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Please note that from September we will no longer be accepting cash payments in school. Everything will be paid for using our online payments service - ParentPay.

Please activate your account as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. You can contact the school office for help with this on 01282682260.

SCHOOL MEAL PRICE INCREASE

In April 2022, the cost of school meal deals increased by 10p from £2.30 per meal to £2.40.

With the current financial climate and the cost of living increasing rapidly, it has been agreed by our headteacher and governors that we will subsidise the extra cost per meal for our families until the end of March 2023 in order to help families through this very turbulent time.

MOVING ON UP

A fun programme, to help your child transition to school readiness

4th - 25th August 2021
Thursdays in the summer holidays

10.00am - 11.30pm
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Walton Street, BB8 OEL

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Advice sessions are available on-line via
Attend Anywhere

Log on using the hyperlink - <https://nhs.uk/HLSC/CAMHS>

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

Wed	3	August	3pm - 5pm
Wed	10	August	1pm - 3pm
Wed	17	August	5pm - 7pm
Wed	24	August	3pm - 5pm
Wed	31	August	1pm - 3pm

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WELCOME

from the Headteacher



Well another year has gone and for the last term and a half it feels like we are finally getting back to 'normal' and managing to hold events and assemblies, parents' evenings and open evenings and venturing out on educational visits.

I still maintain that it is a privilege to be head of this school and to work with our fantastic young people who teach us so many great things. There are countless times our pupils, who live with so many different challenges, demonstrate enormous resilience and achievements, sometimes against all odds and yet their smiles and expressions of joy often conceal the fact they live every day with challenges we can hardly imagine or truly appreciate.

Everyone has worked so hard and I continue to be hugely proud of everything we have achieved. We have finalised our vision and values, new uniform and branding and subject leads have been working diligently in the further development of the curriculum to ensure all learning encompasses the main components of our curriculum. This will enable our students to further develop independence, communication and social interaction, skills to be safe and develop positive physical and mental health.

The enriched curriculum has also gone from strength to strength. Erasmus visits recommenced, drumming workshops, healthy relationships and mental health workshops, workplace visits, visits into the community, parks, shops, the zoo, food bank, castles and Forest School to name a few.

Accompanied by Ifras and Asad, two of our college students, I was a guest speaker at the Pendle Employer & Education Summit where I had the opportunity to highlight all of the things many of our students CAN do and asked employers to consider offering us work experience and voluntary work placements, in the hope of gaining future employment.

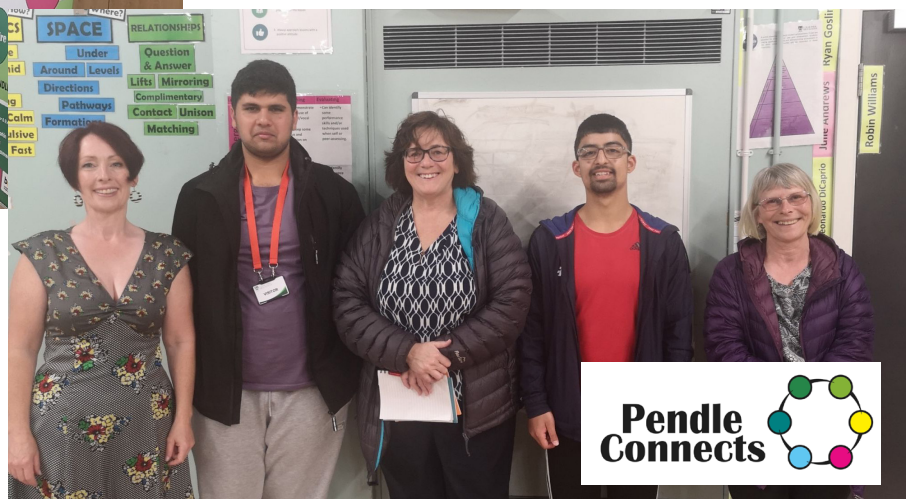
Everything we have achieved is a direct result of everyone working tirelessly and doing their very best to make sure that every day makes a difference to our pupils.

Debra Grogan



Top: Guest speakers at the Pendle Employer & Education Summit.

