



Archbishop Temple Church of England High School



Isaiah 11 prophesies the coming of Jesus, bringing not only knowledge and wisdom but also peace. In our troubled world remember the hope of peace on earth and goodwill to men found in Christ Jesus.

Message from Mr Catlow



As we enter the final two weeks of term, the atmosphere in school is filled with excitement and anticipation. Advent is always a special time in our community—a chance to pause, reflect, and celebrate hope, kindness, and the joy of the Christmas season together.

Over the coming days, pupils will be taking part in a number of meaningful activities, including our Advent reflections, charity initiatives, and celebrations that bring our whole school family together. These moments are an important part of school life and help build memories that last long beyond the classroom.

With that in mind, I would like to gently remind families of the importance of good attendance during this period. Every day in school really does matter, and being present ensures that students can fully take part in the rich experiences planned, as well as continue their learning right up to the end of term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping your child attend regularly and arrive ready for each day. It makes a tremendous difference.

We look forward to sharing a wonderful end to the term with your children as we journey through Advent and celebrate Christmas together. Our Christmas Carol service is at St Cuthberts next Thursday at 6.00pm where it would be lovely to welcome you there and celebrate together.

Declan S

7I

Outstanding attitude to learning

Emma C

8G

Exceptional commitment to school

Lydia G

9I

Consistently positive approach to learning

Lucy S

10T

Impressive dedication to school

Nathaniel C

11L

Continued exceptional commitment to learning

Weekly Notices

GCSE Certificate Evening

Last Thursday saw a heart-warming evening as our 2025 leavers returned to school to collect their GCSE certificates that they had worked so hard for. It was a truly joyous occasion for all involved, full of smiles, proud parents, and lively conversations as former pupils reconnected with teachers and each other. We celebrated not only grades but also achievement: special awards were given to recognise excellence and dedication throughout our pupils' time at Archbishop Temple. What made the evening even more inspiring was our guest speaker, Nicola Jaques MBE, who shared her own journey and the importance of determination and community. Following the formal part of the evening, a hot-pot supper gave everyone a chance to reminisce and catch up. It was great to hear what our former pupils have been doing since leaving school: work, further study, adventures, or exciting new starts. It was clear that once you are a pupil at Archbishop Temple you will always be a part of our school family.

Subject Awards

English Language - Ashish M & Ranna H
English Literature - Chloe B & Jerome B
Maths - Natasha R & Oscar D
Biology - George B & Christeena S
Chemistry - Alfie A & Riya J
Physics - Grace C & Jack M
Combined Science - Suri C-D & Connor S
R.E - Liv K & Kaamil N
Art - George H & Evie W
Business Studies - Alex J & Casey W
Computer Science - Annie R & Alvin V
Drama - Emily M & Aiden B
Food & Nutrition - Cassie L & Dion S
French - Eri A & Holly B
Geography - Alex T & Ann-Marie A-B
History - Ava M-R & Zac G
Music - Matthew H & Ellie H
GCSE P.E - Natalia Z & Harvey F
Spanish - Isabel H & Dean S
Sports Studies - Talha M & Faye B
Textiles - Erin D & Livvy S
Graphics - Amar Josh S & Stanley S
Resistant Materials - Roma M & Thomas P

Special Awards

Headteacher's Award - Emily M for consistently demonstrating excellence, integrity and a commitment to the school community.

Blackburn Diocese Church of England Award - Ellie H for representing the school's values both in and out of school.

Progress Award - Alexandru T for showing exceptional academic progress and commitment to learning.

