



All Hallows Catholic High School

Newsletter

19th December 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At this special time of year, we pause to reflect on the Christmas story and the message of hope, love and peace at the heart of the Nativity. These values sit at the very centre of our school community and Christmas at All Hallows is always such a special time.

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, I would like to thank you for your continued support. The many activities and achievements shared throughout our newsletters reflect just how much has taken place over the weeks and months and they reflect the enthusiasm and commitment shown across our school. From learning experiences and performances to visits, celebrations and everyday classroom moments, it has been a wonderfully full and purposeful year. I would also like to share a small change to how we communicate with you in the new year. From January, our newsletter will be delivered in two parts: a short weekly update containing essential information for parents and carers, and a longer monthly publication. The monthly newsletter will celebrate the many successes, achievements and news of our school and its pupils in greater detail. I hope this newsletter gives you a real sense of how busy school life has been and how proud we are of everything our pupils have accomplished. Thank you, as always, for being such an important part of our school family.

May I wish all our families a joyful and peaceful Christmas, and every blessing for the year ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Alison Cooper

Headteacher

Staff Vacancies

We are seeking dedicated and passionate individuals to join our team. Please click on the link below to view our current vacancies.

<https://www.allhallows.lancs.sch.uk/school/information/vacancies/>





HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATION AWARD

Congratulations to the following pupils who were selected to attend the Headteacher's Commendation Award Brunch in recognition of their outstanding efforts in Science:

Year 7: Lucy B, Poppy L
Year 8: Haris R
Year 9: Amelia N, Emily B, Jessica W
Year 10: Robbie A, Oliver S, Mitchell R
Year 11: Sophie B, Maisy L, Will A, Catilin Mae S

Well done to all students for their hard work and commitment.

Important Reminder to Parents: Crownlee Access and Pupil Safety

We would like to remind all parents that Crownlee is a private road and should not be used for dropping off or collecting pupils under any circumstances. Vehicles entering the road, attempting three-point turns or reversing create significant safety risks for pupils walking to and from school.

The volume of traffic at the start and end of the school day has grown considerably, and in the interest of pupil safety we ask that parents do not drive onto Crownlee or attempt to turn around there.

Instead, it is both safer — and often quicker — to arrange drop-off and pick-up on Birch Avenue or Central Drive, where there is more space and less pedestrian congestion.

Your cooperation helps us keep all pupils safe and supports positive relationships with our local residents. Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

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Year 8 Castlerigg Retreat Weekend

Year 8 experienced their first weekend retreat to Castlerigg Manor, in the beautiful Lake District before Christmas. A group of nearly 40 pupils and 4 staff made the journey up the motorway on Friday afternoon, arriving at the huge manor house to be greeted by the Castlerigg retreat team.

The theme of the retreat was 'The Wild Goose', which is an old name for the Holy Spirit. The retreat invited pupils to reflect on who the Holy Spirit is and how it can transform lives. They learnt about the Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit and how these things can make a positive difference to us. All the activities during the weekend were based on this.

On Friday evening, pupils took part in team building exercises, social time and night prayer. One of the highlights of the night was a duck hunt, where pupils had to search the house for hidden plastic ducks, using team effort and co-operation to do so.

Saturday was another packed day, starting with morning prayer in the form of Lectio Divina and a small group session based around the question 'Who is the Holy Spirit?'. Fr Ian, from St Teresa's parish, came up to say Mass in the Castlerigg Chapel. Pupils took part by saying the readings and singing brilliantly 'My Lighthouse' and 'Build your Kingdom'.

After lunch we went on a walk up Castlehead which provided a great viewing point over Derwent Water. Despite the rain, wind and freezing temperatures, a great time was had, with one pupil even commenting at the top "I can't believe how beautiful God's creation is!". We then walked down to the Lake for a whole group photo and some stone skimming and spent some time shopping in Keswick town centre. A party night followed, including musical chairs and a fantastic karaoke session where everyone took part. Night prayer followed and many pupils stayed behind in the Chapel to enjoy the peace and silence to reflect on their retreat experience in prayer.

Sunday was our last day and centred around creative workshops where pupils had the choice to make prayer candles, prayer beads or reflective banner painting. An affirmations activity followed and we looked ahead to what's next for Year 8 in their faith journey, including preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, and information on how to get involved in the Faith in Action and SVP groups in school.

We left Castlerigg with great memories and the Year 8's came back to school telling others about what a great weekend they had, eager to sign up to the next retreat available to them, Savio House in Year 9.



Advent Appeal

Buy a Homeless Person a Christmas Meal:

A grand total of £745 has been raised for the Metanoia Homeless Project, based at St Wilfrid's Church in Preston. This was part of the 'Buy a Homeless Person a Christmas Meal' aspect of the Advent Appeal. Each form was tasked with raising £5 to buy a Christmas meal for a homeless person in Preston. The final total far surpassed this and is the highest amount ever raised through the Advent Appeal. It will buy 149 Christmas meals for the Metanoia Homeless Christmas Dinner Day on 23rd December in Preston. A fantastic effort by staff and pupils alike!

Reverse Advent Calendar

Form groups have also been tasked with bringing in 25 items from the Reverse Advent Calendar to make a Christmas Box for a homeless person. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of all forms in all year groups, who have filled many, many boxes with food, toiletries, clothes, blankets and sleeping bags. Once again, a brilliant way to show love of our neighbour during the Advent period.

A cheque, along with all of the Christmas Boxes, have been taken to the Metanoia Project in Preston. Also, some Christmas boxes were donated by the SVP to needy families in the Penwortham area. All of this will make a real and practical difference to the lives of many in the local area this Christmas.



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Faith in Action

Advent Wreath Making

At the start of Advent, members of the St Teresa's Parish Community visited the All Hallows Faith in Action Group, made up of pupils from all year groups. They taught pupils how to make Advent wreaths, using the leaves, branches and foliage that they had brought in.

The Faith in Action pupils worked as a team to create the main Advent Wreath which you can see in the school reception area. Mrs Burbidge also helped to create a second wreath for the Arts Theatre, for assemblies and the Christmas Liturgy. They all did a great job and the wreaths look absolutely fantastic!

