

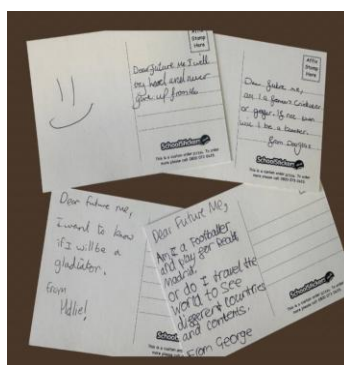


Headteacher Update – 29th September 2025

Parents, Carers, Students, Family and Friends of Baines School,

We have had lots to celebrate this week, with a packed-out Open Evening, where our students shone as tour guides and helpers in departments, and a busy coffee morning, raising money for MacMillan Cancer Research.

On Open Evening I spoke to parents about the importance of inclusion. Academic rigour and challenge should always be at the forefront of what schools do in terms of preparing our students for the next steps in their educational journey. However, we recognise that not all students find school easy. That is why we have a plethora of strategies which we use to support our students. It is our responsibility to remove obstacles and empower students to overcome barriers, so they are then able to access their learning with independence and confidence. Our fantastic Pastoral Team and Learning Support Team do incredible work behind the scenes to make this happen.



If you would like to find out more about our inclusion, spaces at school, or have a tour of the school please do contact us – info@baines.lancs.sch.uk

Welcome to all the new families who have joined Baines over the past three weeks. Please do make yourself familiar with our events, as it would be lovely to see you in school.

On Friday we hosted our annual MacMillan Coffee Morning. We were delighted to welcome so many of the Baines family, including parents, past students and a wonderful group of residents from Primrose Bank Care Home. They enjoyed a superb array of bakes, the standard of which continues to amaze and impress.

Choosing the showstopper and best tasting bake was incredibly difficult and took a while to achieve consensus!

The final awards went to:

Showstopper: Riley Year 9 for his stunning Macmillan Coffee Cup (which was also very tasty)

Highly commended: Mia S Year 7 for her beautiful Jelly Cat cake.

Best Taste: Alina M Year 8 Dubai Chocolate cake which surprised and delighted our guests - there was very little left from this for our student sale!

Highly commended: Marley H Year 7 Lemon Meringue which again disappeared super quickly!

All students who participated will receive points for their efforts, showing their positivity and community-

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minded selves.

We are so grateful for the support of this wonderful charity, and our total raised was a fantastic £620!!



Our next charity awareness event in school will be on Friday 13th October. This will be a non-uniform day, featuring an item of **red** if possible, to raise funds and awareness of the Show Racism the Red Card Charity. Further information about this charity can be found here: <https://www.theredcard.org/>



Miss Simmons has been celebrating in our Independent Learning Centre (ILC) as we have had 200 books borrowed already since we started back at school, on top of all the Sparx Reader the students do! Year 7 are taking over the leader board with their avid reading! Our ILC is open from 8am each morning, break, lunchtime and afterschool until 4pm for students who wish to read or have a quiet place to study.

The Year 11 Netball team shine with third place in the Wyre and Fylde District Netball Tournament

The Year 11 girls delivered an outstanding performance at the Wyre and Fylde Netball tournament, held in the sunshine at Hodgson on Wednesday 24th September.

They finished in third place, losing only one game all afternoon.

From the first whistle, the team demonstrated some fast-attacking play and tight defensive work that saw them progress confidently through the tournament, and the team's positive attitude and sportsmanship stood out.

Congratulations to the whole squad- you've done Baines School proud!



School Games Award Gold Mark Achieved



We are delighted to announce that Baines School have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the second consecutive year!

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We had a high percentage of our young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year and we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

We look forward to applying once again in 2026!



We are delighted to be hosting our Year 6 Football tournament on Tuesday 7th October. Teams will be playing for the prestigious James Baines Trophy and the Stafford House Community Shield. If you wish to find out more, please contact school.



Safeguarding and Wellbeing

Just a reminder that if you or your son / daughter has any safeguarding concerns, please contact a member of the safeguarding team:

Mrs Macfarlane (DSL – Associate Assistant Headteacher)

Mrs Moxham (Pastoral Manager)

Mrs Doherty (Headteacher)

Mrs Streetly (Assistant Headteacher Wellbeing and Mental Health)

Mr Moseley (Pastoral Officer)

If you have any ideas how you feel we could improve our safeguarding of students, please feel free to email

Mrs Macfarlane (jma@baines.lancs.sch.uk)

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact the school's safeguarding lead on

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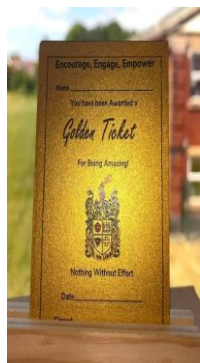
If you are worried about the mental health of your child or need some food from our food hub (tins, pasta, cereal etc), to be sent home, please contact the wellbeing team on wellbeing@baines.lancs.sch.uk. We will be extremely discrete.

Stars of the Week



'Encourage, Engage, Empower'

Golden Ticket Winners



7: Aria
8: Oscar
9: Summer
10: Calvin
11: Charlie

Well done to all our students who have been awarded Golden Tickets.

Students with the most positive points this week:

Year 7 → Toby
Year 8 → Oliver
Year 9 → Oliver
Year 10 → Amelia
Year 11 → Chris

Form winners for the most positive points include:

Year 7 → 7COL
Year 8 → 8MAX
Year 9 → 9BID
Year 10 → 10BID

Dates for your diary:

01-10-25	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Event 4-7pm Year 10 and 11 Information Evening from 5pm
02-10-25	Year 10 Romeo & Juliet Trip to Liverpool
13-10-25	Year 7 Streetwise Road Safety Presentation (period 5)
15-10-25	Careers Fair 12-4pm Years 9-11
23-10-25	School Closes at 3pm for October half term
03-11-25	School re-opens
12-11-25	Year 7 PGL departs and returns on Friday 14 th November
20-11-25	Years 7-10 BBC Careers Session
25-11-25	Year 11 Geography Field Trip (Preston)
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26-11-25	Year 8 Consultation Evening 4-7pm
27-11-25	Winter Wonderland Christmas Fayre hosted by the Friends of Baines 3 -6pm
28-11-25	SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY
03-12-25	Year 11 Class of 2025 GCSE Awards Evening
04-12-25	Year 9 Workplace Explorer Day
08-12-25	Christmas Lunch served all week in the refectory
10-12-25	Year 11 Consultation Evening 4-7pm
11-12-25	Year 7 Theatre Trip
12-12-25	Year 7 Founders Service at St Chad's Church 1.30-2.15pm – parents welcome
17-12-25	Christmas Concert 6pm
19-12-25	School Closes at 1pm for the Christmas holidays – school buses have been arranged

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