



Newsletter – 1.12.25 Autumn 2 week 6

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Catholic Life

Our school is certainly loving the Advent feels. Our daily Jesse Tree readings start today; Jesse tree readings happen every morning as we light the advent wreath. The first Advent candle is purple and is lit for hope. Our Jesse tree readings are read aloud by different people each day, the stories are a journey through the stories of the bible and reveal the true gift of Christmas - Jesus.

Our school will be represented by members of our choir at the Blackpool Catholic Schools Advent Liturgy 6pm at Christ the King Church on December 2nd. It is a truly beautiful way to celebrate Advent together as a catholic community.

Our Y5 Christmas reflection will take place on Thursday 4th December at 9am in the school hall for parents and carers of Y5 pupils.

The Infant nativity, lead by Reception class, will be held twice on 11th Dec in school at 9:30 am and 1:30pm. All welcome.

Admissions

Primary places for Reception Class SEPTEMBER 2026 must be made before 15th January 2025. Please notify and friends and families with children that are due to start next year.

The on-line application system is available at www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Congratulations!

To our year 5/6 athletics team who beat off all the other central and northern Blackpool schools to secure a place in the finals. Well done to Mrs Unsworth and her team that competed against schools much larger than Holy Family.

Choir and Coffee

Our school council thank everyone that attended our Junior 'choir and coffee' event on 27th November. We had a great turn out and some great cake donations. XX was raised that will go into the Student Council account. Our infant Choir and Coffee takes place today at 2:30pm – again, all are welcome to attend. Thanks to Miss Mallinson and Mrs Whitehead for their work with the choir and to Mrs Bibby who organises the Student Council.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair is this Thursday 4th December. There will be refreshments to buy, tombola and games for all to enjoy, plus, of course, the opportunity to visit Father Christmas. If you would like a stall for our fair, they cost just £15. Please contact the school office to make a booking. We will be having a non-uniform day on the 4th in exchange for full bottles(juniors)/chocolates (infants) for our tombolas. No cash for the fair? Buy tokens on MCAS!

Grundy Art Gallery

We are very grateful to Mrs Brayshaw who has organised trips to the gallery for classes 1-6. The exhibition is by artist Jason Wilsher Mills and has really inspired our children. Why not go and take a look?

Inset day

Friday 5th December is an INSET day for all staff; no children are in school on the 5th. Please be aware that term dates, including inset days, are set up to a year in advance. Term dates are always available to view on our school website. In addition, we sent out the dates at the end of last year at the same time as the end-of-year reports and these were included in our new reception class induction packs. The decision to adopt the 5th December as an INSET day was taken after feedback from parents with siblings at St. Mary's. Parents had expressed that with the schools having two different inset dates required people to book further time away from work. We are now aligned with St. Mary's, hopefully supporting parents with children at both schools. The term dates for 2026-27 are already on the website for parents to view.

Parent Governors

Please consider becoming a parent governor. Being a Parent Governor is a rewarding way to contribute to the continued growth and success of our school. Governors play a vital strategic role—helping to shape the school's vision, supporting and challenging leadership, monitoring performance, and contributing to key policies that guide our work. Details were sent out via MCAS on 27.11.25 but if you would like further details, please contact the school office. The closing date for candidates nominations is 8.12.25.

**On the Second Sunday of Advent,
one purple candle is lit for PEACE**



Attendance

**Well done to Year 4 with the highest
attendance this term at 97%**

Christmas Lunch



Christmas Lunch is on Friday 12th
December. We would like all
children to join in with Christmas
lunch on this day and invite those
not on parties to wear Christmas
jumpers too!

Lunch can be paid for on MCAS.

Thank you!



DATE	EVENT
1.12.25	Y2 and 3 Choir and Coffee event in school from 2:15pm. All are welcome to attend.
2.12.25	Whole school pantomime treat. (Oh, yes it is!) School panto special of Dick Whittington. <u>Please be aware that the pantomime will only finish at 3pm so children might be slightly later out of school.</u>
2.12.25	Blackpool Catholic Schools Advent Liturgy 6pm (selected choir members) at Christ the King Church
4.12.25	Non-Uniform day in exchange for chocolate (infants) and bottles (juniors) Y5 Christmas reflection in school 9am. Christmas Fair from 3:30pm
5.12.25	SCHOOL INSET DAY – NO CHILDREN IN
8.12.25	Park school carol service 1:45pm at Holy Family Church - all welcome to join us.
11.12.25	Infant Nativity performances in school 9:30 am and 1:30pm.
12.12.25	Christmas jumper day School Christmas lunch
12.12.25	Y5/6 Christmas Party afternoon (own clothes day for years 5 and 6)
15.12.25	KS2 Choir members to sing Christmas Carols at Pennystone Court
15.12.25	Infant party afternoon (own clothes day for years R, 1 and 2)
16.12.25	End of term trackers out on Seesaw for Juniors Y3/4 Christmas Party afternoon (own clothes day for years 3 and 4)
18.12.25	Whole School Mass in church at 2:15pm led by Y6 – all are welcome to join us.
19.12.25	Finish for Christmas break at 1:30pm.

