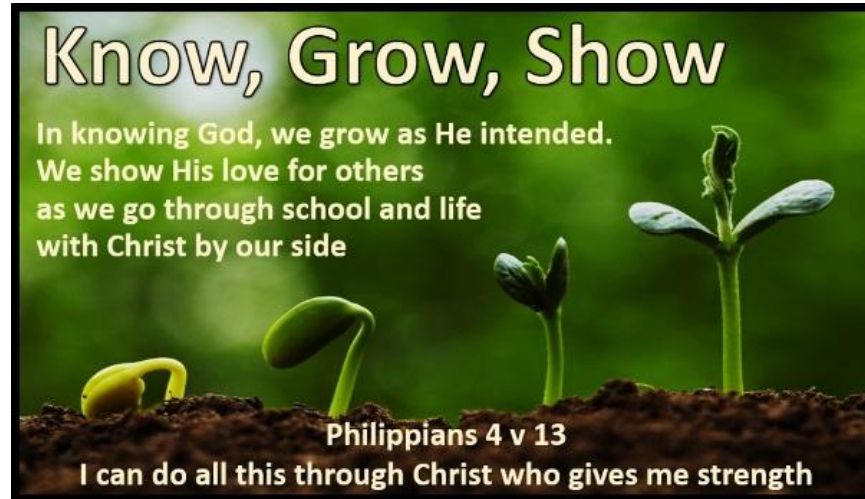


Welcome to Over Kellet Church of England Primary School



A happy school leads to good outcomes for all...
We are a wonderful friendly school, if you need anything support will be there for you!

A little about us...

43% of our children are from the village

103 children in 1 pure and 3 mixed age classes. Rec, Y1/2, Y3/4, Y5/6.

Intake number of 15

Wonderful grounds that we are continuing to develop e.g. new garden area & forest schools

Kind, talented staff who are forward looking

Successful and happy learners

Fun and engaging curriculum (including focus on active learning e.g. Forest Schools, orienteering)

Ofsted – April 2024 – Good. SIAMs: Outstanding May 2019 – due next year!

Focus on developing the whole child – academically but also socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually – every child is different and has skills and talents to explore! We give them the freedom to explore and help them to cultivate and celebrate their successes.

50 Things to do before leaving Over Kellet.

Follow our FB for what we've been up to!



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN LANCASHIRE

Church of England Primary School

Church of England Status

- ▶ We are a voluntary aided Church of England primary school
- ▶ Staff are employed by the Board of Governors not the local authority
- ▶ We have close links with the Blackburn Diocese and St Cuthbert's Church
- ▶ We are proud of our distinctive Christian ethos and hold worship every day



What to expect...

From us

High quality care with good relationships

A safe environment where the children can grow & learn

From you

Talk & work with us – we all want what's best for your child

Trust us – collectively we have been in education a long time!

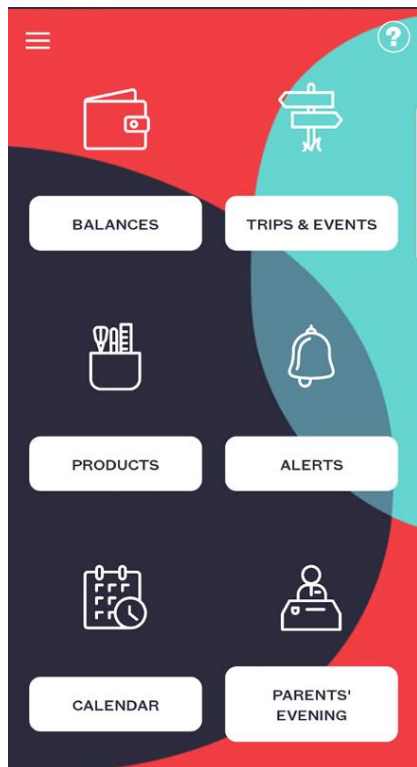
Attendance

- Legal requirement that every child of age 5 to be in full time education.
- Please form good habits by starting with regular and punctual attendance from day 1 even though they may not be 5 yet.
- It is up to the HT whether it is a reasonable explanation and whether the absence may be authorised.
- If attendance falls below 90% they are regarded as a 'persistent absentee'
- From September 2013 HT can no longer authorise holidays. I can only authorise absence for exceptional reasons. These are Funeral/ Wedding of close family member, critically ill relative.

