Baines School
Nil Sine Labore



Headteacher Update – 9th November 2026

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

This week Mr Patterson has led our Remembrance Assemblies, with the theme of Voices of Remembrance. We listened to poetry by Wilfred Owen, Siegfried Sassoon and John McCrae. It was very powerful listening to Dulce Et Decorum Est. Poppy in Year 9 wrote a beautiful poem which was read by one of our Year 7 Poet Laureate Otis.



'Null left'

By Poppy Thrower

NULL LEFT

The sky a gloomy grey
Thunder striking
I couldn't help but wish it away

As we stumbled away from
The attack
Death waits as
Though we made a pact

The devil hover above
The battle ground collecting
The souls scattered around

Green gas like a sand storm
The cold feeling of a mask
That's worn

Man watch men drown
In a storm that's not
Yet been crowned

Death and fame
All the same
In the eyes of death
No men are worth being left

All eyes now rest of our fallen men
Null left

As the weather has now started to take a turn, we ask that students come to school in an appropriate outdoor coat to ensure they are dry and warm.
Students are not allowed to wear a gilet or hoodie as a coat.

The students are looking extremely smart since their return to school, with the black tights adding a degree of professionalism to the students' uniform. Some students are needing to be reminded to not wear a bobble in the back of their jumper / PE top, in an attempt to make the clothes tighter. We would appreciate if this can be reinforced at home please.

In terms of make-up, students are allowed minimal makeup which does not include drawn on and gelled eyebrows, false nails, false eyelashes, contouring and fake tan.

Students are allowed to wear one pair of small studs in the lower lobe only and a wrist watch.

As a school we make no excuse for our high standards in terms of appearance, as we prepare our students for their future.

Changes to Buying School Uniform

1.Our fully stocked in school uniform shop will move to T4, which will allow students to try on clothes in a private room and then parents and carers can pay for the clothes with cash or card. This is probably the most convenient way to purchase our uniform and we are very happy to support with this.

2.The Uniform & Leisurewear Company will be closing its Kirkham shop on Saturday 28 November 2026. Your child's uniform will still be easy to get, and there are some savings available too.

Shop online at www.ualonline.co.uk
- Get 20% off with online code **KIRKHAM20** up until 30th November 2026. There is also 20% off instore purchases.
- Get free delivery to your child's school with code **kirkhamfreedelivery** when purchasing online (both codes can be used together)
- Spread the cost over three-monthly payments at no extra cost

3. Prefer to try on in person?
Everything from the Kirkham shop will be available at the Garstang shop from early December - 66 Church Street, Garstang, PR3 1YA.
The opening times are as follows:
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 9.30am to 4.30pm
Friday and Saturday: 9.30am to 3.00pm
Closed Wednesday and Sunday

The team will also be at selected school events and running pop-up shops in summer 2027. Details will be shared nearer the time.

4. Uniform is also available at the Trophy Shop in Poulton.

Ava's Worry Worms!



Year 8 student Ava has been very busy crocheting Worry Worms for siblings of children in Brian Houseto use during counselling to help them feel comfortable sharing their feelings. Ava has also placed some of her worry worms in the community for people to find. What a lovely thing to do!

Noah Year 11

During the October half-term, Noah competed in an International Taekwondo competition in Valencia, representing England. Noah competed in the Junior Male +78kg category (sparring/combat). He had two fights against Spanish competitors in which he dominated both. The first he won in two rounds; the final went to three rounds with the other opponent counted out due to a headshot and Noah won the Gold medal! 🥇

Well done Noah, who lives and breathes the school motto **Nil Sine Labore!**





Lolaa and Brooke



Congratulations to both Lolaa and Brooke who recently competed in the 2026 Dance Championships which was help at Blackpool tower.
The level of commitment the girls have shown has been incredible, especially in terms of the demands on them both physically and mentally.