Right: Rachel Kay from Pendle Connects with Asad, Ifras, myself and Jenny Bayliss, Deputy Headteacher, at the event.



OUR CORE VALUES

ARE AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO



HONESTY

EMBRACE DIVERSITY

AMBITION

RESPECT

TOGETHERNESS

This year, we have revisited our vision and values in conjunction with last year's parent feedback around the curriculum and what we want for our young people for when they leave us, students, staff and governors.

The final decision was the word **HEART** to represent our values and this stands for:

- **Honesty:** to be able to trust each other and for everyone to always tell the truth
- **Embrace diversity:** everyone is included, don't leave anyone out
- **Ambition** which includes achievement; to have high expectations of our young people and to always try our best
- **Respect:** Being respectful, kind, listening to each other etc.
- **Togetherness:** teamwork, supporting, helping and looking after each other

We are rebranding the school with these core values at the foundation and as such we are changing our school uniform. Having a uniform is an important part of belonging to this school and community and the students are proud of this new logo and what it represents. We have sent home communication about where you can buy this new uniform from and we have also sent a voucher to everyone so that they can get their first sweatshirt/hoodie on us. We can't wait to see everyone in September wearing the new uniform with pride.

SPORTS DAY

Nothing marks the end of the summer term like a good old fashioned sports day. Luckily after two days of sweltering heat, the weather had cooled down a bit, allowing our students to enjoy the games, races and activities set up for them. It was lovely to see everyone trying their best and having fun!



PCHSC@ WILLIAMS HALL



CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS!

In September we will hopefully sign the lease to take over Williams Hall for the next 5 years.

We plan to transform this space into a community cafe, serving lunch for the local elderly residents and be the base for parents and carers' meetings. We are also thinking of running a charity shop/ swap shop, a community garden and also have place for our students to develop skills in nationally accredited NCFE Level 1 qualifications in catering, hospitality, cleaning, customer services and any other courses that our students are able to access.

Our aim is to eventually welcome in local employers and give them the opportunity to see what our students can do and achieve, in the hope that it might open doors for some of our students to finding future employment or work experience.

Once we get the keys we will need help with cleaning, decorating, gardening etc. so that we can get furnishings in and open as quickly as we can. It really is an exciting adventure and we hope that you will join us on it! Once ready, the community will be able to rent the space at weekends too.

We will also be looking to hire a caretaker so if you know of anyone with experience please get in touch.



RIBBLE AT THE ZOO

This term, Ribble enjoyed a school trip to Blackpool Zoo as part of their topic about habitats in Science. Students explored the different kinds of habitats within the zoo setting and enjoyed observing all the different animals. They also looked at what the animals ate. Everyone had a fantastic day.



BATTLES, CASTLES AND KNIGHTS

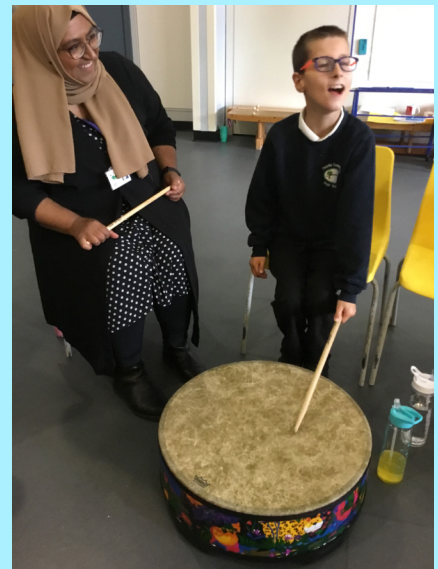
As part of their exciting topic, Battles, Castles and Knights, students in Irwell had the opportunity to visit Skipton Castle. The castle is one of the most complete and best-preserved medieval castles in England and has been standing for over 900 years!

Students learned all about the castle and how it withstood a three-year siege during the Civil War. They enjoyed learning about the people and events that have shaped the castle from Norman times through to today.



THE SOUND OF SAMBA

Hodder and Irwell along with Kyle and Saad have been having lessons on how to drum the Samba with Tee, the samba specialist from More Music. They have learned to play some tricky little rhythms that originate from South America. We will be having our last lesson this week and will hopefully get to show off our group rhythms in assembly before the end of term.