Attendance Ladder



Scopay



- Selection of dinner choices & payments for these (Free until Year 3 onwards)
- Purchasing of products such as: Friday bacon/sausage buns £1.50 each
- Booking parent evening appointments
- Providing permission/consent and any payments for trips/events
- During the first week you will be provided with a Scopay link letter. This will enable you to sign up to Scopay and create an account for your child
- If another parent also wants access please email and we will send you another link letter once the original has been activated

Uniform



Our logo'd school uniform provision is available from **Uniform and Leisurewear**

You can choose to purchase other non-logo items from here or from other local shops and supermarkets.

They provide our uniform from their shop in Lancaster

You can also order online at <https://ualonline.co.uk/collections/over-kellet-wilsons-endowed-ce-primary-school-smarter> **Kellet Wilsons Endowed CE Primary School – UAL Online** This year we are providing all new starters with a book bag so you won't need to purchase one.

PE Lessons



Indoor PE Kit

- Black shorts
- School PE T Shirt is royal blue with no logos

Outdoor PE Kit

- Indoor PE items plus the following :
- Tracksuit (Top and Bottoms) – Pupils cannot move properly if wearing a coat
- Trainers – they will get muddy on the field so bring a plastic bag to take them home

School Milk

Your child has been registered to this scheme by Sam in the School Office to ensure every child receives their FREE entitlement up to their 5th Birthday.

If you do want to continue a milk provision after this date please register with Cool Milk to arrange this.



A promotional graphic for Cool Milk. The top half has a blue background with a milk bottle icon and the text 'FREE and subsidised school milk Register your child today!'. Below this is a photo of a child in a red school uniform holding a glass of milk. The bottom right section is a dark blue box with white text: 'Is your child entitled to FREE milk?' followed by two categories: 'Child under 5?' (entitled to FREE school milk) and 'Child over 5?' (entitled to milk at a subsidised price of around £18 per term). It includes instructions to register online and a contact number for the customer service team. The Cool Milk logo and website are at the bottom.

FREE and subsidised school milk
Register your child today!

Is your child entitled to FREE milk?

Child under 5?
Every child under the age of five is entitled to FREE school milk.
Register your child online for FREE school milk today.

Child over 5?
Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised price of around £18 per term.
Register online now and you can pay straight away!

Register your child for school milk today.
Sign them up in a few clicks...

Go online and quickly register your child for school milk at www.coolmilk.com

Need help? Contact our Customer Service team on 0800 321 3248 or via email at registrations@coolmilk.com

Cool Milk
www.coolmilk.com

The UK government continues to support school milk. Help for under-5s is funded by DfE, the Home Office, DfES, DfID and the Department for Education. Cool Milk is a registered charity.

Parents

Milk is the ideal mid-morning drink for your child and for many it's absolutely free.

School milk is...

FREE for children under the age of five.

FREE to children receiving or entitled to free school meals*.

Subsidised for all other children in primary education.

The School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme (SFVS) provides a free piece of fruit or veg to every 4-6 year-old who attends a fully state-funded primary, infant or special school - roughly 450 million pieces of fruit a year to 2.3 million children.

School Dinners

Our meals are provided by Lancashire Catering Service

If your child has a special diet we will require medical evidence to enable our supplier to provide approved and safe meals. Please email evidence to bursar@wilsons.lancs.sch.uk

See our website for our current menu's which are a 3 week rotating scheme and also has a schedule to show which menu is running each week

LINK: [School Meals – Wilsons Endowed CE School](#)

We promote the practice of cutlery skills in readiness for September. See leaflet in the link below for support:

LINK: [Developing your child's cutlery skills](#)

Two options: school meals or packed lunch

- You can swap and change!
- School meals are currently free for every child in Rec-Y2.
- We do not have any 'rules' as such for packed lunches but it does need to be balanced.
 - Crisps and chocolate biscuits are allowed but not on their own! **We do ask all parents not to send nut products.**

The Reception and Year 1 children have a buddy in school.