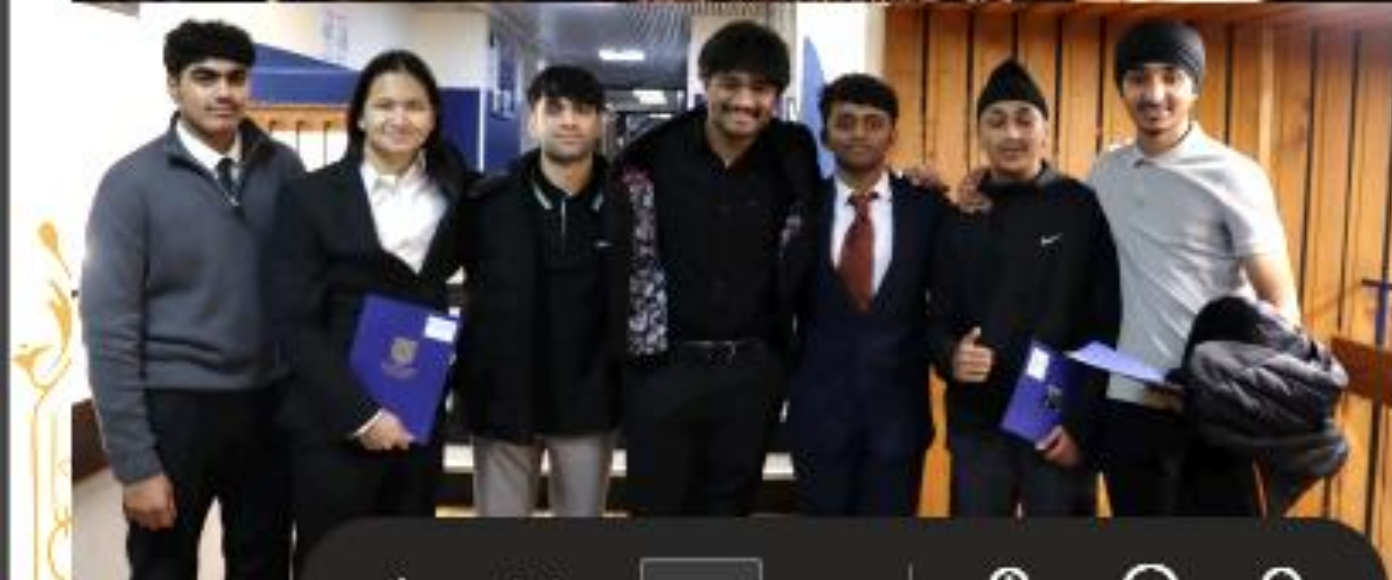
Archbishop Temple Legacy Award - Adrija D for leaving a lasting positive impact on the school community.

Servant Leadership Award - Connor S and Shyah S for serving the school as our Head Prefects.

Compassionate Leadership Award - Zachary G for his empathy and encouragement in his role as anti-bullying and wellbeing ambassador.

Courage and Character Award - Aiden B for his stand out performances in school productions.





• BEHAVIOUR & ATTITUDES



Safe@Archbishop Temple

At Archbishop Temple, safeguarding remains at the heart of everything we do. We are committed to ensuring that every pupil feels safe, listened to and supported, both in school and beyond. If you or your child have any concerns, you can contact our safeguarding team directly at safe@archbishoptemple.com. We work closely with external specialist agencies where additional support may be needed.

Pupils can report any worries using the WHISPER button on Firefly, by speaking directly to a trusted adult in school, or by reaching out to any member of staff. This can also be accessed using the QR code.



Our message to every young person is clear: you will be taken seriously, you will be supported, and you are never alone.



Year 7

Year 7 continue to impress us—not only in their approach to learning but in their compassion and community spirit. This term, we are especially proud of their contributions to charity initiatives and their willingness to get involved, demonstrating kindness, teamwork, and a deep sense of values. As part of our ongoing work around responsible citizenship, we have also been speaking to pupils about safe and respectful use of social media. We encourage parents and carers to be mindful of large WhatsApp group chats and to check the age restrictions on platforms such as Snapchat and TikTok, many of which are not legally accessible to children of this age. Whilst we educate pupils in school about online safety, positive digital behaviour, and safeguarding themselves and others, continued support at home is crucial. Together, we can help ensure that Year 7 stay safe, develop good digital habits, and continue to thrive socially and academically.

Year 8

Year 8 have shown great focus in lessons this week, with many pupils contributing positively and supporting their peers. We are proud of their engagement and achievements around school. As always, we are reminding pupils to treat each other with respect, particularly during break and lunchtime on the yard, and to make positive behaviour choices. With continued support at home, we are confident Year 8 will keep building on their successes and growing together as a year group.

