

# LAYTON PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY 2025

## Message from Mrs. Scott, Deputy Headteacher

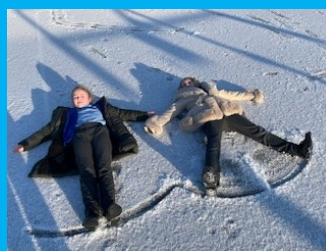
It's been a busy start back to the Spring Term so far with the photographer and videographer spending two days in school capturing Layton Primary School life in full teaching and learning action. Thank you to all the school community involved and for all your support in ensuring smart, eager children. The photos and videos will be used in our new school website, we will inform you as to when this will be launched.

There is always a lot to look forward to in the Spring Term with many trips out of school for several year groups.

All children will participate in Children's' Mental Health Week between 3rd and 9th February.

The theme is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself' and the children will take part in activities to discover how getting to know who they are can help them build resilience grow and develop.

The following week, the children will take part in 'Safer Internet Day'. As part of these activities, parents and carers will be invited into school on the afternoon of 11th February - save the date and there will be more details to follow.



The council have informed school that there are currently no staff available to cover the school crossing patrol on Westcliffe Drive.

Please bear this in mind when travelling to school in the mornings.

Older children who usually walk to and from school alone will now need extra support to cross this busy road safely.

Many thanks for your support with this.

## KS1 LEARNERS

Foundation: Aarush, Finley, Harrison  
Year 1: Charlie, Harrison. S, Phoebe  
Year 2: Theodore, Anamika, Roaree

## KS2 LEARNERS

Year 3: Ryker, Stanley  
Year 4: Lexi. H, Hunter, Dem-Lou  
Year 5: Emily, Poppy,  
Year 6: Oakley-Blu, Amelia-Esme, Freya

## BOOKWORM OF THE WEEK

Foundation: Jayden-Lee, Nala, Lottie  
Year 1: Isla, Emaad, Kobe  
Year 2: Ollie, Elizabeth, Arlo  
Year 3: Rosie, Darcey,  
Year 4: Junior, Octavia, Adon  
Year 5: Liam, Neevie  
Year 6: Ava-Mae, Maddison, Sophia





# ENCORE ACADEMY

## COMING SOON

A New Performing Arts Academy for Young People  
Ages 7 - 18 | Officially Affiliated with Winter Gardens Blackpool

### Passionate about the performing arts?

Dreaming of a career on stage or behind the scenes? Encore Academy is your first step! Launching soon, our academy will offer young people (ages 7-18) the chance to develop their skills in acting, dance, musical theatre, and technical theatre.

### Why Choose Encore Academy?

- Perform with Encore:** Graduates can progress to perform in Encore Productions' shows.
- Winter Gardens Partnership:** Exclusive access to workshops, rehearsals, and performances at this iconic venue.
- Professional Training:** Learn from industry experts in real theatre settings.
- Inclusive Community:** Be part of a passionate and supportive group, all striving to excel.

Open to all experience levels - whether you're just starting out or ready to shine!

To register interest email [encoreblackpool@gmail.com](mailto:encoreblackpool@gmail.com)

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

WEDNESDAY 6 - 8.30PM

- Sessions in vocal technique, musical theatre dance and acting.
- Students will work towards a vast array of performances both 'in house' and external to the Winter Gardens.
- Performances will be both specific to the academy, within the larger company and beyond.
- Regular showcases, invited parent events, recital evenings, full scale musicals.
- Students will have the opportunity to study towards, and be examined in PPA - Performance Arts Awards. (RSL\_PAA\_MT\_Syllabus\_Guide-V2\_08Jun2023.pdf)



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## WHAT CAN I EXPECT IN SESSIONS?

- Vocal coaching** - vocal health, technique and training with various industry experts. This may form part of your warm up, or in small groups working on set pieces, recitals, musical numbers etc.
- Musical Theatre Dance** - each session will involve a physical warm up and learning of dance material.
- Acting** - this will be in small groups, as set characters, recital prep, workshops and confidence building within sessions.

**SESSIONS WILL VARY IN FORMAT** - this will depend on the performances being prepared. Sometimes the sessions will work on a carousel schedule whereby the cohort is split age dependent/performance dependent.

## WHAT WILL WE BE PREPARING FOR?

**RECITAL EVENINGS** - these are formal evenings held once per half term where every student will perform a selection of solo/duo recitals for parents and friends. These events will help the students to develop confidence, independence and a sense of ownership for their futures. They will be guided in selected pieces, given 1 to 1 sessions to develop these pieces and given feedback in the run up to the evening.

**SHOWCASES** - these will be bi-annual musical theatre showcases held in The Opera House alongside other local theatre schools to showcase a selection of work on one of the world's largest stages!

**'ENCORE PRODUCTIONS PRESENT'** - these will be annual performances as Encore Productions, our full through ages company both in house and out in the wider world!