This activity counts towards the 'Contribution to a Catholic Community' aspect of the Faith in Action award and strengthens our parish links with St Teresa's. Thanks must go to Miss Conlon and Mrs Conlon (Snr) for their efforts in making this possible!



Family of Parishes Christmas Carol Service



Pupils from All Hallows were involved in the Family of Parishes Christmas Carol Service at St Oswald's Church, organised by Deacon Bill McMahon and Mrs Colclough.

Pupils and staff were involved in reading scripture and prayers, with traditional Christmas hymns punctuating the service. The story of the Nativity was told and pupils from All Hallows and St Oswald's formed the Nativity scene, surrounding the manger on the altar.

It was a beautiful service, with the choir led in music by Mrs Colclough leading the singing. The pupils involved were a credit to their respective schools. It was a great way to start the third week of Advent.

SVP Christmas Lunch

A huge thank you to our wonderful SVP pupils and the dedicated staff who helped to organise the parish SVP Christmas Lunch. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed serving lunch and entertaining all who attended. It was a fantastic community day, full of festive fun and kindness in action.

A special mention must go to Mrs Colclough, whose hard work, organisation, and enthusiasm made the entire event possible. We are incredibly grateful for her commitment and leadership in bringing our school and parish community together in such a meaningful way.



St Vincent
de Paul Society

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Turning Concern into Action

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

A Warm and Festive Celebration for Our Local Senior Citizens

It was a pleasure to welcome senior citizens from our local parishes and wider community into school on 10th December for our annual Christmas Party. The afternoon was filled with joy and festive spirit, beginning with a beautifully prepared afternoon tea courtesy of our wonderful kitchen staff, followed by fantastic entertainment from our very talented pupils.

The celebration concluded with community carols and an eagerly anticipated raffle, featuring one of our famous All Hallows Christmas hampers alongside a range of other lovely gifts.

Staff, pupils, and visitors all enjoyed a truly memorable afternoon together, and we are already looking forward to welcoming everyone back next year.

A huge thank you goes to our kitchen team for the delicious and beautifully presented afternoon tea; to Mr Burbidge, Mrs Donohoe, the Chaplaincy Team, and pupils from Faith in Action and SVP; to the Performing Arts Department for the outstanding entertainment; and to all staff who helped make the event such a success.



Christmas Liturgy

The term finished with the traditional Christmas Liturgy performed in front of all year groups. This year's theme was 'A Very All Hallows' Christmas', taking pupils on a journey to Christmas throughout the decades from 1975, when All Hallows opened, in a nod to the school's 50th Anniversary.

Music and toys from the decades were explored, with the moral of the story being that, although times change, the meaning of Christmas does not. The Nativity story was told through acting, music, readings and song, linking different parts of Mary and Joseph's journey to Christmas throughout the decades.

The assembly also touched on the fundraising pupils have done for the Metanoia Homeless Project in Preston throughout Advent, spreading the love of Jesus in the manger to those less fortunate in the local area.

It was a great way to explore the real meaning of Christmas and how the Nativity Story can inspire us to share the Good News with others, through our words and actions.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT



A SPECTACULAR START TO THE FESTIVE SEASON!

In the joyful run-up to Christmas, our annual Christmas Concert lit up the Arts Theatre with festive sparkle and community spirit. The auditorium was packed with an excited audience, all eager to sing along to their favourite Christmas carols and soak up the seasonal magic.

This year's concert showcased an incredible variety of talent from across the school and wider community. Throughout the evening, the stage was brought to life by a wonderful mix of performances, including our rock bands, solo singers, gifted musicians, energetic dance groups and the All Hallows Community Choir. Each act added its own unique touch, creating a vibrant celebration of music and movement.

From powerful vocals to dynamic instrumental pieces and dazzling choreography, every performance captured the spirit of the season and kept the audience thoroughly entertained from start to finish.

By the final number, the entire audience was brimming with Christmas cheer. And the festivities didn't end there—after the concert, guests were invited to the Senior Dining Room to enjoy mulled wine and browse a charming selection of Christmas decorations available for purchase.

A huge well done to everyone involved for delivering such a magical evening to remember!



FESTIVE SINGING BRIGHTENS THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Mrs Colclough and the Performing Arts Department recently took a group of pupils out into the local community to spread some festive cheer by singing Christmas carols.

The pupils performed at the Spar in Penwortham and later at The Grange Nursing Home, delighting shoppers, residents and staff alike with a range of well-known Christmas songs. Their performances were warmly received and helped to create a joyful and festive atmosphere for everyone present.

Well done to all the pupils involved for representing the school so positively, and thank you to Mrs Colclough and the Performing Arts Department for organising such a wonderful community event.



SPREADING FESTIVE CHEER AT THE PENWORTHAM CHRISTMAS MARKETS

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our talented pupils and members of the All Hallows' Community Choir on their wonderful performance at the Penwortham Christmas Markets. Their joyful singing created a fantastic atmosphere and truly helped to spread festive cheer, getting everyone into the Christmas spirit.

A huge thank you goes to our dedicated Parent, Teacher and Friends Association for their hard work and commitment at the market. Their efforts on the tombola stand raised over £200, which will make a valuable contribution to supporting our school community.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who kindly donated bottles for the event. Your generosity and continued support are greatly appreciated.



BRINGING MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE TO OUR LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS



The Performing Arts Department recently enjoyed a highly successful Primary School Roadshow, visiting three local primary schools: St Mary Magdalen's, St Teresa's and Our Lady and St Gerard's Catholic Primary Schools.

Pupils from across all year groups took part, proudly showcasing their talents in singing, dancing, cheerleading, woodwind, guitar and rock bands. The performances were full of energy and enthusiasm and were warmly received by the primary school pupils. It was a wonderful and festive day, celebrating creativity and talent, and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved.



Raising the Curtain and **Raising £2,700 for Charity!**

Well done to the pupils who recently performed in the charity production of The Chocolate Factory Fiasco with the Youth on Stage Charity Group. The pupils demonstrated fantastic commitment and talent throughout the production, delivering an entertaining performance and truly making magic on stage.

Huge congratulations to them all for their outstanding efforts in raising an incredible £2,700 for two very worthy charities: The Teenage Cancer Trust and Elsie's Story. Their hard work, enthusiasm and generosity were a credit to themselves and to the school, and they should be extremely proud of their achievement.



