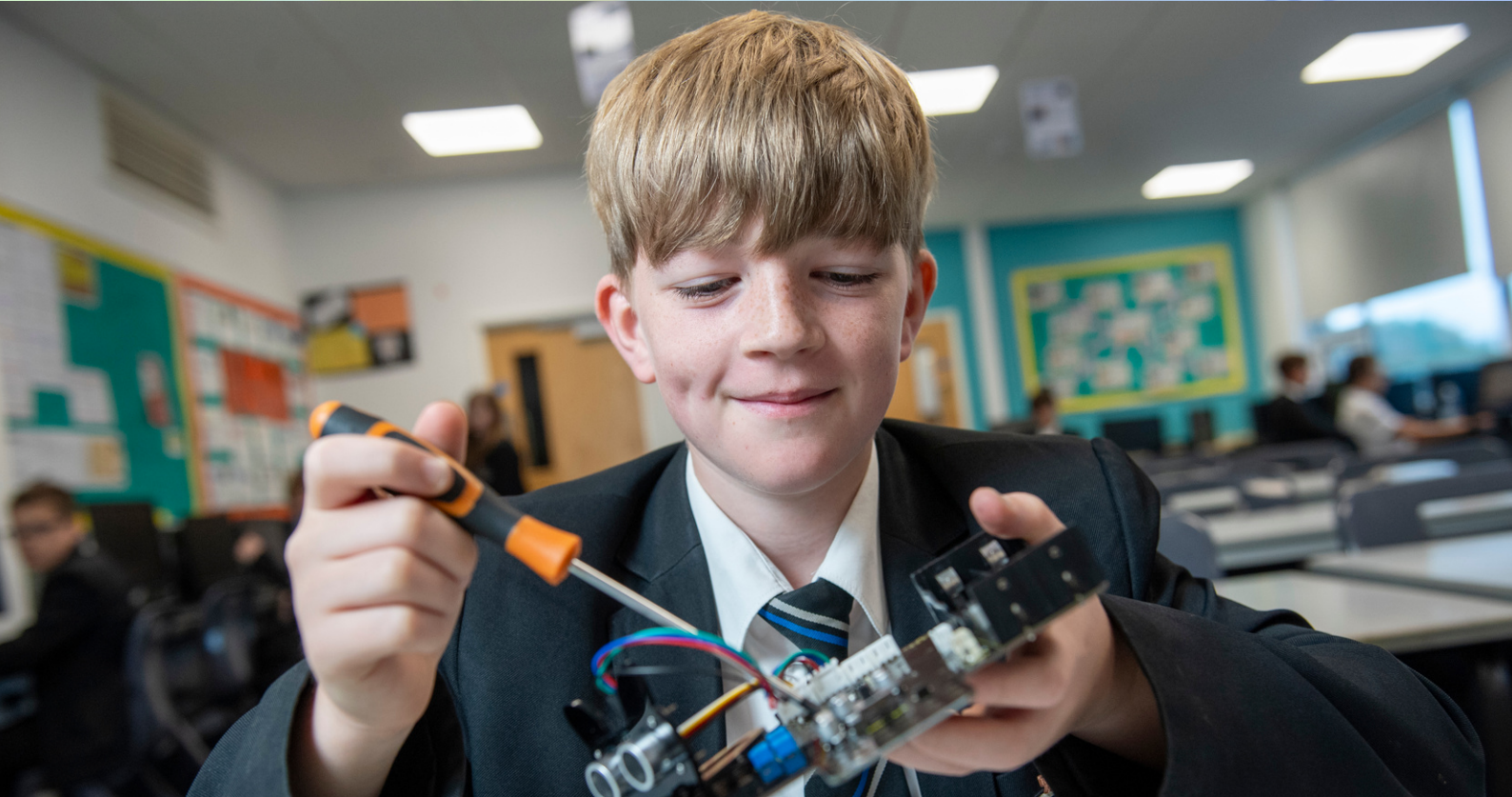


If you would like to share your child's out of school achievements, please contact **jevetts@pendleeducationtrust.co.uk**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd July - Year 6 - Transition Day / Evening
3rd July - Year 10 taster session at NCC
7th July - Summer concert and GCSE Art exhibition
14th July - Adams Family Experience 6-7pm
22nd July - End of term - student dismissed at 1pm



OUR COMMUNITY

Community Advertisements

In this section of our newsletter, we share posters for local events, activities, and charities.

If you would like us to advertise a community event or club, please email **jvetts@pendleeducationtrust.co.uk**.

Please note that West Craven High School is not affiliated with these organisations and cannot endorse the events, promotions, or clubs. We will only feature events that we consider appropriate for our school community.

**We are
Community**

Stay connected, follow us on Facebook and Instagram

A very warm welcome to all our new Year 7 families! We are thrilled to have you join the West Craven High School community. To stay updated on school news, student achievements, important events, and reminders, we encourage all parents and carers to follow our official Facebook and Instagram pages.



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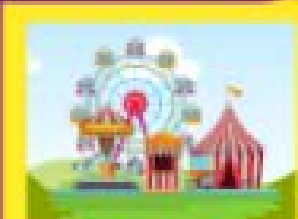


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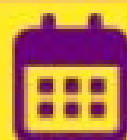


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BARNOLDSWICK FAMILY FUN DAY VICTORY PARK



★ 175ft inflatable Assault Course | K POP ★
Games | Races | Donkey Rides | Face Painting
Go Velo Bikes | Bungee Run | Entertainment
Circus Skills | Crazy Golf | Football Darts
Pillow Bash | Duck Race | Connect Four
Four Paws Dog Show - bring your own dog ★
Doggy Dance Demo from Kelly and Roe



Saturday
4th July 2026



11am - 4pm

Please walk where possible as there is no vehicle access to the park.

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WADDINGTONS FUN FAIR
MARKET STALLS | FOOD



ON THE
FOOTBALL
PITCHES

MAIN ARENA

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11am **Four Paws Dog Show -**
Bring your dog and take part

12 noon **K Pop Demon Hunters Tribute**

12.30pm **Barlick Fell Runners Races, kids**
games and races and Tug Of War
A big thank you to Rolls Royce for the prizes

1.30pm **Phoenix Academy**

2pm **Imogen School of Dance**

2.30pm **The Civic Hall Jazz Band**

2.50pm **Children's Disco Party**

3.40pm **The Civic Hall Jazz Band**
and Barlick in Bloom Duck Race

Barnoldswick Brass Band 11.30am and 1pm near the bowling green



Buy your ducks from the
Barlick In Bloom Tent



Refreshments provided by the
Churches of Barnoldswick

Thank you to all the local sponsors for all your support.

10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

2 REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

4 OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

5 POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.

6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

7 BE UNDERSTANDING

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.

10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with more than 10 years of experience in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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