A VISIT TO BILLY BOB'S

Students in Marsden had a great end of term visit to Billy Bob's Parlor, near Skipton. The students explored the environment, which includes play areas outside and in the barn. They also got to choose and eat american style food in the diner. All students represented college amazingly and they all "had a nice day"!





LYTHAM SHINE BRIGHT

Lytham travelled to Tor View School last week to celebrate music and the arts at their annual Arts Festival 'Shine'. This mini Glastonbury provides the opportunity for local schools and colleges to come together to showcase their performances in a festival style environment. They have fabulous grounds including a festival field filled with marquees where students can perform and showcase their talents. The sun was beaming and the students thoroughly enjoyed the day, watching other schools perform their cheerleading, singing & signing and see a few thrash/punk bands from Tor View. It also gave them the opportunity to perform their very well-rehearsed songs for a big appreciative crowd of festival goers.



TALENTED TECHYS



In the ICT technical skills club, students have been analysing faults in devices and looking at possible ways of recycling redundant technologies/ devices, such as cutting up old motherboards and creating fashionable keyrings. Super work!



Students in the ICT video club have been learning skills in creating and editing videos. They planned their video using a storyboard and then assigned each other different roles. Everyone worked together to create a video that Horrible Histories would be proud of! Great job everyone!



FUN AT FOREST SCHOOL

This term Ribble and Blacko classes have been back to forest school and it has been fantastic fun!

The groups have created games independently and played them together. They have been developing their building skills and have designed and constructed various types of tree swings.

We have even formed a forest school band using things we have found to make different instruments.



SLAIDBURN USE THEIR SENSES

This term, students in Slaidburn have been exploring poems while using their senses.

They have explored lots of different touches, smells and tastes. The class all worked together to make their own class poem using lots of adjectives and alliteration!

Here is their masterpiece, called **'The Slaidburn Food Poem'**

For my lunch today I am going to have...

Sausage skittles sizzling

Not nice nuts

Crispy chicken curry

Banana big mac in a bag

King kebab

Delicious dahl

Creamy chocolate

Burnt burgers

Tasty turkey

And a

Pineapple pepper pepperoni pizza

That's what I am going to have for my lunch today



GOOD LUCK TO OUR LEAVERS

It's always a bittersweet feeling when we say goodbye to our leavers. We are sad to see them go but excited for what the future will bring for them as they move on to their next chapter. Our leavers assembly was held on 8th July and we took the opportunity to celebrate each of our leavers and wish them all the best.



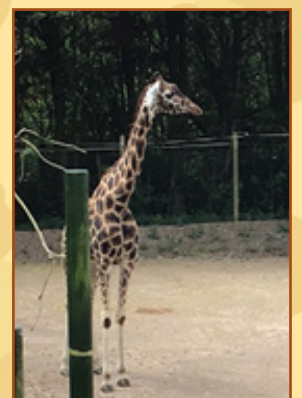
WENNING GO WILD



We've had another exciting term in Wenning! In the first half of the summer term, Wenning were learning about different animals and their homes. They enjoyed learning about under the sea, the arctic, the farm, the woods and the safari. We went on our very own bear hunt around Marsden Park to see if we could see any bears hiding. We went in disguise with our very own bear masks, and shouting line from the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. The students had a great time and managed to find the bears hiding round the park.

Wenning also went on a trip to Blackpool Zoo. They enjoyed getting to see a range of different animals around the park, including elephants, gorillas, giraffes, kangaroos – just to name a few; and getting to watch the sea lion show. The students were less keen on the peacocks and seagulls.

This half term we have been working on Castles, Battles and Knights. Students have enjoyed looking at the armour of knights, threading to make their own chainmail, using stepping stones to cross the moat around the castle and learning about battling dragons with the story 'Zog'. What a fabulous way to end an exciting year in Wonderful Wenning!



WILD ED QUESTION TIME

What a fabulous year working with Action for Conservation! We have learned about biodiversity, climate crisis, plastic crisis and deforestation. Students in Bowland have also had the opportunity to talk with Andrew Stephenson, our local MP. We discussed with Andrew the issues that Lytham and Bowland have raised with AfC over the school year:

- We would like to have more bins and recycling facilities in our local community.
- We would like the opportunity for every child to plant a sapling, shrub/bush or scatter wild flower seeds when they start their education.
- We would like to see a ban on single use plastics in all Pendle schools.
- We would like to have alternative power in our schools and college such as solar power.

