

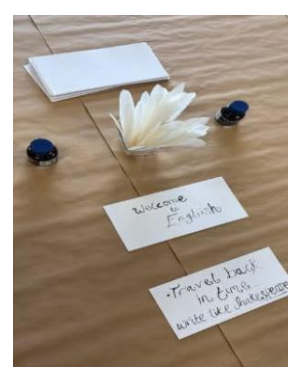
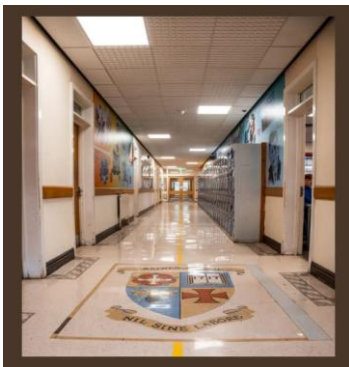


Headteacher Update – 28th September 2026

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

What a week we have had at the Baines Family! It was our open evening on Tuesday, and it was wonderful to welcome so many families to our school. Our educational philosophy is very much centred around education being a journey and not a destination. When we leave school, we continue to learn and if we are completely honest, we never stop learning. That is why we want to embed a passion for learning in our students. Our students have the world in front of them and their book is not yet written. They write their own book through their actions, friends, family and experiences.

Make Baines School
the next chapter of
your journey.



The books from our reading canon have been distributed to all forms this week and the smell of new books permeated the air as they were cracked open!



Evelyn spoke on Tuesday at open evening about all the extracurricular activities she has already joined. Here is Evelyn with her friends at Miss Gallagher's dance club on Wednesday. Other clubs that continue to prove popular include all our sporting clubs (trampoline, rugby, football, badminton etc.), as well as Pokémon, journalism, British Sign Language, Craft Club.... To find out more, please encourage your child to ask their Progress Tutor, or read the synergy message sent by Mrs Wild.



It was lovely to welcome so many families and past students on Friday for our MacMillan coffee morning.

Thank you to everyone who brought cakes or bought cakes!

We will share more photos, including the winners of the baking categories next week!

Word of the Week

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proactive
(adjective) taking action before it becomes
necessary; not just reacting to events

From the latin, 'pro-', meaning 'before' and 'actus' meaning 'done'
e.g. 'progress' (to move forward)



"Be **proactive** by starting your revision in plenty of time before the exam."

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:

Mr Moseley (DSL)

Mrs Doherty (Headteacher)

Mrs Streetly (Assistant Headteacher Wellbeing and Mental Health)

Mrs Fell (School Counsellor)

If you have any ideas how you feel we could improve our safeguarding of students, please feel free to email Mr Moseley (ams@baines.lancs.sch.uk)

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

Encouraging Independence

Information for parents and carers

Did you know?



Developing independence has many benefits: increased academic success, increased motivation and confidence and improved awareness of students' own strengths and weaknesses, as well as how to manage these.

Independent learning isn't about working alone: teachers and parents still need to support and enable the learning that is needed in this time so that it is structured, productive and effective. We can't expect children to just 'know' how to work independently as well as effectively, they will need some guidance and support.

Independent learning is most effective when students can be encouraged to self-regulate their own learning and behaviour.

Stars of the Week:

Evelyn & Isaac
Year 7

Charls & Molly
Year 8

Trent & Harry
Year 9

Casey & Ruby
Year 10

**Faith, Finlay,
Jonah & Mollie**
Year 11

Golden Ticket Winners



7: Jaxon
8: Jack
9: Sienna
10: Laura
11: Salote
Well done to all our students who have been awarded Golden Tickets.

Students with the most positive points this week:
Year 7 → Freya
Year 8 → Mia-Rose
Year 9 → Lily
Year 10 → Archie
Year 11 → Ann

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

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event
Tuesday 29th September 2026	Year 7 Road Safety Presentation "Streetwise" at 2pm
Wednesday 30th September 2026	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Event 4-7pm Year 10 Information Evening 5pm [School hall] Year 11 Information Evening 6:15pm [School Hall]
Thursday 1st October 2026	KS3 Science Made Simple Workshop
Friday 2nd October 2026	Year 11 Assembly AKS
Monday 5th October 2026	Year 11 Performing Arts Performance Exam (w/c)
Friday 9th October 2026	Year 11 Assembly Blackpool & Fylde College
Monday 12th October 2026	Flu Vaccinations Year 11 Prelim examinations– All Week
Tuesday 13th October 2026	Year 11 Assembly Cardinal Newman
Wednesday 14th October 2026	Careers Fair 12-4pm
Friday 23rd October 2026	Year 11 Prom Fashion Show – more details to be confirmed School closes for October half term at 3pm

Best wishes,

Clare Doherty
Headteacher

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