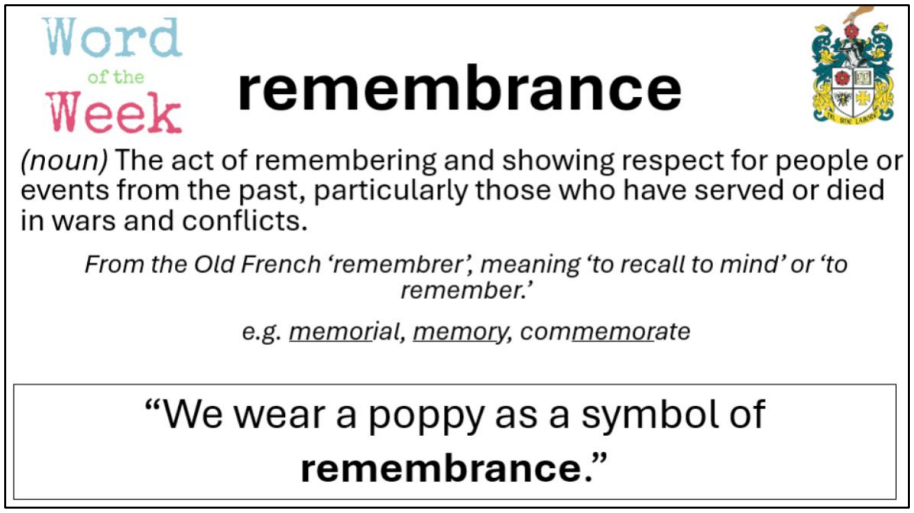
Well done Lolaa and Brooke!

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair is only three weeks away! If you have any donations for the White Elephant Stall, Bottle Tombola, Tombola or Raffle, we would be incredibly grateful. All monies raised go towards things for the students through the student council. We have purchased basketball hoops and football nets, balls and chess boards – all to be used during break and lunchtimes. We have also used the money to purchase benches to remember members of the Baines Family who have sadly left us.



Word of the Week



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)
Miss Gallagher (DSL in-training)

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.

Below is a link supporting parents and carers regarding online bullying:
Staying Safe Online - Lancashire Child and Family

Stars of the Week:



Golden Ticket Winners



7: Connie
8: Florence
9: Poppy
10: Kaitlyn
11: Michael
Well done to all our students who have been awarded Golden Tickets.

Students with the most positive points this week:
Year 7 → Levi
Year 8 → Charls
Year 9 → Emily
Year 10 → Archie
Year 11→ Lewis

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

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event
Monday 9th November	
Tuesday 10th November	Year 8 Remembrance Assembly
Wednesday 11th November	Year 7 PGL departs
Friday 13th November	Year 7 PGL returns Year 11 Cardinal Newman College Assembly
Monday 16th November	Anti-bullying week
Wednesday 18th November	Year 11 Class of 2026 Awards Evening
Monday 23rd November	Reverse Advent Launch
Tuesday 24th November	Year 11 Preston Field Trip
Wednesday 25th November	Year 11 Preston Field Trip Year 8 Consultation Evening
Thursday 26th November	Winter Wonderland Christmas Fayre 3-6pm
Friday 27th November	School Closed INSET Day
Wednesday 2nd December	Year 7 Elf Run (period 1)
Thursday 3rd December	Year 9 Workplace Explorer Day
Monday 7th December	Christmas lunch served all week Year 7 Theatre Trip
Wednesday 9th December	Year 11 Consultation Evening
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 11th December	Year 7 Founders Service (1.30-2.15pm) St Chad's Church
Tuesday 15th December	Year 9 Rewards Afternoon
Wednesday 16th December	Year 10 Rewards Afternoon
Thursday 17th December	Year 7 & 8 Disco Year 11 Trafford Centre trip
Friday 18th December	School closes for Christmas holidays at 1pm

Best wishes,

Mrs C J Doherty Headteacher Update 9th November 2026

'Encourage, Engage, Empower'

Clare Doherty
Headteacher

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