



Message from Mrs Maher!

Friends of Crow Orchard

As a small school we benefit hugely from the fundraising our amazing FOCOS do. Last year, they helped us purchase a new sound system and a new performance stage (arriving January 2025). We are desperate for new technology in school but sadly, our budget doesn't stretch that far. We are having a new server fitted this year but our laptops and i-pads have either come to the end of their life or are on their way!

Our FOCOS need new volunteers- we are especially looking at our Nursery/Reception and Year 1 parents. Can you give us some time in the day? The occasional evening?

EVERY PENNY our FOCOS raise goes straight to our children.

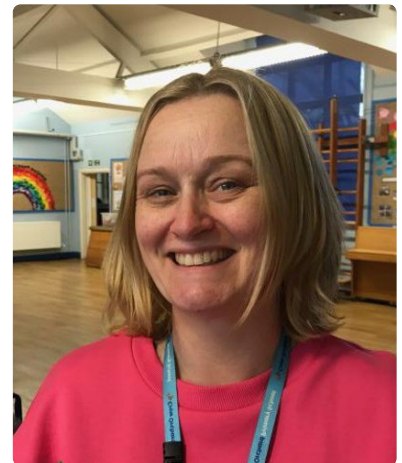
We are always looking for donations too. Do you have any contacts? Items for the Christmas Fair, toys and gifts for our pop-up shop, raffle prizes etc

If you think you can help, we want to hear from you.

Please call the school office and we can share your contact details with our FOCO Team.

Attendance

Big, positive shout out to all our parents and carers who make sure their children are in school on time, every day. Every minute lost, over time does have a negative impact on children's attainment



and life chances.
Keep up the great work!

Dates for the Diary!

Wednesday 4th December – Christmas Fair – 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Wednesday 11th December – 1.30pm KS1 Show

Thursday 12th December – 9.30 KS1 Show

Thursday 12th December – McDonalds Xmas Movie Night –
EYFS/KS1 - Rebecca

Monday 16th December – EYFS/KS1 party day

Tuesday 17th December – KS2 Party Day

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper

Thursday 19th December – 10 am – Church

School Closes after School on 19th December

Friday 20th December – INSET Day in school



[Click here for full calendar](#)

World Mental Health Day

We had an absolutely fantastic turnout for this year's World Mental Health Day, everyone looked amazing in their yellow outfits and we learned so much in our special assembly!





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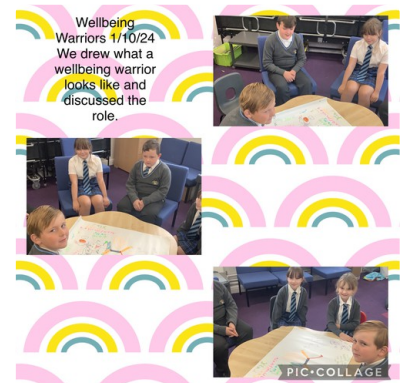
recruitment@shareslancashire.co.uk

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Wellbeing Warriors

Our Wellbeing Warriors have been hard at work since coming back. Alongside their usual work of talking to students and promoting a positive atmosphere, they have been discussing what a Wellbeing Warrior looks like and their role within the School.



Halloween disco

What a fantastic time we had at our Halloween disco! There were some amazing costumes, brilliant pumpkins and some fabulous games! Thank you to everyone that came!





THE CALM CENTRE

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WHO & WHAT IS THE CALM CENTRE?

Hello I'm Mandy, the owner of The Calm Centre. I am a coach qualified in Baby Mindful, Relax Kids and Charge Up. I am also a qualified and insured Reiki Practitioner.

In the past, I have worked with people from all walks of life, and supported all ages, ranging from youngsters with complex needs, vulnerable adults, and seniors.

We have weekly classes available at The Calm Centre for a range of ages and abilities. New classes being added regularly. You can also book a Reiki session from September 3rd 2024.

OUR MISSION TO IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING:

Over the years, it became obvious to me that looking after our Mental Health is as important as looking after our physical health.

The more research I did, the more passionate about supporting families and individuals I became. I try my best to keep my prices affordable for everyone, so that I can pass on my knowledge to others.

Give yourself/child the skills and techniques to manage and navigate around the stresses and emotions of everyday time via awareness and relaxation.

