



Archbishop Temple Church of England High School

Jesus Presented in the Temple

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.” ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”

³³ The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Message from Mr Catlow

This week, Parentkind, the national parent body, published two new pieces of government-approved guidance to help schools and families navigate concerns and complaints in a constructive and respectful way. The guidance is national, independent of our school, and designed to support positive relationships between parents and schools.

The documents are:

- A Parent Guide to School Complaints
- A School Guide to Parent Complaints

They set out clear expectations about how concerns should be raised, what parents can expect from schools, and how issues are best resolved. A key message throughout the guidance is the importance of raising concerns directly with the school, rather than discussing them on social media or in public forums. Doing so allows issues to be understood properly, handled fairly, and resolved more quickly in the best interests of young people.

We welcome this guidance and strongly encourage parents and carers to take a few minutes to read it. We are always committed to listening carefully, responding professionally, and working in partnership with families when concerns arise. Equally, following an agreed process helps ensure conversations remain respectful, balanced and solution-focused.

The guidance is available via our website, and we hope it provides reassurance and clarity for parents about how concerns can be raised and addressed effectively.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

Supporting Families with Smartphone Use

In recent weeks, the government has published updated guidance for schools on mobile phone use, alongside changes to legislation around children's access to social media. These developments reflect growing national concern about the impact of smartphones and online platforms on children's wellbeing, behaviour and development.

In response to this, I am considering signing the school up to the Smartphone Free Childhood movement. This is a parent-led initiative that aims to support families in making informed, confident decisions about smartphone use — particularly around delaying access where possible and setting healthy boundaries.

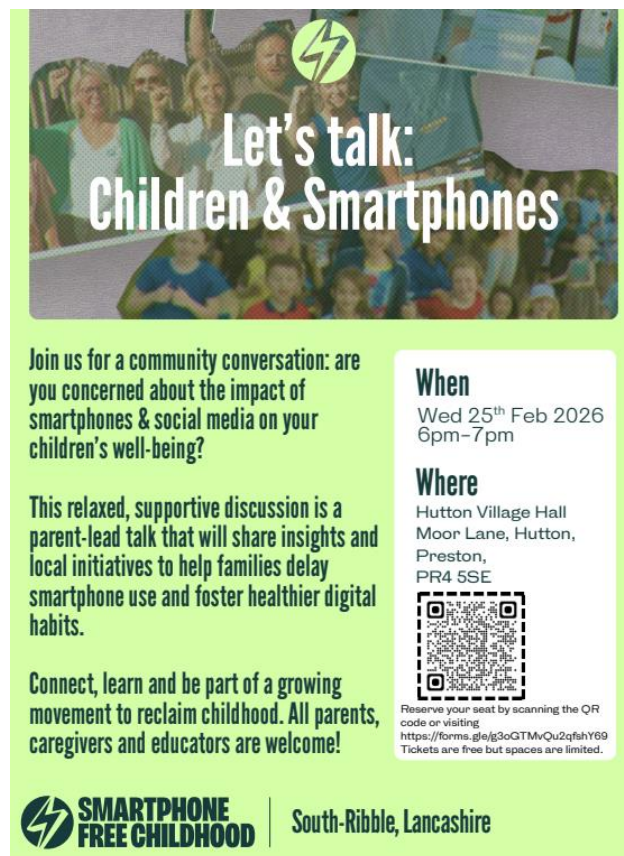
This is not about blame or judgement. I know that parenting in the digital age is complex, and families face real pressures. My aim is simply to work alongside parents, share evidence and guidance, and create space for open, respectful conversations about what best supports our children's wellbeing, focus and social development.

As part of this, parents may be interested in an upcoming Smartphone Free Childhood discussion event taking place locally, that I will be attending at Hutton Village Hall on the 25th February 6-7pm.

This event is open to parents and carers and provides an opportunity to hear more about the movement, ask questions, and discuss practical approaches to smartphone and social media use with other families.

I will continue to keep parents informed as we consider our next steps and welcome thoughtful, constructive dialogue on this important issue. As always, our focus is on working in partnership to support our young people to thrive — both in school and beyond.

Mr Catlow



**Let's talk:
Children & Smartphones**

Join us for a community conversation: are you concerned about the impact of smartphones & social media on your children's well-being?

When
Wed 25th Feb 2026
6pm-7pm

Where
Hutton Village Hall
Moor Lane, Hutton,
Preston,
PR4 5SE

This relaxed, supportive discussion is a parent-lead talk that will share insights and local initiatives to help families delay smartphone use and foster healthier digital habits.