YEAR 9 MANCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET



On Monday 1st December at 3:30pm 68 Year 9 pupils and 12 members of staff set off from school excited about feeling festive and experiencing the European culinary delights and purchasing beautiful European Christmas gifts for friends and family. The Manchester Christmas Markets did not disappoint. The weather did not dampen our spirits at all and we all tried a variety of different foods with our hoods up and coats keeping us warm. We enjoyed the sparkling Christmas lights, the reindeer and the glorious smell of frankfurters, frites, brownies and crêpes amongst other tasty food. We enjoyed each other's company, shared food and chatted as we walked through a number of different Christmas market venues culminating at Albert Square where we admired the lit up Ferris Wheel. The pupils were so joyful, polite and a real credit to the school. Even the typical northern weather had little effect on how much we all enjoyed ourselves. It was a lovely evening.



FESTIVE FUN AT THE TRAFFORD CENTRE



On Monday 15th December, over 150 pupils from Year 10 and Year 11 travelled to the Trafford Centre after school for some Christmas shopping. Pupils enjoyed time with friends, an opportunity to buy some Christmas presents and a chance to visit the various food outlets.

This was a great way to reward our Key Stage 4 pupils for all their hard work this term. We are extremely grateful to the Assistant Heads of Year 10 and Year 11 - Mr Sanderson and Miss Consiglio - for all their efforts To ensure the pupils were given this opportunity. Thank you to the staff for giving up their evening and to the pupils for their excellent behaviour.

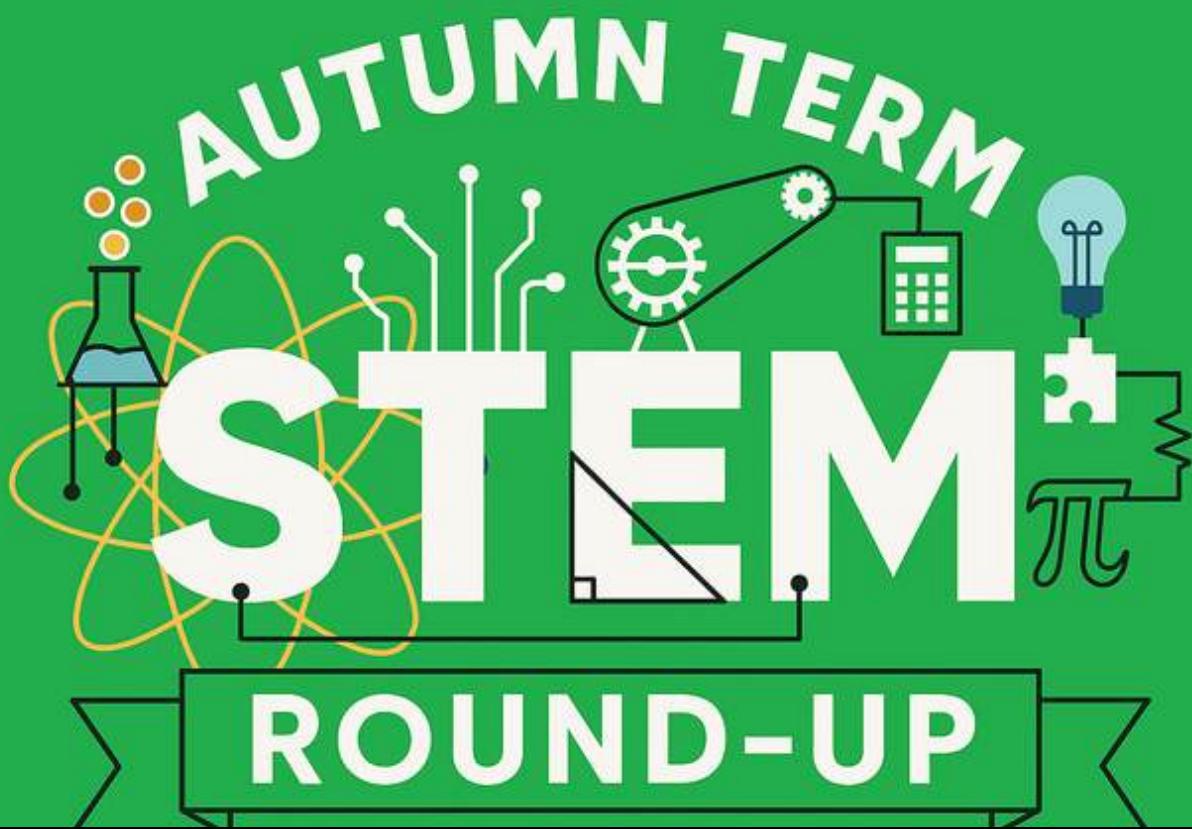


PREFECT TEAM CELEBRATE END OF TERM WITH FESTIVE BINGO REWARDS



The 'prefect team' celebrated the end of term with a Christmas Rewards Bingo party organised by Mr Thomas. The event was full of festive cheer, friendly competition and a few amusing pauses as Mr Thomas demonstrated his rather unconventional bingo-calling technique. It was a well deserved reward and a chance to thank our prefects for their hard work, commitment and ongoing support of the wider school community throughout the year.





AUTUMN TERM

STEM

ROUND-UP

The graphic features the words 'AUTUMN TERM' in white, rounded, sans-serif font at the top, with 'STEM' in large, bold, white letters in the center. Below 'STEM' is a white banner with the words 'ROUND-UP' in bold, white, sans-serif font. The background is a green gradient. Various STEM-related icons are integrated into the design: a flask with orange bubbles, a yellow atom model, a circuit board with blue lines, a calculator, a lightbulb, a gear, a puzzle piece, and a pi symbol (π).

What an incredible term it has been for STEM! We have been truly blown away by the commitment, enthusiasm, and creativity shown by pupils taking part in STEM activities this autumn.

Our Monday evening STEM sessions now welcome over 90 pupils from across all year groups. The programme is supported by the Design & Technology, Computing, Science, and Maths departments, and simply would not be possible without the dedication of staff, including Mr Jousiffe, Mr Carr, Mr Gilchrist, Miss Shirley, and Mrs Walsh.