Andrew agreed that schools and colleges could do more in the Pendle area to reduce litter. He said it is up to us to spread the word to explain why it is so important and how we can all do our bit to recycle, reuse and reduce waste, by telling our brothers, sisters and parents and our wider family to really think about being eco-friendly.

Andrew reminded the group that The Queen's Green Canopy is an initiative that began in May 2021 in the United Kingdom in honour of the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II in 2022. To increase and protect the native tree cover, people are being urged to create this 'special gift' for the Queen, to mark her 70 years on the throne. They have enlisted the help from the Bee group and the Woodland trust but are struggling for volunteers to plant saplings. Students immediately said they would love to help.

Andrew told us that 9 acres of land has been allocated for planting on rather than for planning permission which was comforting to the group. He also talked about the new deposit return scheme that shops will be running where we will all pay a little bit more for a bottle of pop but will get some money back when we return it to the shop. There is also a scheme for decarbonising buildings where local councils will be able to apply for a grant to purchase solar panels, wind and water powered energy.



COFFEE MORNING



On Friday 24th June, we had another well attended coffee morning at Hodge House Community Centre with Alison McConville, FLO, Amy McKay, School Nurse and Paul Hartley who ran an enjoyable talkaoke session with parents and the Lytham students. We all had a go talking on the microphone about our chosen subjects including well-being, the prom and ways in which parents can support our PCHSC community. The Lytham students were the perfect hosts serving refreshments to the parents.

Alison is planning more themed coffee mornings for parents/carers for the next academic year, and she will be sending out an itinerary in September 2022. If anyone has any ideas about topics or speakers, please feel free to contact Alison by phone 01282 682260 or email amcconville@pchs.lancs.sch.uk.

BASIC FIRST AID

Years 7 and 8 have been very busy learning basic first aid, developing knowledge of calling for help, dialling 999, bleeds, bandaging and CPR.



ECO GROUP COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE

The 14-16 Eco Group are passionate about PCHS doing its bit to help combat climate change and becoming as environmentally friendly as possible.

The main cause of frustration and despair in school at the moment is the use of single plastic cups in the refectory at lunch time. The group's suggestion is that pupils should bring in their own reusable cup or bottle and take it down to the refectory with them instead of throwing away lots of plastic cups which will just go straight to landfill. If you want to help us, please ensure your child has a reusable cup or bottle that can be brought to school and used at breaks and lunchtimes. The environment will thank you!

The Eco Group are passionate about spreading the word to the whole school about ways in which we can do more to stop climate change, such as turning off lights when there is no one in a room; switching off computers and whiteboards when not in use; recycling used pens, scrap paper and batteries and buying reusable shopping bags instead of purchasing more and more plastic carriers at every shopping trip.

The group have been very happy when members of staff have been inspired by them to think about their actions and the impact they are having on the planet. For example, Mr Taj has stopped buying small bottles of water and invested in a smart reusable water bottle which he now drinks out of with pride. Ms Roswell learnt about how badly cows are treated in order for humans to drink their milk, as well as the impact cows have on our environment and she now drinks plant based alternatives such as oat milk or almond milk. Yum!

The Eco group were shocked to discover that meat served up in fast food chains is one of the main causes of man's destruction of the rainforest: no one could quite believe that the equivalent of ten football pitches were destroyed every minute in 2021 just to provide the world with cheap meat. Mrs Flanagan has stopped eating meat partly in response to this shocking figure and she hopes that others will also cut down on their consumption of meat to help protect the rainforests which are 'the lungs of our earth.'

What can you and your family do to help our mission to be an eco-aware school? We would love it if this short article has inspired you in even the smallest of ways to become more environmentally friendly.

HODDER STUDY HABITATS

As part of Hodder's plants theme in science. We went to Blackpool Zoo to explore the different types of plants used in the various habitats found in the zoo. The students learnt about which plants the animals eat and which plants they use to make their homes. We also got to see lots of amazing animals in the process which was an added bonus!



