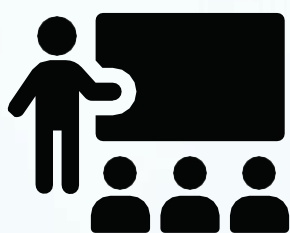


# Celebrating Schools Linking in Lancashire

Schools Linking Celebration Week 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**51**  
**CLASSES**



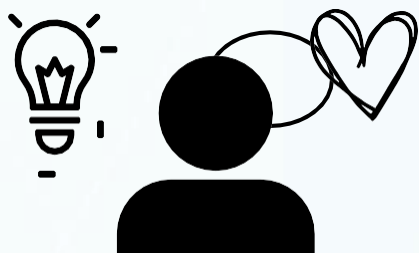
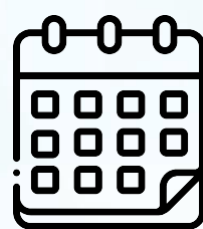
from **36** different schools in **Lancashire** are joining alongside more than a thousand classes from across **25** other local authorities, to take part in a Schools Linking Celebration Week from 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June, sharing their answers to the question: *'How do we all live well together?'*

These nursery, primary and secondary schools are all part of a national initiative called Schools Linking - a unique programme helping to build

**Cohesion** and **Solidarity** in our communities.

Schools Linking started over

**20 YEARS AGO**



At the heart of the work is the process of 'linking'; the sharing of time, experiences and conversations with other children and young people from different backgrounds, such as rural, urban, or different faith or belief. Children and young people are encouraged to develop a sense of belonging in their community and foster a commitment to supporting the communities they live in.

The initiative has grown and grown and now more than

**24,000**  
**YOUNG PEOPLE**



take part in linking activities each year across the country. The Linking Network has supported young people to open their hearts and minds to new people, ideas and communities the length and breadth of England from Newcastle to Oldham, from Bristol to Bradford.



**200,000**

young people are impacted through teacher training and resources.

The connections that linking creates are valuable to all involved and contribute towards:

Reducing prejudice and stereotyping



Reducing anxiety



Generating new, inclusive friendships



identifying common ground and similarity with others



Unlocking enduring positive feelings about interactions across difference