Your child will be partnered with a Year 5 child and sit with them for the first term to support them at lunchtimes

Free school Meals & pupil Premium

Your child may be entitled to free school meals beyond the universal free schools meal criteria

The pupil premium provides extra funding to raise the achievement of some pupils. It is worth £1455 per pupil for the school your child attends.

Click on the link for your eligibility and apply by completing the online form:

[LINK: Free school meals - Lancashire County Council](#)

From September 2026, all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit will be entitled to a free school meal when attending Over Kellet Wilson's Endowed CE Primary School.

There will now be two categories of benefits-based Free School Meals:

- Targeted FSM – This continues under the existing criteria for families receiving Universal Credit with an annual household income of £7,400 or less.
- Expanded FSM (new) – This applies to children in households receiving Universal Credit who do not meet the £7,400 threshold, but are still eligible under the expanded criteria. This is a very positive change that will allow more children to benefit from a healthy, nutritious meal each school day.

The process is easy! You need your name, address, DOB and NI number then ring 01524 58120 or complete the application form on the link above

Neighbourly Request



Cars, Parking & Safe Access to School

- The recommended safe walking route into school from the main gate is by using the path to the left, this avoids the school car park which can be hazardous at the start & end of the school day
- The school car park can only accommodate staff cars, deliveries and people with appointments at the school. Due to the lack of space, number of pedestrians and deliveries, parents and carers are asked not to use the school car park at the beginning and end of the school day.

(This does not apply to Breakfast and After School Club users or blue badge holders.)

The Police ask that we are neighbourly when parking on the surrounding roads. Please keep driveways clear and if possible, avoid parking on School Lane near the bend into school. Vehicles reversing on Kirklands has also been highlighted as a worry with young pedestrians. We have been asked that if you are parking on a pavement to please ensure that a safe walking route is kept clear. Church Bank residents understand that it gets busy around the start and end of school but they have requested that extra care is taken to ensure that driveways are left clear. Thank you.

School Car Park

Safety concerns have been raised by both staff and parents. When entering the school grounds from School Lane all children should take the path to the left to access the playground. They should not walk across the car park. We ask that parents do not to park in the school car park at the beginning or end of school. We want to try and avoid having to marshal the car park or close the gates.



Healthy School and a windy playground!

We provide a healthy snack for all of Reception and Key Stage One so there is no need to send any additional food in.

WE ARE A NO NUTS SCHOOL! PLEASE DO NOT SEND PRODUCTS CONTAINING NUTS

Earrings



One pair of stud earrings is acceptable. These must be removed for all PE activities. It is requested that if children have their ears pierced, that it is done at the beginning of the Summer holidays to avoid missing PE lessons.

Socks, Bows and Nails!



School Uniform – FAQs

To be fair to all pupils, we try to encourage a sensible approach to smart uniform. We find this prepares our children for high school and prevents any competitiveness in current trends. We are grateful that parents support us in making sure children do not wear nail varnish, jewellery and also keep bobbles to the school colours which are suitably small and practical. Large bows are best for weekends. Likewise socks worn in school should match uniform colours of black, blue, grey or white.

Starting the Day



As the children have settled so well we would ask if you could support your child in the following ways:

- Say goodbye in the playground
- Encourage the children to enter the school on their own
- We do not wish to appear mean but it is sometimes hard for the children to settle quickly if they are looking for mummy waving through the window. It is also hard on those children who may not have someone there to wave for them.
- Please use the main entrance should you wish to see Sam in the office
- If you need to speak with the teacher please pop in before the morning bell or after school
- You can also contact school via email, phone or text (see below)

End of School collection

We just want to keep the children safe and have a robust system at the end of school. Therefore we only hand over the younger children when we see mum or dad on the yard to collect them.

We need to be informed if a different adult is collecting your child. Please let Sam in the office know. If it is a regular arrangement then you only need to tell us once.



