



Newsletter

3rd December, 2024

Important Dates

Wednesday 4th December

Catforth Carols at the village hall 7pm

Thursday 5th December

Nativity rehearsal at Crown Lane Church 8.45am

Friday 6th December

Christmas Fair from 2.30pm in the village hall

Monday 9th December

Nativity rehearsal at church 1pm

Wednesday 11th December

Nativity Performance 6pm Crown Lane Church

Tuesday 17th December

Pantomime at Lowther Pavilion, Lytham

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Party day, including Christmas lunch

Thursday 19th December

Christmas Sports Day

Friday 20th December

End of term assembly 9am

School closes for Christmas holidays 2pm

Monday 6th January 2025

School re-opens for Spring Term 9am

Friday 10th January

Online Safety Workshop for parents 1.15-3.15pm

Wednesday 12th February

NSPCC visiting school for workshops with all children

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day

Monday 10th March

Let's Go Sing Concert, Jaguars and Panthers Classes

Blackpool Winter Gardens

WELCOME BACK

Last week we were very pleased to welcome Miss Barnes back to school. Miss Barnes will be teaching Tigers Class on Thursdays and Fridays and also spending time teaching Panthers and Jaguars Classes each week.

READING VOLUNTEERS

Thank you so much to our reading volunteers. We now have a team of volunteers who come into school regularly and help children to practise their reading. This is making a huge difference to children's progress and fluency in reading and is really helpful for the teachers. If anyone would like to join in, we always need more help! Please let us know.

Attendance and Punctuality

At the end of each term, we acknowledge those children who have been in school every day with our 100% Attendance Awards. These will be given out at our end of term assembly. Whilst attendance is generally very good, we are still really struggling to get everyone into school on time. Thank you to the families who really make a huge effort to ensure that children are **in class at 9am** or even before, to get their day off to a good start. It really does make a difference to the education and well-being of these children.

In August, the government set out new guidance and gave schools additional responsibilities around attendance and punctuality, requiring us to address persistent issues with parents when they arise. This being the case, we will be tackling lateness in the coming weeks. Anyone arriving at school after 9am will be required to report to the office before going into school. We will also be writing to parents to raise the issue and offer help to ensure that punctuality improves and that children get to school on time.

Christmas at Catforth

Christmas is always a very busy time in school, with lots of events to help us prepare for the festivities. This is what we have planned over the next few weeks.

Wednesday 4 th December 7pm	Catforth Carols at the Village Hall Please come along and support school as we join our village community for a really lovely Christmas carol service. Free refreshments afterwards!
Thursday 5 th December	Nativity rehearsal at Crown Lane Church Please drop children off at the church from 8.45am
Friday 6 th December 2.30pm	Christmas Fair PTA Christmas Fair to help raise money for some new laptops. Please come along for some festive fun!
Monday 9 th December	Nativity rehearsal at Crown Lane Church Please pick children up from the church at 3.15pm
Wednesday 11 th December 6pm	Nativity Performance at Crown Lane Church Please bring children at 5.30pm so we can get ready.
Tuesday 17 th December	Pantomime - Cinderella at Lowther Pavilion, Lytham This is a free trip, funded by the PTA. We will be leaving school as soon as we have had an early lunch at 11.30am. Children should bring a drink and a snack for the interval. No fizzy drinks please but anything is fine for a snack. Further details to follow. We will be returning to school ready to be picked up at 4pm.
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Party Day and Christmas Lunch Children can come in suitable party clothes. Please make sure if they are coming in pretty party shoes that they have something to change into for playtime. Please order a Christmas lunch if your child is normally on packed lunches and would like a Christmas dinner that day.
Thursday 19 th December	Catforth Christmas Sports Teams compete against each other in our festive sports event with games such as 'Pass the Present', 'Snowball Targets' and 'Trim the Tree'.

Keeping Your Child Safe Online

We have organised a workshop for parents to ensure you are up to date with all the latest trends and developments in the online world. The workshop will focus on quick tips and ways to help you protect your child when they are online. This will be on Friday 10th January in the afternoon, which is the end of the first week back after the holidays. Letters to sign up will be sent home soon.

NSPCC visit

We have booked a visit from the NSPCC in February to deliver their '**Speak Out Stay Safe**' programme which helps children understand:

- abuse in all its forms and how to recognise the signs of abuse
- that abuse is never a child's fault and they have the right to be safe
- where to get help and the sources of help available to them, including the Childline service

Let's Go Sing

Children in Jaguars and Panthers Classes have been enjoying visits from the music team at Let's Go Sing in preparation for the concert at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool on Monday 10th March. Tickets are already on sale and selling fast! Available directly from the Winter Gardens website.