Throughout the term, pupils have taken part in a wide range of engaging activities. These have included robot building, coding and testing using Spike Prime, creating and refining bath bomb recipes, exploring mathematics through Pringle rings and 3D paper snowflakes, animation projects, 3D printing, and competing in VEX Robotics competitions. We are especially proud that one of our VEX Robotics teams has already qualified for the national final. Pupils also showcased their talents at the STEM Christmas stall, selling a range of handmade products.

Looking ahead to next term, pupils can look forward to continuing animation and bath bomb projects with the aim of completing CREST Awards, taking part in two further regional VEX Robotics competitions, and exploring the digital iDEA award to gain recognition for their digital literacy skills.

We are always keen to hear from potential sponsors and welcome ideas for future activities and competitions. Please do get in touch if you would like to be involved or have suggestions.

Everyone at STEM Club would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Mrs J Caw

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Year 7 STEM Pupils Explore Maths Through 3D Paper Snowflakes

Year 7 STEM pupils have been enjoying a creative and thought-provoking activity by designing and making 3D paper snowflakes with Mrs Walsh. This hands-on project gave students the opportunity to explore mathematical concepts in an engaging and visual way, while also producing beautiful decorative designs.

As they created their snowflakes, pupils considered the mathematics behind the shapes, including patterns, symmetry, angles, and proportion. They explored how repeated shapes and careful folding and assembly could be used to create strong, balanced three-dimensional structures.

The activity encouraged accurate measuring, precision, and problem-solving, alongside creativity and design skills. Each snowflake was unique, reflecting the individual choices pupils made during the construction process, where simple alterations could make a noticeable difference.

The project was supported by two of our Year 8 STEM mentors, Eirian and Abigail, whose guidance and encouragement were invaluable throughout the activity. A huge thank you to both girls for their support and assistance.

The finished snowflakes have been displayed as eye-catching decorations and were even used in our Christmas assembly, highlighting both the mathematical thinking and artistic flair of the group.

Overall, the 3D paper snowflake project was an excellent example of STEM learning in action, combining mathematics, creativity, and practical skills. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and took great pride in their impressive final creations.



Year 8 Pupils Blast Off with 3D Printing Workshop

Over 40 Year 8 pupils recently took part in an exciting 3D printing workshop at school delivered by CREATE Education. The event gave students a fantastic opportunity to explore cutting-edge technology while applying their creativity and problem-solving skills to a real-world engineering challenge.

During the workshop, pupils used computer-aided design (CAD) software to design rocket nose cones and fins, carefully considering shape, stability, and aerodynamics. They also learned how 3D printers turn digital designs into physical objects, gaining valuable insight into modern manufacturing and engineering processes.

A particularly valuable aspect of the day was the opportunity for pupils to learn directly from real-life engineers. CREATE Education staff shared their own career journeys, explaining how skills in design, engineering, and technology can lead to a wide range of careers. Pupils were able to ask questions about working in engineering, problem-solving in industry, and the pathways into STEM careers.

The highlight of the workshop came when pupils tested their rockets in the playground. Observing how different designs performed allowed students to evaluate their ideas, make improvements, and understand how engineers learn through testing and refinement.

Overall, the workshop was an inspiring and memorable experience that combined hands-on learning with meaningful careers education. Pupils left with a greater understanding of engineering, increased confidence in their abilities, and a clearer insight into the exciting opportunities available within STEM.



All Hallows Hosts Lancashire Regional VEX IQ Robotics Competition

All Hallows Catholic High School proudly hosted the Lancashire Regional VEX IQ Robotics Competition on Friday 28th November, welcoming over 50 students from a range of primary, secondary and Cadets teams. The event was a huge success and included the chance for one team to secure a qualifying place at the VEX Robotics UK National Championships, held at the International Centre in Telford in March.

This year's game, Mix and Match, challenged teams to design, build and programme robots capable of collecting and stacking different coloured cones in specific combinations and locations around the field. Certain combinations placed in key areas earned teams higher points, requiring both strong strategy and precision programming.

Teams competed in two main elements throughout the day:

The first was the Teamwork Challenge, where two teams worked together to score as many points as possible in just one minute. After a series of qualifying rounds played in tournament style, the finals saw outstanding teamwork and skill on display. The winners of the Teamwork Competition were The CROCBOTS from All Hallows, made up of April H, Kiera M, Lucy A, Louis H, Selasie N and Dawid P. They were partnered with Team Apollo from Orley Farm School in London, they worked brilliantly together and fully deserved their victory.

The second element was the Skills Challenge, where each team competed individually. This involved an autonomous coding round, as well as a driver-controlled skills run, with the two scores added together. The winning team – who also secured the coveted place at the UK Championships – was Team GORLOCK from All Hallows, comprising Matthew C, Oliver B, Edward W, Tom D, Henry B, Jack M and John D.

The event was attended by several visitors, including representatives from BAE Systems, and was judged by an official VEX IQ World Championships referee, who travelled from Sheffield to support the competition.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our robot sponsors for making this opportunity possible. Your support enables our students to develop their engineering, programming and teamwork skills through real competitive experiences. Our sponsors include:

Cardinal Newman College

Thomas Hardy Commercials

Mr Rainford

Mr R Manning

This is the first of several regional competitions taking place this winter, and we look forward to hopefully seeing more All Hallows teams qualify for the UK Championships.

If any local companies or individuals would be interested in sponsoring a robot for future events, please get in touch at djo@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk.



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Pupils Dive into Seafood Cookery with Mussels thanks to Offshore Shellfish

Recently, pupils across a wide range of year groups were given the exciting opportunity to prepare and cook mussels, exploring a variety of cooking styles and flavour combinations. For many students, this was their first experience working with shellfish, making the lessons both memorable and rewarding.

The sessions encouraged pupils to step outside their usual comfort zones and develop confidence in handling and cooking fish and seafood—ingredients that not all students have the chance to use at home. From classic steamed mussels to more creative, internationally inspired dishes such as Red Thai Coconut Mussels, pupils experimented with herbs, spices, sauces, and cooking techniques, learning how simple ingredients can be transformed into impressive meals. It was wonderful to see so many pupils enjoying the challenge and taking pride in their finished dishes.