Year 9

Year 9 continue to show an excellent attitude towards learning and a strong commitment to school life. We are pleased to welcome back Miss Keel as Head of Year from maternity leave — please direct any queries to her. Pupils are making positive contributions in lessons and around school, demonstrating respect and consideration for each other. One area we are encouraging pupils to focus on is uniform and appearance; following assembly this week, a few students were reminded about make-up expectations, particularly regarding LVL-tinted lashes and tinted eyebrows. Natural-looking lashes are acceptable, but some eyebrow tints appear unnatural and cannot be removed. Staff are ensuring consistent expectations across all year groups. With continued support, we are confident Year 9 will maintain their excellent attitude and continue to thrive.

Year 10

Year 10 continue to make excellent progress in their GCSE studies, showing focus, dedication, and positive engagement in lessons. Many pupils are also actively involved in extracurricular activities, demonstrating commitment and enthusiasm beyond the classroom. Behaviour across the year group remains very strong, and Mr Johnson has been particularly impressed with their maturity and conduct. One area we are continuing to focus on is punctuality to school; arriving on time supports learning and helps pupils make the most of their school day. With ongoing effort, Year 10 are well placed to achieve their best outcomes and continue setting a positive example for the school community.

Year 11

Year 11 have done a fantastic job completing their mock exams, with only a few remaining. Conduct during the exams has generally been very good, and Miss Porter is extremely proud of their focus and commitment. It is important to remind pupils that following JCQ guidelines during exams is essential to ensure grades are awarded fairly. This is particularly important as the next time they sit exams in the Sports Hall will be their real GCSEs. We are confident that, with continued focus and attention to conduct, Year 11 will approach their upcoming exams with the same determination and professionalism.

Attendance Matters

Friday

December 5th 2025

Issue #02



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS



PUNCTUAL

- Arrive at school on time
- Arrive to lessons on time
- Aim for 100% attendance

Daily lateness equates to...

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5 minutes late = 15 hours of learning lost
3 days of learning lost

6

10 minutes late = 30 hours of learning lost
6 days of learning lost

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15 minutes late = 50 hours of learning lost
10 days of learning lost

100%

Excellent attendance!
Our aim for all students.

6 DAYS ABSENCE

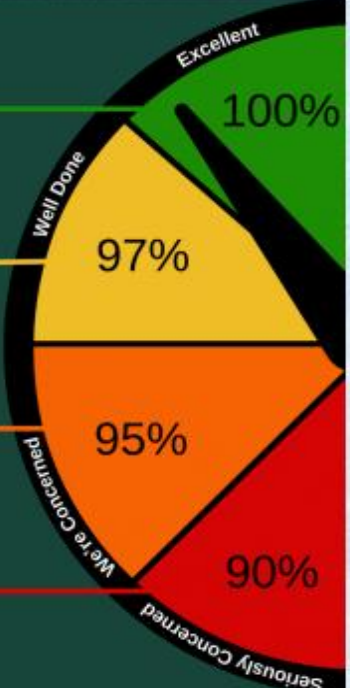
30 hours of learning lost.
On the right path - keep it up!

10 DAYS ABSENCE

50 hours of learning lost.
Poor attendance gives you less chance of success.

19 DAYS ABSENCE

95 hours of learning lost.
Poor attendance gives you less chance of success.



All Day, Every Day

Top Attendance Forms By Year

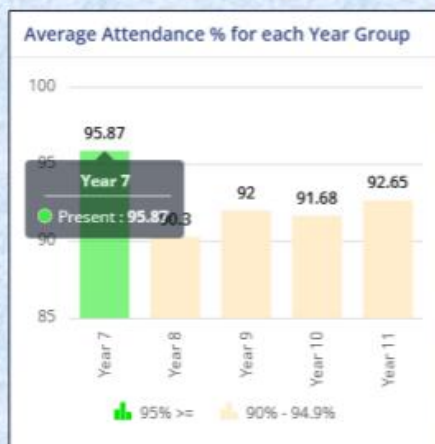
Year 7: 7L - 97.2%

Year 8: 8P - 93.7%

Year 9: 9L - 93.8%

Year 10: 10L/T - 94.3%

Year 11: 11I - 95.4%



At Archbishop Temple, we are committed to promoting excellent attendance and punctuality. Government guidance is clear: parents and schools share the responsibility for ensuring that every child attends regularly and on time. Good attendance not only supports learning and progress, but also helps pupils develop important routines and resilience that prepare them for life beyond school.