**MUSICAL THEATRE EXAMS** - this will be ongoing in session, as a brand new initiative we will enter our students in to exams as the full Academy (in age groups) if they wish to be examined. It is just another avenue to explore for them to receive feedback as they progress! (More information will be shared about these when we are fully set up)

LAST, BUT BY NO MEANS LEAST....

OUR ANNUAL MUSICAL!!!

This is set to be released in the coming weeks (before Christmas!) for May 2025. All Academy students will be invited to audition for the principal roles if they wish and at this point we will hold open auditions for this show. Further information will be revealed in due course... but, lets say, 'go big or go home!' is the best fit phrase for this one :)



The Family Engagement Team would like to invite you to a Coffee Morning on Thursday 6th February between 9-11am. Entrance via the KS2 hall.

Need some support, advice or tips?

Maybe just signposting to a service that you didn't know about?

Join us for a cuppa, cake and a chat to see what's on offer.

See you there!



**LAYTON COMMUNITY HOUSE**  
*'a home from home'*

What's happening in JAN/FEB at LCH, 5 Grenfell Avenue, Layton, FY3 7BP

**Pop in and see us every Monday to Friday between 9.30am - 4.00pm for a brew and to stay warm or to get info on local services.**

**The Sewing Room courses are held every Monday PM and Tuesday AM. Call or email Dawn to book your place. We'll have winter warm items and infant essentials available on Fridays from 9:30 AM to 12 PM, supported by Blackpool Council.**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>10-12</b>	<b>10-12</b>	<b>10-12</b>	<b>10-12</b>	<b>9.30-12</b>
<b>Art &amp; Craft</b>	<b>The Sewing Room</b> FREE Courses	<b>Drop in for a brew</b> - <b>Model Building</b>	<b>Knit &amp; Natter</b> - Basic IT Help	<b>Winter Warm &amp; Infant Essentials</b> 
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<b>The Sewing Room</b> FREE Courses	<b>Art &amp; Craft</b>	<b>Art &amp; Craft</b> - <b>Gardening Club</b>	<b>Art &amp; Craft</b> - Trefoil Guild, first Thursday of every month	<b>Adult Social Care Community Mental Health Drop-in</b> 'By Referral Only'

We also offer rooms for hire during both daytime and evening hours at very reasonable rates.

These rooms are suitable for group meetings or private one-on-one sessions, such as counselling. For more info and prices contact 'LCH' on 01253 391811 or email us.

General Enquires - [5laytoncommunityhouse@gmail.com](mailto:5laytoncommunityhouse@gmail.com)

House Manager - [LCH.Jamie@outlook.com](mailto:LCH.Jamie@outlook.com)

Sewing Course Booking - [dawnthaw62@outlook.com](mailto:dawnthaw62@outlook.com)



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At Layton Primary School children are expected to wear a full school uniform at all times to promote positive attitudes to learning whilst ensuring a sense of personal pride in our school. Recently we have noticed that some children are not currently wearing the correct uniform, and this will be addressed by individual class teachers.

PE kits should only be worn on dedicated PE days. Platform trainers/pumps are not allowed, and children will be asked to change into school pumps if footwear is deemed unsuitable. Leggings can only be worn only on PE days and are not permitted to be worn underneath skirts.

If any families require additional help, please feel free to contact our Family Engagement Team who may be able to assist.

We encourage all our pupils to have a good standard of appearance and we pay attention to nails, shoes and cleanliness in general.

All pupils must wear smart, black, sensible school shoes. Trainers, boots (other than ankle boots), or shoes with a heel are not suitable for school.

We appreciate that robust shoes can be expensive, however these are necessary when walking to and from school, and particularly on rainy days.

We would also like to highlight that should you wish for your child to wear a shirt, they must accompany this with a tie.

Wearing a uniform allows all pupils to come to school as equals, and takes pride in their appearance and the school; there are many different values associated with this which will prepare them for later life.

Uniform	
Trousers - long, short	Grey
Shirt and tie or polo shirt	Light Blue
Pullover - V neck	Royal Blue
Tie	Grey and Royal Blue
Shoes	Black smart shoes
Socks	Grey
Skirt/pinafore dress	Grey
Blouse	Light Blue
Cardigan	Royal Blue
Dress (for summer)	Blue and White

On P.E days children come to school dressed in their P.E Kit as below	
Footwear	Black trainers
Shorts (for summer)	Royal Blue
T-Shirt	White plain or White with Layton Logo
Tracksuit	Children can wear black or blue plain, non branded tracksuit bottoms/leggings with a white t-shirt and their school jumper/cardigan. As an alternative Layton embroidered tracksuit is available for PE days. (Only available from Ragamuffins).

#### Stockists

Uniform is readily available from most major supermarkets at very reasonable prices. Ragamuffins in Layton and Bispham Clothing stock our uniform