



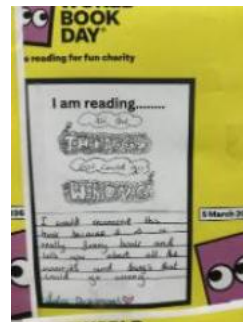
Headteacher Update – 9th March 2026

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

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day and made sure that reading and books were on everyone's mind! Year 7 students spent progress tutor time in our ILC updating their reading books and spending time reading for pleasure. We also had the 'booky-footy' quiz, where all students were invited to take the World Book Day books with them to read afterwards. Throughout the day students dipped into the short story 'The Summer People'.

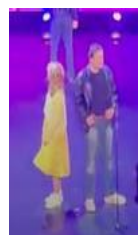


Finally, lots of students helped staff to decorate a door to celebrate reading.



If students would like copies of the World Book Day books they can pop in to the ILC to collect them.

Last Monday, our musical students, under the direction of Miss Addenbrooke, took the stage at the Winter Gardens. The students performed brilliantly and gave us an exciting taster of the musical in two weeks.



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Rugby Trip

On Saturday 28th February, Mr Flynn and Mr Vernon organised for some of our boys to visit Fylde Rugby Union Football Club. They had a fantastic time and really enjoyed the game, especially the win. One of the students on the way back to school, said he was 'inspired' by what he saw!



On Wednesday 4th March Mr Flynn and Mr McIntyre took, a group of Year 10 and Year 11 boys for a rugby game against Saint Aidan's at Fleetwood RFC. The spirits were high in expectation of a tough and physical game. Jake started off the scoring with one of his trademark barn storming runs into the heart of the Saint Aidan's defence. Jake and Tyler were both industrious in their work and caused the opposition's defence a lot of problems.

As the game progressed to the final whistle, we had a tough ask to compete with a well drilled team and eventually the final score was 30-10 to Saint Aidan's. It was a spirited performance from the boys, and we held our own against a very good team. Some outstanding individual performances came from Tyler, Jake and Harry which was pleasing to see. As a team the tackling was superb, not to mention 'bone crunching' at times.

The boys' next fixture is on Wednesday 18th at Fylde RFC.

Player of the match: Jake B! Nil Sine Labore

Word of the Week

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fundamental



(adjective) The most basic and essential part of something, which acts as a foundation.

From the Latin, fundamentum (foundation, or base)

“The team worked on the **fundamental** skills of football.”

“There was a **fundamental** difference between the way the two groups of pupils worked in lesson.”

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 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 jma@baines.lancs.sch.uk

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

TikTok

As of early 2026 TikTok remains a dominant, yet risky, platform for children and teenagers, with the algorithm often pushing intense content to maintain engagement. While TikTok has introduced stronger family tools, dangerous trends, ranging from physical challenges to risky "hacks", continue to resurface. Parents need to be aware of both enduring and new challenges that have recently caused injuries and fatalities.

Actionable Steps for Parents

- **Activate Family Pairing:** Link your account with your child's to monitor their activity, set screen-time limits (default is 60 minutes for under-18s), and restrict content.
- **"Off Hours" Settings:** Set a "time away" or "off hours" (e.g., no TikTok after 9 PM) to manage sleep disruption.
- **Open Dialogue:** Discuss the trends you hear about in the news with your child, rather than relying solely on automated filters. Encourage them to report, not share, dangerous content.
- **Monitor for Addiction Signs:** Watch for signs of excessive use, such as inability to disconnect, isolation, mood swings, and neglect of daily responsibilities.
- **Review Permissions:** Regularly check that your child's privacy settings have not been changed, and that the account is still private.

Stars of the Week:



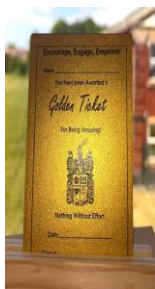
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Golden Ticket Winners



7: Florence
 8: Travis
 9: Noah
 10: Lewis
 11: Kayden
 Well done to all our students
 who have been awarded
 Golden Tickets.

Students with the
 most positive points
 this week:
 Year 7 → Bobby
 Year 8 → Amelie
 Year 9 → Sophie
 Year 10 → Max
 Year 11 → Dominic

Form winners for the most
 positive points include:
 Year 7 → 7COL
 Year 8 → 8PAR
 Year 9 → 9MAX
 Year 10 → 10MAX & STE

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event
09-03-2026	Year 9 Options Evening 5.30-7.30pm
12-03-2026	Member of Youth Parliament Elections
16-03-2026	Year 10 MEGA Computer Event
16-03-2026	School Musical Dress Rehearsal 5-9pm
17-03-2026	School Musical 7pm start
18-03-2026	School Musical 7pm start / Year 11 Consultation Evening
19-03-2026	School Musical 7pm start / Year 11 Elevate Exam Preparation for students & parents
20-03-2026	BAE Stem Competition
24-03-2026	Year 9 Macbeth Theatre Trip
25-03-2026	Belgium Battlefields Trip (departs and returns on Sat 28 th March)
27-03-2026	School Closes at 3pm for the Easter holidays (school re-opens on Monday 13 th April)

Clare Doherty

Headteacher

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BAINES SCHOOL

PRESENTS...

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SCHOOL EDITION

17TH-19TH MARCH

2026

LOCATION: SCHOOL HALL

TIME: 7PM

ADULTS - £8/CHILDREN - £6