Before & After school club

Run by Suzie & Emma

7.30 till 8.50 & 3.20 till 5.30pm

Cost

- £5.50 Breakfast Club
- £4 Mini till 4pm
- £6 Short till 4.30pm
- £8.50 Long till 5.30pm

Flexible – let us know by the previous day

Maximum spaces 12 in the morning & 24 at night – please book ahead!

Breakfast cereal/toast in a morning

ASC: Snack at 3.30

Variety of activities: from sports to crafts, outside where possible.

Learning

- Until now you have been your child's most significant teacher. **You still are!!**
- Children need stories, visits, conversation, family time, games etc.
- Schools have some free choice opportunities but organisational things are not an option e.g. P.E.
- Your child needs to be able to follow an instruction given by an adult.

Adults

Miss Lamoury



Mrs Marshall



Mrs Law



Mrs Howard



Mr Newiss



Mrs Pattinson



► THE EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE (EYFS) IS THE STAGE OF EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO THE END OF THE RECEPTION YEAR.

► IT IS BASED ON THE RECOGNITION THAT CHILDREN LEARN BEST THROUGH PLAY AND ACTIVE LEARNING.

What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

The first few weeks

We will find out what the children already know and can do and use this information to help us develop an individual learning programme for each child.

We spend lots of our time working and talking to the children about what they are learning and getting to know them. We may record some 'wow' moments but largely we assess and move children on 'in the moment' and so not everything gets recorded.

Assessment

At various points during the year we will be assessing what your child knows and what they need to learn next.

We want all children to make the most progress that they can and reach their full potential.

Reception Baseline Assessment

Phonics assessments

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile – 17 ELGs

A typical day in Reception...

8.45 Doors open, belongings in lockers and morning activities

8.50 - 9.00am Register and lunch choices

9.00am Worship

9.30am Maths and continuous provision

10.15 - 10.45 Phonics

10.45 - 11.00am Snack and milk time

11.00am - 12.00pm Literacy activities and continuous provision

12.00 - 12.10 Storytime

12.10 – 1.10pm Lunch

1.10 – 3.00pm Topic time

3.00 – 3.20pm Singing and rhyme time

It is the school's role to teach reading.

Parents/carers play a vital role.

Parents' or carers' support is needed to help their child practise reading and develop fluency with a book that is matched to their reading ability.

We begin phonics teaching on day 1 of school.

We send books home to be shared with a reading diary.

More information about early reading and phonics will be provided at our parents meeting in the autumn term.

Reading and Phonics

ELS – Essential Letters and Sounds

- High-quality interactions.
- Development of vocabulary and language.
- The use of consistent terminology by teachers, children and parents.
- Repetition and reinforcement of learning.