Connect, learn and be part of a growing movement to reclaim childhood. All parents, caregivers and educators are welcome!

Reserve your seat by scanning the QR code or visiting
<https://forms.gle/g3oGTMvQu2qfhy69>
Tickets are free but spaces are limited.

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Headteacher's Pupils of The Week

Logan B	7L	Outstanding attitude to learning
Sophie B	8U	For showing compassion and kindness
Lola G	8I	
Thomas S	9G	Outstanding attitude to learning
Charlotte P	10I	Superb service to school

All of Year 11 who have attended 100% of their Lesson 6 timetable – A great start to the Year 11 revision programme. **A huge well done!**

Channel 4 Junior Bake Off

Applications for the 12th series of **Junior Bake off**, a Channel 4 competition series celebrating Britain's young baking talent are now open. This is an exciting opportunity to for our pupils.

Channel 4 are looking for young budding bakers between **9-15 years old** and interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

Filming would take place from July 2026, but **applications close on Sunday 15th March 2026.**



Mathematics

The Mathematics Paper Society -
Year 11 Girls only



Come and complete a Mathematics GCSE paper, in a quiet and relaxing environment.

Every Monday
lunchtime from
1:05pm- 1:35pm in
room 23

English

Weekly English awards
Archbishop Temple

Year 7 Award Name: Alisha S Reason: For a beautiful poem! (JOM)	Year 8 Award Name: Amber W Reason: Good use of persuasive techniques in your letter. (GBE)	Year 9 Award Name: Evelyn C Reason: For wonderful reading aloud. (JOM)
Year 10 Award Name: Sana D Reason: brilliant effort in your poetry responses! (GEE)	Year 11 Award Name: Fraiser C Reason: For a brilliant Macbeth essay. (SST)	

Celebrating progress, effort and excellence in English each week!

Careers Update

Careers - Next Week:

Get Ready for Our annual Careers Fair!

Curious about what life after school could look like?

Don't miss our **Careers Fair on Thursday, 5th February, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm!**

This is your chance to meet employers, colleges, and training providers all in one place.

They will be ready to chat about exciting opportunities, what they look for in young people, and how you can start planning your future today.

Whether you're dreaming about a job, apprenticeship, or further study, this event is the perfect place to explore your options and ask all your questions.

Make sure you're there—your future starts here!

Additional Careers Activities in School Next Week:

Year 11 Preston College Interviews - Pupils who have applied to Preston College will be notified of their individual interview time and will take place **in school on Tuesday 3rd February 2026** .

Mock Interviews with Employers – Year 11 - On **Thursday 5th February 2026 (Period 5)**, selected Year 11 pupils will take part in **mock interviews with real employers**. This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to build confidence, sharpen interview techniques, and develop transferable skills for **college, apprenticeships, training, and future employment**.

Careers & Options Fair - Join us on **Thursday 5th February, 4:00–6:00pm** for our **Careers & Options Fair** — an excellent chance to explore post-16 pathways and speak directly with training providers and employers.

Year 10 Careers Appointments - One-to-one careers appointments for Year 10 are now being scheduled. Pupils will be notified shortly with the date and time of their individual meeting.



The poster for Myerscough College & University Centre's Course Advice Morning features the college's logo at the top left, which includes a green circular emblem with a stylized plant and the text 'Myerscough College & University Centre', 'EMPOWERING FUTURES', and 'Since 1894'. To the right of the logo are three checkmarks followed by the text 'School Leavers', 'Apprenticeships', and 'University Degrees'. The main title 'Course Advice Morning' is prominently displayed in a large, dark blue serif font. Below the title is a collage of images: two male students in a schoolyard, a horse, a tractor, and a football pitch. A red circular badge on the left states 'The North West centre for land-based, sport, engineering and science education'. A red rectangular badge at the bottom right says 'Download our 2026 School Leaver Prospectus'. The dates 'Saturday 7th February 2026' and 'Saturday 18th April 2026' are listed in white text on a dark green background. At the bottom, the text 'CENTRES ACROSS THE NORTH WEST' and 'PRESTON • WARRINGTON LIVERPOOL • MANCHESTER' is shown, followed by the website 'www.myerscough.ac.uk'.

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Important Dates for your Diary

Get Ready for Our annual Careers Fair at Archbishop Temple!

Thursday, 5th February,

4:00pm to 6:00pm in the Sports Hall



Parent's Evenings

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

