

AUTUMN TERM 2 NEWSLETTER 2025



SCHOOL NEWS

Reflecting on a Fantastic Autumn Term...

As the Autumn Term draws to a close, it has been wonderful to see our school community building on such a strong start to the year. The energy and enthusiasm we welcomed in September have continued throughout the term, with students and staff embracing every opportunity for learning, growth and connection.

A particular note of praise goes to all of our students, especially those new to KS3, KS4 & KS5, who have settled in so brilliantly and are now thriving members of our community. It has been a joy to see friendships deepen, confidence grow in classrooms, and curiosity and engagement flourish across the school.

This term has been filled with enriching projects, events and activities that have helped students develop their skills, resilience, and confidence. As we move into the winter break, we celebrate all that has been achieved, both big and small.

We wish all members of our school community a restful and enjoyable holiday and can't wait to see what the Spring Term will bring. — *Mr Birkenhead, Headteacher.*



Outstanding Achievements

Our Outstanding Achievement Awards this half term celebrate the incredible efforts, creativity, and accomplishments of our students across a wide range of activities. Students have been nominated by staff for their exceptional work in subjects such as Art, Creative Writing, History, Maths, and DofE, as well as their contributions to school initiatives like Eco Schools. Others have been recognised for their excellence and teamwork in bowling competitions, football and dodgeball tournaments, and a variety of events that highlight their dedication and enthusiasm.



KS3



KS4/5

23 Awards in total...



Events Calendar

The RHS Autumn Term 2 calendar has been full of engaging and memorable events, highlighting our school ethos, active participation, and shared passion for learning...

Remembrance Day

To mark Remembrance Day, our school came together to honour and remember those who have served and sacrificed in times of conflict. Students engaged in a moment of silence in respect and reflection, explored war poetry and expressed their creativity by designing their own poppies and wreaths.

It was a meaningful and thoughtful day, allowing our school community to reflect on the importance of remembrance while combining learning, creativity and respect.



Delivering Joy and Cash For Kids

Throughout Autumn Term 2, our school proudly participated in initiatives with Dunelm Mill and Cash for Kids, where each student was given £10 to spend on a gift of their choice or from a requested tag. It was wonderful to see our students demonstrating generosity and thoughtfulness, helping to bring joy to members of our local community during the festive season.



This term, we also celebrated Anti-Bullying Week, National Recycling Week, and St Andrew's Day. Students took part in lessons on anti-bullying, exploring how to foster kindness, respect and positive relationships. As part of National Recycling Week, they visited a local recycling and eco-education venue to learn more about sustainability and caring for the environment. For St Andrew's Day, students showcased their creativity by designing their own tartan kilts, celebrating Scottish heritage in a fun and engaging way.

Celebrating Sport and DofE Success

This past half term has been full of enthusiasm and achievement in both sport and the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) programme. Our students have shown incredible dedication and teamwork by participating in the Lancashire SEND Bowling Competition, a dodgeball event, as well as the Lancashire SEND Football League, competing against other schools and settings across the county. Their determination, sportsmanship and positivity have been truly inspiring.

The DofE programme has also been hugely successful this half term. Students have engaged in volunteering, local walks, and skill-building activities, developing confidence, resilience and practical abilities. It's been fantastic to see students fully embracing the opportunities available to them, both on and off the field and making the most of every experience.



Looking Ahead to the new year...

A heartfelt thank you to our students, parents, and staff for their continued dedication and hard work. Your passion, commitment, and positivity are what make our school community so vibrant and inspiring.

As we move into 2026 and Spring Term 1, there is plenty to look forward to. Our calendar will include:

- Continuation of **mock exams for KS3, KS4 & KS5**, helping students prepare and build confidence for their assessments.
- **The Wicked Writer Competition** - encouraging creativity, imagination and a love of writing.
- **Holocaust Memorial Day** - a time to reflect, learn and remember the lessons of history.
- **LGBT & History Month** - celebrating diversity, inclusion and the contributions of people from all backgrounds.
- **Children's Mental Health Week** - promoting wellbeing, self-care and support for everyone's mental health.
- **Safer Internet Day** - focusing on responsible and safe use of technology.
- **Chinese New Year celebrations** - embracing culture, tradition and community.
- **Kindness Week** - encouraging students to show compassion, empathy and positivity in their everyday actions.

In addition, a variety of other exciting activities and events are planned to inspire, engage and celebrate our students.

Have a wonderful Christmas and see you all in 2026.