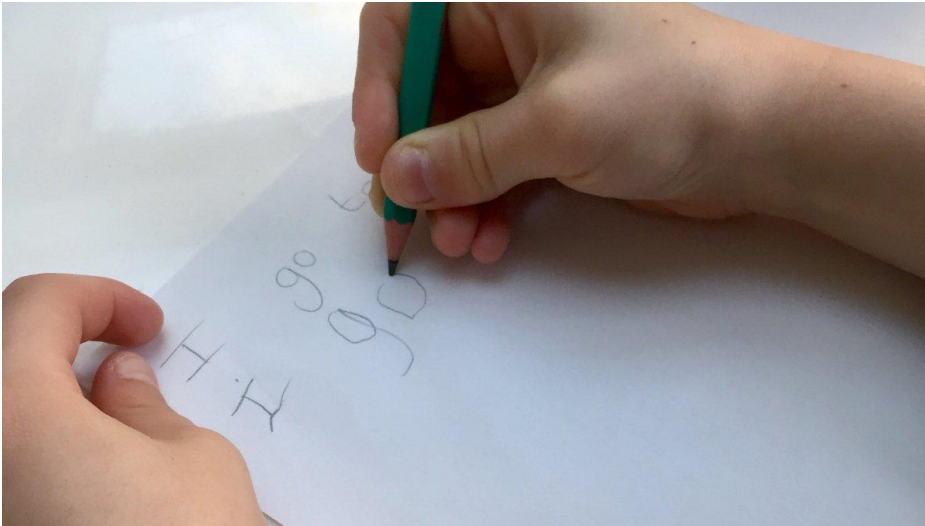
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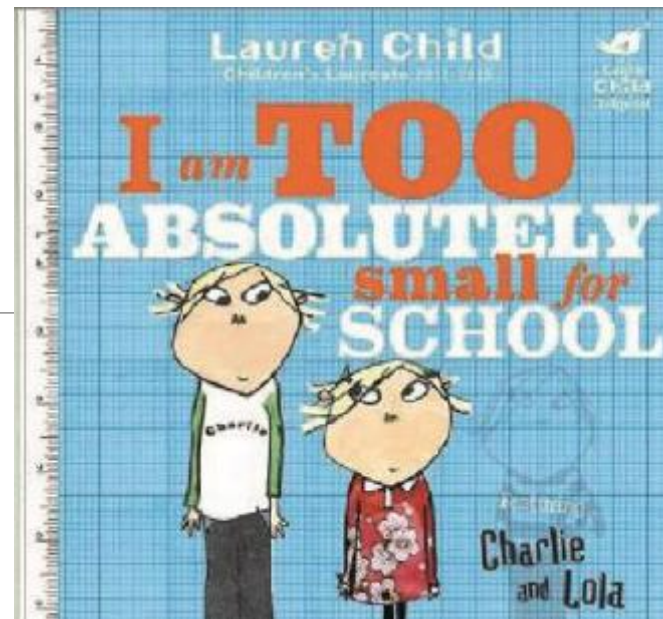
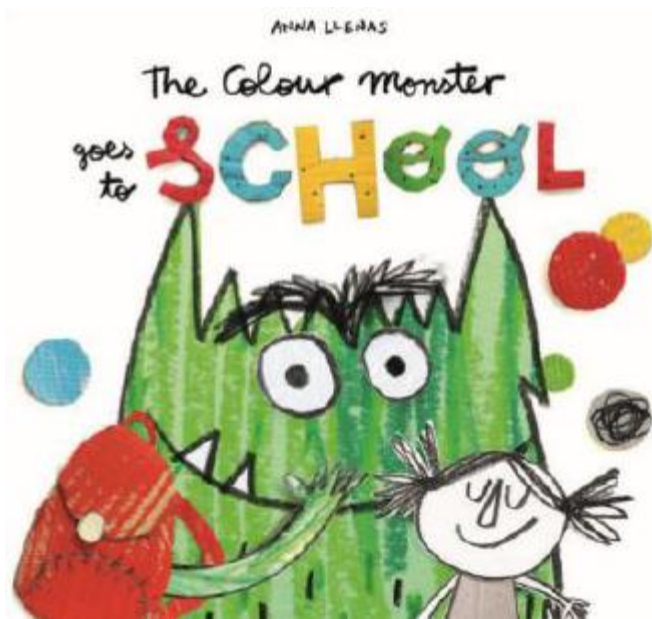
Settling in and top tips

- Being on time really helps the children to be familiar with the routine of school and settle quickly.
- Talk to your child about school but don't overload them with questions.
- Establish a good bedtime routine as they will be very tired. Big hugs and time to relax and rest.
- Parent – school partnership, working effectively together for the children. Please let us know of any changes at home. Any questions, please just ask! Nothing is too small.
- Label everything!!
- What does my child need to be able to do before starting school?