SHOP OPENING HOURS

Wednesday - 10am - 1pm
Fridays - 1pm - 3.30pm
Saturdays - 10am - 1pm

Keep a look out on social media for future dates for our fabulous monthly Facebook LIVE Sales! Perfect for gift ideas or Wellbeing Products

AT A GLANCE

CLASS TIMETABLE

- **Mon 4pm:** Little Stars (Under 5's)
- **Mon 5pm:** Chill Skills (Young Teens)
- **Mon 6pm:** ChargeUp (Older Teens)
- **Tues 6.30pm:** Adult Relaxation
- **Wed 1:00 - 2.30pm:** Chill, Chat & Card Making (First Wed of each month)
- **Thur 1.15pm:** Adult Relax
- **Fri 4pm:** Relax Kids (Ages 6 - 11)
- **Fri 5pm:** Relax Kids (Y7 & 8 only)
- **DM to book your Reiki Session**

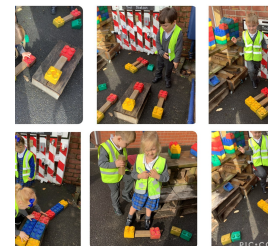


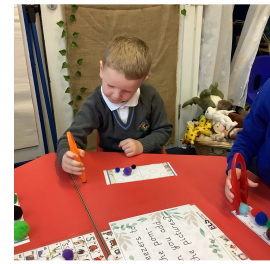
MANDY OWEN
Owner

"Since 2020, The Calm Centre has been evolving to become a welcoming, friendly and relaxed space for all to enjoy

Reception update

Our fantastic Reception class have settled in amazingly. Take a look at just some of the brilliant work they have done. They also went on a trip to see "Dear Zoo", were incredibly well behaved and loved every minute of it!





CompassBLOOM

PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS

We offer a free and confidential service supporting children and young people, aged 5-18, with mild to moderate emotional health and wellbeing needs.

We work in 63 schools and colleges throughout Chorley, South Ribble, Preston and West Lancs.

Are you the parent/carer of a young person who is experiencing mild to moderate anxiety or low mood?

This could look like:



FEELING WORRIED



STRUGGLING TO SLEEP



WITHDRAWAL FROM FAMILY, FRIENDS AND/OR USUAL ACTIVITIES



STRUGGLING TO CONCENTRATE



TEARFUL

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE SOUNDS LIKE YOUR CHILD/YOUNG PERSON WE CAN HELP!

If your young person attends one of our 63 schools we can offer a consultation with one of our friendly practitioners.

They can offer you advice, guidance and signposting to support you to support your child/young person.

To complete our consultation form Scan our QR Code or type in the web address below into your web browser.

bit.ly/Parent_Carer_Consultation



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Primary School Admissions

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery* you can now apply for their primary school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

It's quick and easy - and you will receive email confirmation of your application.
You must apply even if you already have siblings in school.
If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

The closing date for primary reception applications for September 2025 is **23:59 on 15 January 2025**.



**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
PRIMARY
SOUTH**

**Do you have a child starting
primary school in September 2025
and living in Lancashire?**

Closing date: 15 January 2025

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website, or get a copy from them.

Apply for a school place now by scanning the QR code or visit lancashire.gov.uk/schools



 If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, please check the guidance on our website, or call **01772 532109**.

HAVE YOUR SAY
Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces and click 'school admission policies'.

lancashire.gov.uk >>>>

Lancashire
County Council 

Online Safety

Be safe while playing online.

If your child is playing with other players, then please ensure they know how to report/block other players and to tell a trusted adult if they do come across anything upsetting or that they are unsure of.

To see our Online Safety Newsletters, [click here](#)

Little Orchards



Booking changes

All bookings for after school, breakfast clubs, school dinners etc will now be taken on School Spider. Please see the attached information or see your email. If you have any questions please contact reception.



School Dinners

Snack - Toast 20p available daily

Dinners

- **Nursery** - £1.70 per day
- **Juniors** - £2.60 per day

Payments are now to be made via School Spider and we would appreciate it if accounts could be cleared by the end of the week. If you have any issues with payments please contact the office directly.



If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they are entitled to free school meals. If your child is older you can see if you are eligible on the government website ([click here](#))

Breakfast Club and After School Club

After School Club

3.15-5.15

£6

Breakfast Club

Free School Meals (benefits related) £1.50

All other children;

£1.50 (without breakfast)

£3.00 (with breakfast)

After School Club Help

Do you have skills that can be used in afterschool clubs? We are looking for any parents/guardians that can help us run afterschool clubs to give children skills and experiences that they'll love. We are particularly on the lookout for anybody that can help with a football club.

If you think you can help, please contact the school office and let us know!

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**"Together We
Make A Family"**



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