The practical nature of the lesson supported key cooking skills such as preparation, timing, seasoning, and safe food handling, while also promoting curiosity and enthusiasm for new foods. The mussels were donated through a scheme called Fish Heroes, where Offshore Shellfish donate 100's of kg's of mussels to 200 schools across the country which are also delivered free of charge. Overall, the mussel cookery session proved to be an engaging and valuable experience, broadening pupils' understanding of seafood and helping them build skills they can take forward into future cooking. This could not have happened without the support of the Food Teachers Centre and the wonderful connections it has with producers and manufacturers across the country. We are very grateful for their support.



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Year 7 Pupils Secure Top Spots at MEGA Mania Technology Challenge

Twelve of our Year 7 pupils recently visited Runshaw College to take part in MEGA Mania – a fast-paced, action-packed technology experience designed to inspire the next generation of digital innovators.

Throughout the day, pupils worked in teams to tackle a series of exciting challenges across robotics, cybersecurity and artificial intelligence. Moving through high-energy activity zones, they took part in both hands-on and digital tasks that tested their problem-solving skills, creativity and teamwork, all within a fun and competitive environment.

Pupils took part in a wide range of engaging activities, including robotics challenges using Sphero robots, where they experimented with coding and problem-solving, a cyber puzzle and cryptography challenge that tested their logic and teamwork, and a fast-paced cyber hackathon involving coding, research and logical thinking. The day concluded with reflection activities focused on digital career pathways, helping pupils to understand how the skills they developed link to future study and careers in technology. Our teams performed exceptionally well, finishing 1st and 3rd in the overall challenge.



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Pupils Take on Coding Success Live 2025 at The University of Manchester

Six pupils from our school – three Year 8 girls and three Year 9 boys – were selected to take part in Coding Success Live 2025 at The University of Manchester. An exciting and inspiring day focused on teamwork, problem-solving and real-world applications of coding.

Working collaboratively as a team, the pupils completed a series of challenging missions using LEGO kits to design and build robots, before coding them to successfully carry out each task. All of the missions were based on the work of the Royal Air Force, with RAF personnel on hand throughout the day to offer expert guidance and share insights into how technology is used in real operational scenarios.

The challenges included an egg challenge to simulate the careful delivery of delicate supplies, a rope challenge inspired by the work of RAF mountain rescue teams, and a plank challenge representing vital humanitarian aid missions. Each task required careful planning, logical thinking and precise coding.

The pupils were a real credit to the school, demonstrating outstanding teamwork, resilience and technical skill throughout the day. They embraced each challenge with enthusiasm and showed excellent problem-solving and coding ability, making the event a memorable and highly successful experience for all involved.



Year 9 Pupils Showcase Skills in National Languages Event



Year 9 Pupils Take Part in the GCHQ National Languages Competition
At the end of November, twelve of our Year 9 linguists took part in the GCHQ National Languages Competition, a week-long virtual event that brought together over two thousand teams from across the United Kingdom.

Throughout the competition, pupils worked collaboratively to solve a wide range of challenging language-based puzzles. They tested their language knowledge and critical thinking skills by cracking codes, analysing patterns and tackling unfamiliar language problems. The tasks required strong teamwork, resilience and logical reasoning, particularly when working under time pressure.

Although the team did not finish in first place, all pupils should be very proud of their efforts and achievements throughout the week. They represented the school extremely well and gained valuable experience in applying their language skills in a competitive and engaging national competition.

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Year 9 Boys Secure Impressive Lancashire Cup Victory



Congratulations to our Year 9 Boys Football Team on their excellent 3–1 win in the Lancashire Cup. It was a dominant performance from start to finish, with the lads clearly the deserving winners. Goals from T. Wilcock, H. Brannigan, and G. Yapp capped off a confident and controlled display, showcasing both teamwork and individual talent. A brilliant achievement for the team and a performance they can be truly proud of.

Year 11 Boys Triumph in Lancashire Cup Second Round



Our Year 11 Boys Football Team delivered another outstanding performance, securing a 2–1 victory against Hodgson High School in the second round of the Lancashire Cup. A superbly struck volley from Jacob F and a composed finish by Tom A ensured the team progressed confidently into the third round. The whole squad showed tremendous determination and teamwork throughout, rising to the challenge against strong opposition. Special recognition goes to Oli D and James W for their exceptional defensive displays, which were instrumental in securing the win. Well done, boys – keep up the fantastic effort!

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A Striking Performance from Our Young Bowlers

A group of Year 7 and Year 8 pupils attended the South Ribble Schools Bowling Event in Preston last Thursday. The team put in an excellent performance throughout the competition, demonstrating great teamwork, focus and sportsmanship.

Josh stood out in particular, showcasing his impressive bowling skills by scoring over 100 points. All pupils represented the school superbly, behaved impeccably and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to take part in the event. It was a positive and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

U16 Basketball Show Great Promise in First Fixture



Our U16 Basketball Team took to the court for their first competitive game together recently.

Although the match ended in a 44–34 defeat, the boys showed tremendous determination and teamwork from start to finish.

It was an excellent display from all involved, with plenty of positive signs for the season ahead. With continued hard work and togetherness, this team has real potential to build on this strong foundation.

Thrilling Victory Sends Under Sixteens into Last Sixteen

The Under Sixteens Basketball team secured an excellent 50–48 victory over Balshaw's in a very close and entertaining match. The boys showed great determination and teamwork throughout, edging the contest in the closing moments.

Following two impressive wins in the group stage of the Lancashire Cup, the team have now progressed to the last sixteen of the competition. Oliver D was named Most Valuable Player on the night after a superb performance, scoring 25 points.

Outstanding Performances from U16 & U14 Boys' Badminton Teams



Well done to our U16 and U14 Boys' Badminton Teams, who delivered exceptional performances in this week's fixtures. The U16s were crowned champions on the night, demonstrating superb skill, teamwork, and determination throughout all of their matches. Our U14 team also impressed, securing a strong second-place finish and losing only a single match across the competition – an achievement that highlights their talent and competitive spirit.

Both teams represented the school brilliantly, showing great sportsmanship and commitment from start to finish. Congratulations to all involved; you should be incredibly proud of your efforts and the high standard of play you displayed.

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LTA Schools National Finals 2025

Our Year 7 and 8 girls' tennis team recently competed in the LTA Schools National Finals 2025 in Nottingham, finishing an outstanding fourth in the country. It was an unforgettable experience and an amazing few days of high-quality tennis. Over the two days, the girls gave everything they had, competing against exceptional players and strong teams from across the country. They demonstrated determination, resilience and excellent sportsmanship throughout the competition.