Strengthening their fine motor skills/ pre-writing skills



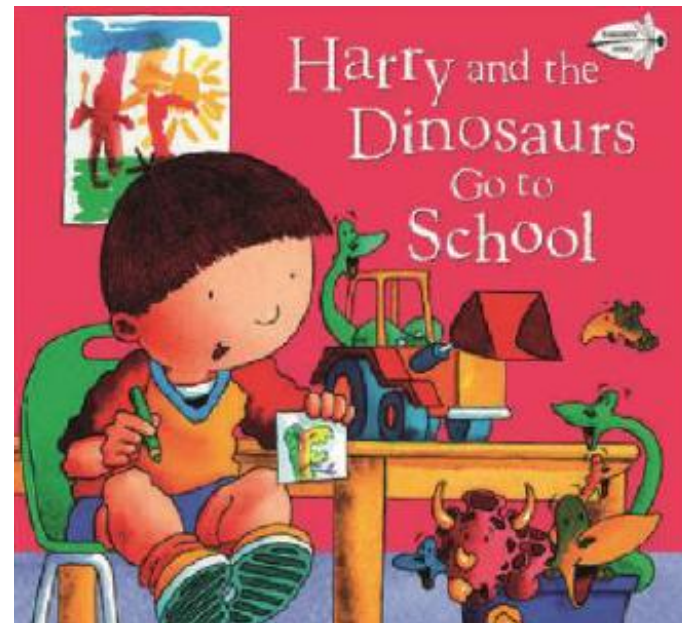




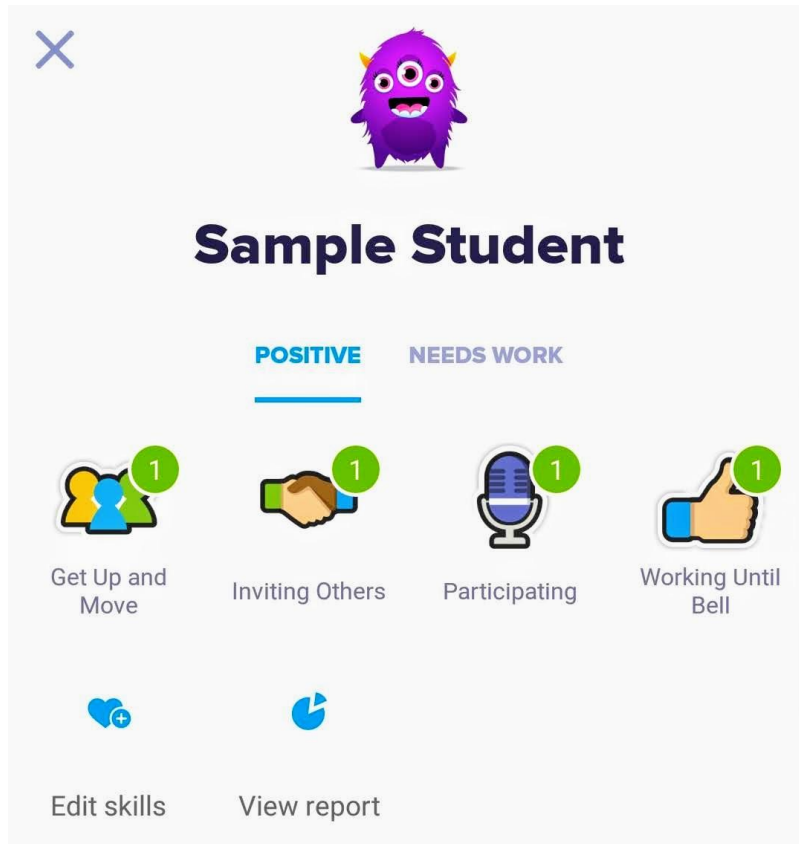
MAE'S
FIRST DAY
OF SCHOOL



WORDS AND PICTURES BY
KATE BERUBE



Communication



Dojo

Forms for consent

Class Email

pines@wilsons.lancs.sch.uk

Key Dates

- Stay and Play
- Phonics afternoon
- First Parents evening

Friends (PTA)

Playground equipment, interactive board, subsidising trips e.g. panto at Christmas, Money for outside areas, new carpet – it is usually for the “extras” e.g. experiences,

Events vary from summer fayre, disco, car boot sale, selling ice lollies,

Last year we even had a circus!

Consultation

There is a live consultation to start a 6 place preschool at school.

It closes on the 8th July.

The 12 school governors are debating this afterwards. We will write to inform you of the outcome.

If it goes ahead it would be for a January start.



Staff will stay behind if you have any questions or wish to
share any information with us.
We look forward to seeing you in September

Have a wonderful summer!