

16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn 1, week 7

A Fantastic First Half Term

As we reach the end of our first half term, I want to take a moment to say how proud I am of our pupils. It has been a wonderfully busy start to the school year, full of learning, trips, fixtures, and events, and our pupils have embraced it all with real enthusiasm. It has been a genuinely positive start to the year, and that is thanks to the hard work of our pupils, the dedication of our staff, and your continued support at home.

Yondr Pouches

The introduction of Yondr pouches has been seamless, and this is down to the careful planning done in school and the incredibly positive way our pupils have responded to the new system. They have adapted to the routines quickly and maturely, and we have already noticed the difference it makes to their focus in lessons and around school. Thank you for supporting us with this change.

Our New Uniform

Our pupils are looking really smart in our new uniform, and it has been lovely to see them wearing it with such pride. Thank you for your support in making sure your child arrives at school ready to learn and looking their best.

School Car Park

A gentle reminder that, for the safety of our pupils, parents and carers must not drive into or park in the school car park at the start or end of the school day. This is a very busy time, with many pupils arriving and leaving on foot; keeping vehicles out of the car park helps everyone stay safe. Thank you for your cooperation.

Blood Brothers

Our GCSE Drama pupils enjoyed a brilliant trip to see Blood Brothers this week. It was a fantastic opportunity to see a set text brought to life on stage and with a fresh approach, and pupils came back buzzing with ideas for their own work. Thank you to the staff who organised it.

Open Mornings

This week we were delighted to welcome many families to our two open mornings. We received so much lovely feedback from parents and children who looked around school, and it was a joy to show them everything that makes Lowton such a special place.

 **CARING, LEARNING
AND SUCCEEDING**

Subject Awards

Making sure pupils feel recognised is an important part of our Student Charter. Every subject has a Bronze, Silver, and Gold Subject Award, which teachers award as badges through Satchel:One. You and your child will be able to see any awards on the Satchel:One dashboard.

Only the Bronze Award is available at the moment, with Silver and Gold being introduced later in the year. Awards will be given at three points during the year, so pupils who are not recognised this time will have further chances. To receive an award, a pupil will need to:

- produce classwork that is consistently at or above their expected standard,
- show a high level of effort in all lessons, taking a full part in written, practical, and discussion activities,
- stay on task throughout lessons,
- complete homework to at least their expected standard and hand it in on time, and
- respond positively to instructions and be consistently polite and respectful

For pupils in Years 7 to 9, subject awards also link to our KS3 Ethos Award, and receiving them will increase their chances of achieving the Silver and Gold Ethos Awards. We are also delighted to share that our End of Year Rewards Trip is returning, and every pupil who achieves the Gold Ethos Award will automatically be invited.

Sports Update

It has been another busy few weeks for our sports teams.



We had fantastic results in the **Lancashire Rose Cross Country League**, with two of our Year 8 pupils, *Natasha* and *Iris*, finishing in 5th and 10th place in the Under 14s race. A brilliant achievement, and we wish them the very best of luck in their next races!

Our **Year 7 football** team has completed its first round of fixtures, with two wins and a draw. Even more impressively, they did not concede a single goal across all three games! Well done to everyone involved.



Half Term

School closes for half term on Friday 23 October at 2.50pm and reopens for pupils on Monday 2 November.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school.

Jane Galbraith

Headteacher