The Physical Education department, pupils, staff and governors are incredibly proud of the girls' achievement and of how they represented All Hallows at the very highest level of school tennis. Their performance was a credit to the school. Special recognition must go to the girls for their commitment beyond school. All four train, practise and compete regularly at their local tennis clubs each week, and their hard work has clearly paid off.

A special mention also goes to Mrs Jackson and Mrs Preston, who accompanied the team and provided invaluable support and encouragement throughout the competition.

Congratulations to Edosa, Olivia, Skyla and Lily on this remarkable achievement.



Under 14 Girls Badminton Team

Celebrate District Success

Well done to the Under 14 girls' badminton team, who were overall winners of the South Ribble District B Team Badminton Tournament, held at All Hallows this week.

The girls delivered an outstanding performance from start to finish, demonstrating excellent skill, teamwork and resilience in every match they played. Throughout the tournament, they remained focused and composed, overcoming strong opposition with confidence and determination.

In an exceptional display of consistency and quality, the team did not lose a single game, winning all fifteen matches played. This impressive achievement reflects the girls' commitment to training and their ability to work together effectively as a team.

The Physical Education department is extremely proud of the team and their success. The girls should be highly commended for representing All Hallows with such enthusiasm, sportsmanship and pride.



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Lancashire Cross Country Championships Success

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Well done to the following pupils who represented both their athletics clubs and the school at the Lancashire Cross Country Championships. Competing against strong fields from across the county, all pupils produced excellent performances and demonstrated a high level of commitment and determination throughout their races. Scarlett W competed in the Female Under 13 race and delivered a strong and consistent performance, finishing an impressive eighth out of thirty-two runners. In the Male Under 15 race, Samuel B ran an excellent race to secure fifth place out of twenty competitors, showing great strength and focus throughout. Oliver B also performed well in the same race, finishing in a commendable twelfth position out of twenty.

In the Female Under 15 race, Ellie B produced an outstanding performance to finish first out of twenty-six runners and is now the Under 15 Girls Lancashire Cross Country Champion. Elsie Mc also ran a fantastic race, achieving fourth place out of twenty-six, while Millie W showed great determination to complete the race in twelfth position out of twenty-six.

All pupils showed excellent resilience, commitment and sportsmanship across challenging courses and in demanding conditions. They should be extremely proud of their achievements, and congratulations go to everyone involved for representing both their athletics clubs and the school with such pride and success.



Year 9 and Year 10B Netball Teams Compete at Leyland St Mary's

The Year 9 and Year 10B Netball Teams travelled to Leyland St Mary's on Tuesday 2nd December to play their South Ribble District League fixtures.

The Year 9 team put in a confident and composed performance, securing an impressive 16–6 victory. The Year 10B team battled hard throughout their match, ultimately losing 7–2, but showing great resilience and teamwork in very cold outdoor conditions.

All players represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating determination, sportsmanship, and a positive attitude from start to finish. Opposition's Player of the Match was awarded to Zara for Year 9 and Kita for Year 10 — well deserved recognitions for their standout contributions.

Well done to both teams on their excellent efforts.

Under 13 Girls Through to National Quarter Final

Congratulations to the Under 13 girls' team who have progressed to the quarter final of the Sisters in Sport National Competition following another fantastic performance.

Despite a nervous start, the girls showed great resilience and determination throughout the match. Every time possession was lost, they worked tirelessly to win it back and never gave up. The team grew stronger with each quarter, and their excellent fitness proved crucial as they pulled away in the final quarter to secure a convincing 32–8 victory.

Emily was named Offensive Player of the Match and Alicia was awarded Coaches' Player of the Match in recognition of their outstanding contributions. A superb team effort all round — congratulations girls, this result was thoroughly deserved.



Encouraging Display from Under Thirteens Girls' Football Team

The Under Thirteens Girls' Football team were unfortunate to come up against a very strong Ribblesdale High School side on Thursday evening in the Lancashire Cup. Despite a spirited performance, the match ended in a 5-2 defeat.

Excellent goals were scored by Emily and Nora, highlighting the team's determination and quality throughout the game. The girls now have further fixtures to look forward to in the new year, with both league and cup matches in the South Ribble competitions.



Sporting Achievement

Congratulations to Eva W in Year 10, who has been selected for the South Ribble Under 15 Girls' Football Squad following a trial held last week. This is a fantastic achievement, and we wish Eva every success as she represents South Ribble.

Not one, not two, but THREE Black Belts in one family!

Huge congratulations to Emily W in Year 8, who, alongside her father Rob (school governor) and brother Harry, has achieved the prestigious black belt in the traditional Korean martial art Tang Soo Do. This is no small feat – Tang Soo Do is a disciplined and demanding art that combines powerful strikes, precise forms, self-defence techniques and a strong focus on respect, perseverance and self-control.

After more than three years of intense training, dedication and determination, the family reached this incredible milestone together. Emily described the final three-hour grading as "incredibly tiring and exhausting," pushing her both physically and mentally – a true test of strength, resilience and focus. But every drop of effort was worth it, as earning a black belt represents not just technical skill, but commitment, character and indomitable spirit.

We couldn't be more proud of Emily, Rob and Harry for their outstanding achievement. A truly inspiring example of hard work, discipline and family teamwork – well done to you all!



Against Older Competition: Jack's Remarkable European Success

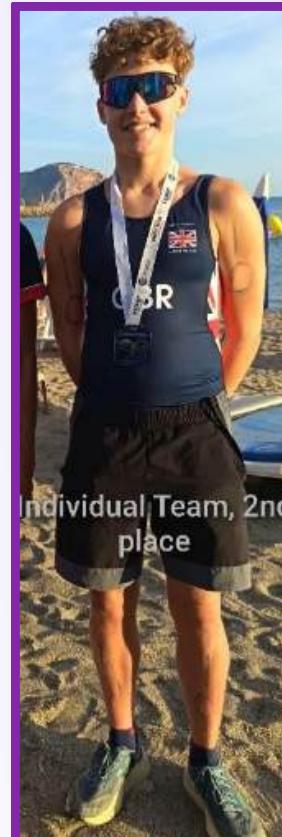
Following a qualifying event last April in Cheltenham, Jack M in Year 10 was selected to represent Team GB in the Biathle, Laser Run and Triathle European Championships in Alanya, Turkey.

