



Headteacher Update – 27th April 2026

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

Mr Sharples was immensely proud of our year 7 Forest School group on Tuesday when an injured hedgehog was found in our forest area. The students rallied into a rescue mission, some protecting 'Harry' as he was named, from the sun, whilst other students found a box and gathered bedding material. They were all very mature and concerned for Harry. The students were so moved by Harry's journey, they have asked if we can do some fund raising for this cause. The link for Hedgehog Rescue Blackpool's wish list on Amazon is below:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/20Z0NDRNO7DTR>



Forest School continues to be a success at Baines. It is an inspiring, child-led outdoor learning process which takes place each Tuesday morning in our wooded area, and builds confidence, self-esteem, and social skills through hands-on experiences. Activities include den building, fire making, tool use (bow saws, knives), tree climbing, nature crafts, and risk management in all weather. Forest School is led by Mr Sharples and Kate Topping.

On Friday, Mr Vernon and Mrs Porter led a number of staff and 60 students on the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice walk. It was a beautiful day for the children to practise their skills ahead of their qualifier walk on 26th and 27th June.



Thank you to all the staff involved in this - Mr Vernon, Mrs Porter, Mr Lilley, Mr Lucas, Mrs Mycock, Mr Watters, Miss Pass and Mr Spence (and of course Rufus!).

On a beautiful spring Thursday evening, Baines faced Hodgson in an entertaining Year 8 rugby match. Hodgson started strong, using quick passing and pace to take control and score early tries. Baines battled hard throughout, with standout performances from Hayden, Harry and Sonny-Jay, who all showed determination in defence and attack. Sonny-Jay's efforts paid off with a well-earned try for Baines. Despite their resilience, Hodgson's clinical play proved decisive as they added further scores to secure a 4–1 victory. Baines can take positives from a spirited team performance.


Ethan delivered an impressive performance at the Lancashire Schools Golf Championships, held on Monday 20th April 2026 at Bolton Old Links Golf Club.

Competing against a strong field of 72 players, the Baines School golfer finished an excellent 5th overall, posting a nett score of 69. His consistency and composure across the round set him apart, marking him as one of the standout performers of the day.

It was a fine achievement for Ethan and a proud moment for Baines School in a highly competitive event.

Nil Sine Labore!

Word of the Week

<p>Word of the Week</p>	<h1>deduce</h1>	
<p>(verb) to work something out using reason to reach a logical conclusion.</p>		
<p>"The detective could deduce the identity of the criminal based on the clues."</p> <p>"I have deduced that the novel's theme is about the importance of helping others."</p>		

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.

As the weather starts to get a little bit warmer, below is a link to the NHS website regarding keeping safe in the sun:

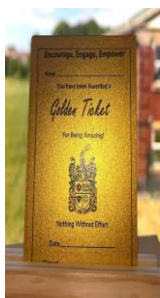
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>

The NHS encourages everyone to apply at least factor 30 sunscreen before coming to school each day.

Stars of the Week:



Golden Ticket Winners



7: Isla
 8: Elizabeth
 9: Gypsy
 10: Noah
 11: Jake
 Well done to all our students who have been awarded Golden Tickets.

Students with the most positive points this week:
 Year 7 → Ged
 Year 8 → Willow
 Year 9 → Lily-May
 Year 10 → Zack
 Year 11 → Macey

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

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event
27-04-2026	GCSE Art & 3D Exam Week
28-04-2026	GCSE & BTEC exam season starts
04-05-2026	School closed – May Bank holiday
06-05-2026	Year 7 Blackpool Zoo trip
20-05-2026 – 22-05-2026	Year 10 River Wyre Field Trips
22-05-2026	School closes for half term and returns on Monday 1st June 2026

Clare Doherty

Headteacher

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Mrs C J Doherty

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‘Encourage, Engage, Empower’