To recognise and celebrate these efforts, we have introduced a weekly attendance and punctuality reward system. Pupils who achieve 100% attendance each week are awarded Light Points and entered into our raffle. We also take into account absence due to genuine medical reasons, ensuring that the system is fair and inclusive. Pupils who achieve 100% punctuality are also entered, as arriving on time is an essential part of good attendance.

At the end of each half term, all raffle entries are combined, and a grand prize draw is held, with vouchers to be won. And each full term, the form groups with the highest attendance earn themselves an early lunch with pizza and chips, and additional chances to win a voucher.

This approach not only motivates pupils but also reflects our shared commitment; school, parents, and pupils working together to meet the expectations set out in government guidance and to ensure that every child has the very best chance to succeed.

Absences:

All absences should be reported to school before 8:15am using the contact form on the website or by calling 01772 717782 (option 1)

Medical Appointments:

- Whenever possible, schedule appointments outside of school time
- Avoid making appointments between 8:20am - 9:20am, or 12pm - 1pm
- For any appointments during school time, please provide evidence.

One day off means five missed lessons. Just one day off every few weeks would add up to over 50 missed lessons in a year!



If you have any attendance related concerns please get in touch, we are always here to help in any way we can!

Attendance Ladder



The U14 boys won their Lancashire Cup Basketball match v Kirkham Grammar School by 38-16, top performers were Vlad S and George O with 12 points each in the game.



With Year 11 mocks in full swing, our pupils have braved every kind of weather during PE over the past two weeks—rain, wind, hail, and freezing temperatures. Despite the challenging conditions, nature gave us a stunning reward: this beautiful rainbow, a reminder that even in the toughest moments, there's always something bright to look forward to.



Christmas Carol Service - Thursday 11th December 2025

You are warmly invited to the Archbishop Temple Church of England High School's Carol Service on Thursday, 11th December 2025. The service will take place at St Cuthbert's Church, Fulwood, starting at 6:00 PM, with doors opening at 5:45 PM.



Join us for a festive evening featuring our school choir and band, where you'll have the chance to sing along, and enjoy performances by our pupils in dance. The event will conclude at approximately 7:15 PM with a traditional mince pie and hot drink.

As this is a free ticketed event, please ensure you book the required number of seats to avoid disappointment. We look forward to seeing you there!

www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/99940?

Venue: St Cuthbert's Church, Lytham Road, Fulwood, Preston, Lancashire PR2 3AR

Careers Update

Careers - Next Week:

- *Yr 11 Thinking Ahead day – Friday 12th December 2025* - All Year 11 students will participate in a series of interactive sessions hosted by colleges and training providers. These sessions will cover essential skills for the next steps, including completing college applications, crafting CVs and application forms, exploring apprenticeship opportunities, and receiving expert guidance for future career pathways.
- Year 10 one-to-one careers appointments are currently being scheduled. Pupils will receive notifications regarding the date and time of their individual careers meeting

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APPRENTICESHIP FAIR

Wednesday 11 February 4pm - 6pm



Join our virtual fair to learn all about the world of apprenticeships.

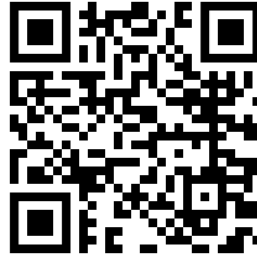


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Get your questions answered by the experts.
Join live sessions with employers from across the UK and speak directly to their representatives to achieve your dream apprenticeship!



Important Dates for your Diary



Parent's Evenings

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
12 th March	15 th January	4 th December	26 th February	22 nd January