Biathle combines two sporting disciplines, running and swimming, in a continuous event with transitions of RUN-SWIM-RUN. Despite being only 14 years old, age group criteria placed Jack in the U17 category, meaning he competed over demanding distances of an 800m run, 200m swim and a final 800m run.

Competing against a strong field of 26 athletes from across 10 different countries, Jack finished an impressive 4th overall and was the first GB athlete across the finish line. A strong team performance from the other athletes meant Team GB proudly secured a Team Silver Medal – an outstanding achievement.

Jack was also selected to compete in the U17 Mixed Relay, where another strong performance saw the team pick up a Bronze Medal.

This was a fantastic week of competition and a tremendous achievement. Huge congratulations to Jack – his success is a testament to the hard work and dedication he puts in every week at the pool and on the track.



Congratulations to Maggie H – World Irish Dancing Championships Qualifier

We are delighted to share the exciting news that Maggie H in Year 9 has successfully qualified for the World Irish Dancing Championships 2026, which will take place in Chicago.

This is an outstanding achievement and a testament to Maggie's dedication, discipline, and passion for Irish dance. Qualifying for the World Championships requires exceptional skill and many hours of training, and Maggie has worked extremely hard to reach this level while balancing her school commitments. Her achievement also reflects the support and encouragement she has received from her family and dance instructors.

Maggie will now prepare to represent her dance school – and our school community – on the world stage next year. We are incredibly proud of her success and wish her the very best as she continues her journey towards Chicago in 2026.

Well done, Maggie! Your commitment and enthusiasm are an inspiration to us all.



Sophie Springs to Success at North West Trampoline Competition

We are delighted to share the fantastic news that Sophie, one of our talented Year 7 pupils, proudly represented our school on Sunday at the North West Trampoline Schools Competition in Macclesfield.

Competing in the highly skilled Years 7–9 Elite Girls category, Sophie delivered an outstanding performance and was crowned the overall winner of her section. This is an exceptional achievement, particularly given the high standard of competition throughout the day.

Sophie's hard work, dedication, and composure have now earned her a well-deserved place at the Zonal Championships, which will take place in January. We are incredibly proud of her accomplishment and look forward to supporting her as she continues her journey.

Congratulations, Sophie – and the very best of luck for the next round!

Swimming Success for Barnaby



Congratulations to Barnaby in Year 8 on his excellent performance at the Leyland Barracudas Swimming Club Championships. Barnaby competed strongly against tough opposition and came away with two silver medals, finishing second in both the Under 13 50m backstroke and the Under 13 100m individual medley.

Even more impressively, Barnaby achieved personal best times in both events, reflecting his hard work, dedication and commitment to training. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to his determination in the pool. Well done to Barnaby on his outstanding success – we look forward to seeing what he achieves next.

Celebrate Our 50th Anniversary with Us

We warmly invite you to give thanks and celebrate our 50th Anniversary. This is a special milestone for our school, and we would be delighted for you to join us in marking this occasion.

Please consider giving generously. Donations will go towards extending the chapel and supporting future projects, helping to sustain the legacy of our school for generations to come.

We also encourage you to follow our social media pages and visit the 50th Anniversary page on our website to keep up with all the celebrations, photos, and highlights from this special year. Your engagement helps us share our achievements and the wonderful memories of the school community.

Thank you for your continued support – together, we celebrate the past, present, and future of our school!

- . Instagram: allhallowsis50**
- . Twitter: AllHallowsis50**
- . Facebook: AllHallowsis50**

<https://www.allhallows.lancs.sch.uk/about/50th-anniversary/>



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All Hallows

50th

Anniversary Ball

THIS YEAR MARKS A VERY SPECIAL MILESTONE – 50 YEARS OF FAITH, LEARNING AND COMMUNITY AT ALL HALLOWS. WE WARMLY INVITE PAST AND PRESENT STAFF, PUPILS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS TO JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING OF CELEBRATION, REFLECTION AND FUN AT OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY BALL.

TICKETS: £49 PER PERSON

INCLUDES:

• WELCOME DRINK

• THREE-COURSE MEAL

• EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

7.00PM – DRINKS RECEPTION

APPROX. 7.30PM – DINNER SERVED

CARRIAGES AT 1.00AM



<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FROQ>

FEBRUARY

SATURDAY

21

7.00 pm

Preston North End Football Club
Sir Tom Finney Way, Preston, PR1
6RU

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT



6th Jan – 13th Feb



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

Overview

PD is a vital part of our curriculum that supports students' wellbeing, character, and future aspirations. In Years 7-10, students will focus on British Values, discrimination and Online Safety. Year 11 will explore money management

Year 7

Pupils will learn how to recognise and challenge bullying and hurtful behaviours, understand disability awareness, avoid spreading rumours, and make safe, responsible choices in their online lives.

Year 8

Pupils will learn about British values, respecting differences, managing challenging relationships, recognising and challenging gender stereotypes, understanding their place in the wider world, and staying safe through Prevent awareness.

Year 9

Pupils will learn to value diversity, recognise and prevent extremism and radicalisation, understand online harms including misogyny and risks from influencers, and reflect on the consequences of sharing indecent images.

Year 10

Pupils will learn about diversity and discrimination, explore beliefs, values, and attitudes, understand extremism and civic responsibilities like jury service, and consider online behaviours and the social implications of sharing explicit images.

Year 11

Pupils will learn how to manage their money, including understanding take-home pay, budgeting, saving, investing, and the role of insurance and pensions.