RUN FOR ROUNDIT

College students enjoyed a game of 'Roundit', a new game invented by the students - half rounders, half cricket. Scores were 36/35 38/40 and 24/54. Lots of good scorers were caught out in the final match. Lady of the match was awarded to Alisha. Man of the match was awarded to Nuhman. Well done to everyone who took part, brilliant team spirit!

STAMP IT OUT IN MADRID



Magical Madrid was the destination for the students who were chosen by their peers as the kindest student in key stage 4. Congratulations on this achievement to Zak, Morgan, Erin, Chloe, Kacper, Aqib and also to Callum and Lewis who were unfortunately unable to travel.

As part of the Erasmus project Stamp It Out, 6 students and 3 staff went to Madrid to work with students from Hungary, Spain, Turkey and Portugal on ways to get rid of bullying in their schools and communities. They took part in presentations, designing a t-shirt and learning how to play wall ball.

We had the most amazing time visiting the Spanish school. We also took part in a cultural visit to the royal palace in Madrid, missing the king of Spain by just a day.

All the staff were so impressed with the students and were proud to have been able to spend the week away with them.



CAREERS WEEK

Key stage 4 had a fantastic week developing a range of skills they will need in the future to be part of the workforce. We had visitors from Energy Quest developing engineering skills, Shell UK which showed a range of jobs available within the organisation, NatWest bank and Dave the caretaker from Engie.

Students had fun building using cocktail sticks and midget gems, building a parachute to drop an egg from height. A favourite of both students, staff and governors was the Talkaoke session run by Paul from Insitu.



END OF YEAR MEAL

Bowland travelled to the Istanbul Grill Denton, Manchester for their end-of-term celebrations.

Students and staff ate delicious Turkish food and enjoyed each other's company whilst reflecting on the past year and talking about all the exciting adventures ahead.



READY, STEADY, CHANGE



As part of our Erasmus project 'Ready Steady Change' a group of 6 students and 3 staff went to Balkesir in Turkey where they were able to experience Turkish Culture first hand.

Whilst there we had the chance to taste lots of traditional Turkish food, watch traditional Turkish dancing, visit Istanbul and have a meal with different Turkish families.

The students became confident and recognised the value of positive thinking and were able to share positive affirmations and understand how they affect thinking.



Each student and staff member also learned a new art skill (traditional Turkish art Ebru). We also learned some new games as well as taking part in an orienteering task in small groups. Finally the students took part in a coding workshop where they were the only group who managed to successfully build their robot!



PROM 2022

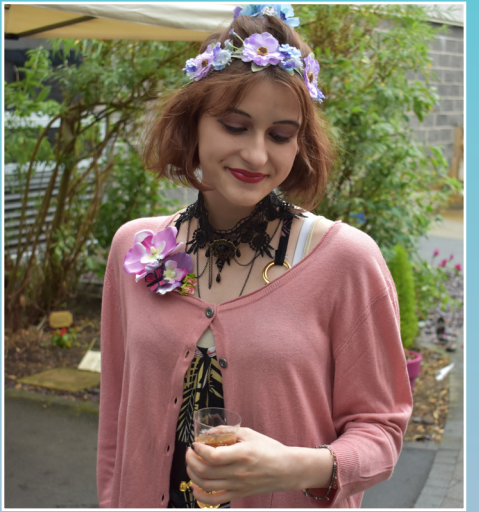
This year, with no more covid restrictions in place, we were finally able to get back to what we do best and hold our annual Prom celebrations.

Students from years 11 - 14 got all dressed up to walk down the red carpet into what for some of them was their last celebration with us.

They enjoyed a glass of fizz, a superb buffet made by the catering classes and danced the night away to the set list provided by our very own DJ Matty B!

It was an excellent evening enjoyed by all and lots of memories were made. Well done to the college council for all of the planning, organising and making the night happen.

