



Headteacher Update – 22nd June 2026

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

It has been another busy week for the Baines Family, and it certainly does not seem to be getting any quieter! Our focus on excellent teaching and learning continues whilst we also encourage students to participate in the other events which makes Baines special. This coming week we have a Year 10 college visit, Year 11 Leavers Day, Celebration of Achievement, The James Baines Book Award, Friendship Friday and our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition.

Rounders Success!

On Wednesday 17th June, twelve of our Year 7 Baines students took part in an exciting Rounders tournament at LSA, featuring 10 schools from across Wyre and Fylde competing in a round-robin format, where each team played against every other school.

Baines competed with energy, determination, and real team spirit throughout the event. Each match saw the girls rotating between batting and fielding for 16-minute games, giving everyone the chance to contribute under pressure in fast-paced, competitive conditions.

From sharp fielding and accurate throws to confident, well-timed batting, the team consistently rose to the occasion. As the tournament progressed, their focus and resilience shone through, with every player playing their part in a series of impressive performances.

After a brilliant display across all fixtures, Baines emerged victorious, securing the overall win and proudly becoming the Wyre and Fylde Schools Rounders Champions!

A huge congratulations goes to all the players involved for their outstanding effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship. A well-deserved success and a performance to remember! 🏆

Thank you to our dedicated PE staff who believe in the students and empower them to be the best version of themselves.



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Staining Primary School

On Wednesday 17th June, Year 9 Baines pupils Harley, Olivia, Milly, Callum, Brooke, Ben and Riley did an excellent job supporting Staining Primary School's Sports Day. They demonstrated fantastic leadership, helping to organise activities, encouraging younger pupils and ensuring events ran smoothly throughout the day. Their enthusiasm and professionalism made a real difference, creating a positive and enjoyable experience for everyone involved. They were outstanding ambassadors for Baines School and should be very proud of their contribution.



Join In Award

This is the first year that we have participated in The Join in Award Scheme (JAS). It is an internationally recognised, accessible and highly flexible entry level award programme. It is designed to encourage, capture and celebrate personal achievement, and we have had a number of Year 8 students completing activities towards this during the year. It is also an excellent first step for the Duke of Edinburgh Award, which we have had much success with.

As part of the JAS, our Year 8 cohort were offered the opportunity to complete a walk, just like they would for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. 14 of our sturdy explorers set off on Friday, with very mixed weather, overgrown bushes and some 'wild' horses (as described by the students). The students returned after three hours to set up their tents on the school field, made their tea on a Trangia stove (including toasting marshmallows), and played games.

Thank you to Mr Lilley, Mr Vernon and Mr Sharples who made this possible. The students had an exceptional time, and all have said they cannot wait to start the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh next year!





British Sign Language

The new and exciting British Sign Language enrichment club starts on Monday, after school in B4 from 3-4pm. All welcome!! Thank you to Miss Simpson who is offering this, after numerous requests from students.

#Belong at Baines!

Open Evening September 2026

Our Open Evening this year will be on Tuesday 22nd September. We are absolutely thrilled with the number of families who have already participated in a Year 5 tour (every Tuesday and Wednesday morning). If you would like to come on a tour as a prospective parent, please contact info@baines.lancs.sch.uk

Word of the Week

<p>Word of the Week discriminate</p> <p><i>(verb)</i> 1. to recognise the difference between two or more things. 2. To treat a person or group differently because of the group they belong to.</p> <p><i>From the Latin, 'dis-', meaning 'opposite of' (e.g. disagree, disappear)</i> <i>From the Latin, 'crimen', meaning to make a judgement or an accusation (e.g. 'criminal', 'crime')</i></p> <p>1. "The police dog was able to discriminate between the different smells." 2. "She felt discriminated against because she was a teenager."</p>	
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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)

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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)

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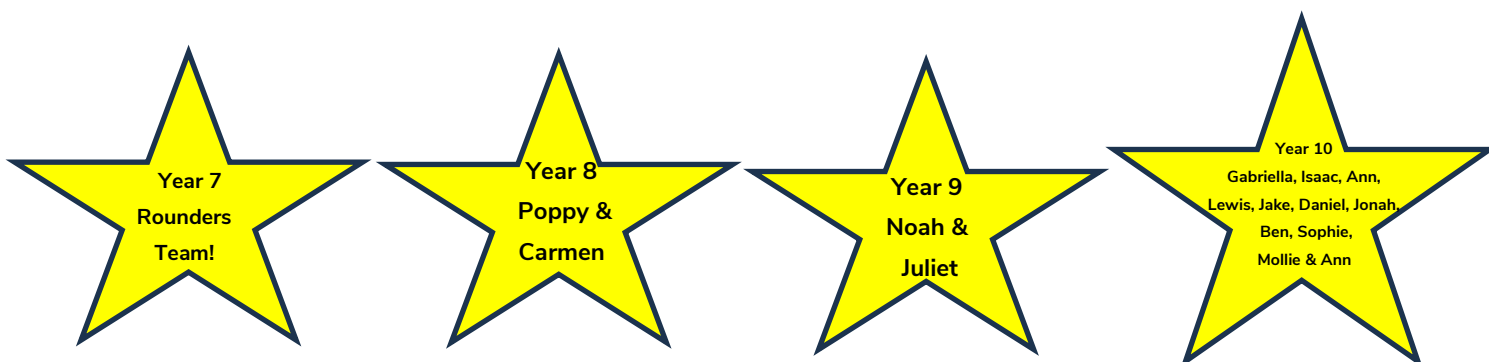
If you are worried about the mental health of your child or need some food from our food hub (tins, pasta, cereal etc), sending home, please contact the wellbeing team on wellbeing@baines.lancs.sch.uk. We will be extremely discrete.

Water Safety

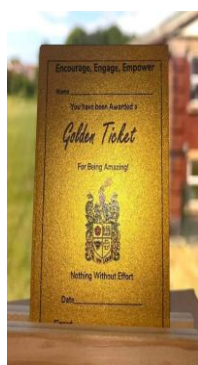
Anna Fishpool, one of our PCSOs has supported the delivery of important messages and key information about the dangers, effects and how to respond to emergency situations. This has recently been highlighted by the 19 fatalities in our waters since the recent heatwave.

We have been asked to share this video with parents and carers as well as students - <https://youtu.be/gFziR0RW7zU> .

Stars of the Week:



Golden Ticket Winners



7: Harry
8: Blake
9: George
10: Allistair

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

Students with the most positive points this week:
Year 7 → Oliver
Year 8 → Skye
Year 9 → Joe
Year 10 → Kacey

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

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event
22-06-2026	Year 10 Exam Week 2
23-06-2026	Year 10 Blackpool & Fylde College Visit
24-06-2026	Year 11 Leaver's Day
25-06-2026	Celebration of Achievement Evening 6pm
26-06-2026	Friendship Friday Bronze DofE Expedition (return 27th June) James Baines Book Award
29-06-2026	Year 10 Work Experience Week
30-06-2026	Year 7 Blackpool Zoo Trip

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