LESSON TITLES

Year 7

- Identifying and Challenging Bullying
- Disability Awareness
- Spreading Rumours
- Hurtful Behaviours
- My Life on Screen*

Year 8

- What Are British Values
- Appreciating Differences*
- Tough Relationships*
- Gender Stereotypes
- Wider World*
- Prevent

Year 9

- Valuing Diversity
- Understanding Extremism
- Radicalisation
- Misogynistic Behaviours
- Online Influencers and Online Harm
- Feelings About Sharing Indecent Images

Year 10

- Discrimination in the Workplace
- Beliefs and Attitudes*
- Extremism
- Jury Service
- Online Networks
- Sending Indecent Images

Year 11

- Take Home Pay
- Budgeting
- Savings
- Investing
- Insurance and Pensions

*Lessons taught using TenTen

GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS



Helpful Websites

NSPCC – Advice for Parents

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>

Thinkuknow (CEOP)

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

MoneyHelper – Parents & Children

<https://www.1decision.co.uk/resources/parent-carer-zone>

Educate Against Hate – Parents Section –

<https://educateagainsthate.com/parents/>

Young Enterprise – Parent Resources

<https://www.young-enterprise.org.uk/parents/>

Questions to ask

Ks3:

How can we treat people fairly, no matter their race or background?

Year 10:

Why do you think some people post harmful or disrespectful things online?

Year 11:

If you had a set amount of money each month, how would you decide what to spend, save, or invest?

DON'T MISS THIS!

JANUARY

Year 11 Mock Interviews

FEBRUARY 9TH

Online Safety Week

TENTEN

Access TenTen Parent Portal: You can access the parent portal to view the RSHE TenTen lessons for each year using the log in details below: Username: [all-hallows-pr1](#) Password: [fruit-cake](#)

ONE STOP SHOP

A monthly drop in for families to access advice and support.



Primary Mental Health Team



School Nurse



**we are
with you**



Pathway Navigator

NHS
Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust
Advice about School Age Autism pathway processes

21/01/26
18/2/26
18/3/26

No need to book,
Just turn up

3rd
Wednesday
of the month
9:30 -
11:30am



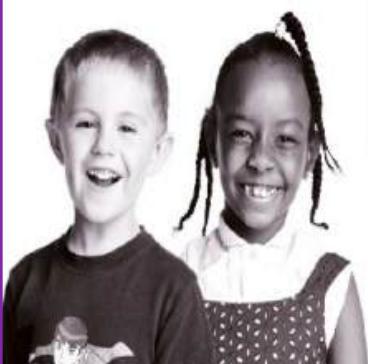
West Paddock Family Hub
West Paddock
Leyland, PR25 1HR



The Nurturing Programme

Information
for Parents
and carers

How to get the best
out of family life



The 10-week
Nurturing Programme
for parents and carers

Where:

West Paddock Family Hub, Leyland.

When:

7th January until 18th March 2026

Contact details:

Email: southribblefamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk



emotionalhealth.org.uk

Registered charity 1062514

Compass Bloom

CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS!

online group

Is your young person feeling more worried than usual?

Are those worries starting to get in the way of everyday life and would they like to access support from Compass Bloom for the first time?

We're here to help.

We're running an online worry management group for secondary school aged young people across Central & West Lancashire.

- 6-week course
- Delivered on MS Teams
- Join alongside other young people who feel the same

What we'll cover (one topic each week):

- Session 1 - Understanding anxiety - fight, flight, freeze + intro to CBT
- Session 2 - Spotting & managing physical symptoms
- Session 3 - Challenging negative thoughts - fact or opinion?
- Session 4 - Worry tools - the worry tree, letting go & problem solving
- Session 5 - Behaviours - safety, exposure & building confidence
- Session 6 - Emotions - self-soothing, safe spaces & moving forward

A safe space to learn, share and discover new ways to manage worries.

TO REGISTER FOR OUR NEXT ONLINE GROUP
Scan the QR code or follow the MS link below to fill in a quick form.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft.com/e/PKVaK3FqKY>

We'll then give you a call to organise an Assessment and confirm the date of the next course and answer any questions you might have.

SCAN ME!

QR code

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Lancashire SEND Roadshow



2025/2026

The roadshows are for families and practitioners to find out more about support and services available for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers.

These Roadshows are happening across Lancashire bringing the SEND Local Offer to your area.

The SEND Local Offer brings together all services in Lancashire for children and young people aged 0-25 with SEND, and their families.



NHS FAMILY HUB Network Lancashire SEND Partnership Together we can!!! Lancashire County Council

Break Time

Fun group activities for children and young people with SEND in Lancashire

Don't forget!

Registrations will be open from **Monday 27th October 2025** to **Sunday 18th January 2026**

Both new and current members must register!

www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND



or scan:



Lancashire
County Council

POWAR Programme; January to March 2026



POWAR is the youth voice forum for young people with SEND, aged 11-25, in Lancashire. POWAR provides a space for young people to explore issues related to them and to challenge and advocate on the services they receive.

We are here to make changes across Lancashire - to improve services for young people with SEND and to have fun!

Where, when, and what time

POWAR East: Burnley Central Family Hub and the Zone, Whittam Street, Burnley, BB11 1LW.
Tuesdays
20th January,
3rd February, 17th February
3rd March, 17th March, 31st March
From: 18:00 - 20:00

POWAR Central: Ribbleton Family Hub, Ribbleton Hall Drive, Preston, PR2 6EE.
Thursday
Weekly from 8th January onwards
From: 18:00 - 20:00

POWAR North: Whitecross Neighbourhood Centre (Mill 14), Quarry Road, Lancaster, LA1 3SE.
Friday
16th January, 30th January,
13th February, 27th February,
13th March, 27th March
From: 18:00 - 20:00

Lancashire County Council Lancashire SEND Partnership FAMILY HUBS

All Hallows Catholic High School Safeguarding



What does bullying look like?

- Name calling
- Writing/saying nasty comments
- Excluding you from activities
- Hitting you
- Making unkind demands of you
- Humiliating you in front of others
- Demanding things from you that don't belong to them

How can you tell someone?

- Go to your Head of Year or DSL's Office
- Tell your form tutor
- Tell your parent/carer
- If you have any concerns, you can talk to any member of staff in school.

If there is something or someone worrying me, who should I tell?

- Form Tutor
- DSL
- Head of Year
- Head Teacher / Deputy Head Teacher
- SLT
- Teacher
- Office Staff / Support Staff
- Canteen Staff
- Parents
- Friends

How do I stay safe in school?

- Follow staff instructions in the classroom
- Walk around the school safely
- No play fighting, pushing or tripping anyone up
- Walk calmly and sensibly along corridors and follow the one-way system



DSL
Mrs J Washington



Backup DSL
Miss R Taylor

Trained DSLs - Mrs A Cooper, Mrs M Rishton and Mr D Finch

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