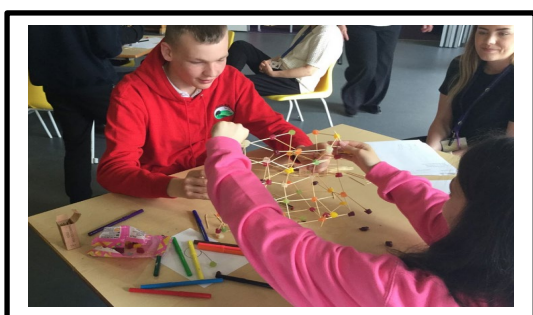
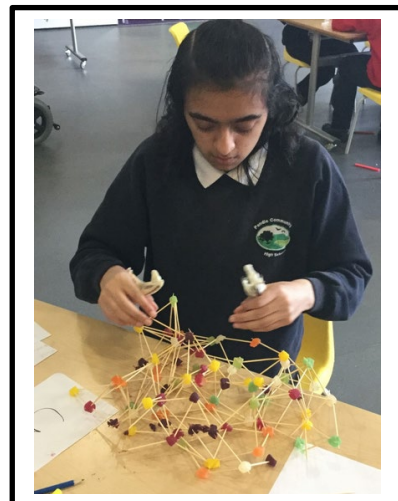




The D to the A to the NT news

Today we had a real treat when we had not 1 not 2 but 7 teams who went into this year's sweet stack tower commotion who will come out on top and who will be left to clean up.

The first team we interviewed was a group of 4 and their leader was called Callum when we asked them what they were doing he said that they were doing a hexagonal shape base for their tower. They used two sticks to support the tower so it was less likely to fall over this reporter thinks that this team has a decent chance to win this commotion. The second team we interviewed was a group of 5 being led by a girl called Summer their game plan was to make the tower 2d then add some support to make it 3d. This is a strange strategy and I'm not sure it will work but if you can think it you can do it.



Team six was the last team we got to interview now like the last team they also did not have a leader in fact they didn't even have a plan they just winged it and it did look like it would work. I think they have the same strategy as team 4 with the cubes but they have a giant cube with a small tower on top of it. Over all I think they have the best chance to win.

Now unfortunately we didn't have time to interview team seven but from what we saw their plan was to make triangles and put them into a tower and from what I saw they got a good chance at winning.

The fourth team also had 4 members and like the last team they didn't have a leader but a boy called Zac had it all under control. Their idea was to build a bunch of cubes and have a 3x3 base and then put the rest of the cubes on top of the tower making it bigger. This is a good idea but I'm a bit worried that the tower part may fall over from lack of support. The next team was number three they had 4 members and we think a boy called Charlie was in charge but we aren't a 100% sure on that. The idea they had was unique but I don't think they really had a plan for it but they still have as good a shot as anyone. Team five was next on the list they ended up restarting their build just before we arrived and like some teams they was no leader but they had a plan. Their plan was to have a box like shape and just build onto it they just made it tall. they have a shot at winning this but only time will tell

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Now if you want to know who won you will have to wait until Next week's article comes out. This has been reporter Dan with his trainee Zain signing out

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2nd - 26th August

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Victoria Park Nelson 1.00pm - 3.00pm (CFWS Bradley if wet)	Alkincoats Park Colne 1.00pm - 3.00pm (CFWS Colne if wet)	Ready Steady School CFWS Colne 10.00am - 11.30am CFWS Whitefield 1.00pm - 2.30pm	Victory Park, Barnoldswick 1.00pm - 3.00pm (CFWS Barnoldswick if wet)

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Time: 4:00pm to 5:30pm

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Thursdays 4 - 5.30pm
28 July - 25 August
Bradley Neighbourhood Centre, Leeds Road
BB9 8EL
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Ages 5-10 years
Wednesdays 4 - 5.30pm
27 July - 24 August
Barnoldswick Neighbourhood Centre,
Dam Head Road, BB18 5LS
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TERM DATES 2022 - 2023

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Re-open on: Friday 2nd September

Closure after school on Wednesday 19th October

Half term: Thursday 20th October - Friday 28th October

Re-open on: Monday 31st October

Closure after school on Friday 16th December



SPRING TERM 2023

Re-open on: Wednesday 4th January

Closure after School on Friday 10th February

Half term: Monday 13th February to Monday 20th February (inclusive)

Re-open on: Tuesday 21st February

Closure after School on Friday 31st March



SUMMER TERM 2023

Re-open on: Monday 17th April

May Day closure: Monday 1st May

Closure after School on Friday 26th May

Half term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

Re-open on: Monday 5th June

Closure after School on Friday 21st July

