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Dear Parents/Carers,

Brrrr! It is definitely getting colder; I feel the needs for hats and gloves coming on! If you send your child to school with these lovely warm items, please make sure that they are named.

Catholic Life

Last Friday we celebrated the Feast of St. Francis and the season of Creation. Lots of lovely activities were held around school, including a year 6 litter pick around church and our local streets.

We also harvested our fruit from our school orchard – an abundance of apples. Year 4, along with our school chef, then turned it into apple crumble that the whole school enjoyed. We have placed baskets of apples in church if you would like some.

Thank you to our Governor, Eileen McHale, who joined us in school to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on the 7th October. This month, our chaplaincy team will be holding their own Rosary Club on Mondays and will be teaching other pupils how to pray this special prayer.



Harvest Festival collection

On 23rd October, Year 3 will celebrate the Harvest Festival here in school by holding a special assembly. As a school, we like to collect donations from our school, that we can donate to a local cause. From Monday 22nd October, please send in any in-date tinned food, toiletries, pasta (or other dried goods) and we will make sure they go to help others in our local community.

Admissions

Applications for secondary school places for SEPTEMBER 2026 must be made before 31st October 2025. It is very important that you apply before the deadline and express your choice. If you fail to do so, you may be allocated a school that is far from your home.

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. Our open evening is 13.10.25, 3:30-6pm

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

Student council and Blackpool Symposium

Well done to our student council, who have been very active over the past two weeks! Firstly, they gathered together to represent our school at the Blackpool Symposium, held at Westminster Academy. Secondly, they held their first 'tuck shop' of the year, which they run to buy new playground toys – thank you to all of you that sent in pennies with your children. Our student council also ran our wear yellow for mental health day.

As part of our work on British Values, on the 17th October, we will be visited by Chris Webb MP. He wants to meet with our school council and also have a Q&A session with years 5 and 6. Exciting times!

Governors

If you are interested being more involved in the life of our school and perhaps becoming one of our Governors, we are looking for some new members. Governors serve for a term of 3 years and are expected to attend three meetings per year. This October sees the end of term for three of our Governors, who we thank most humbly for their service to our school, so we now need to appoint to our board.

Governors can either join as **Foundation Governors**, who must be practising Catholics or as **Parent Governors**, who must have a child/grandchild currently on roll at our school.

If you are interested in becoming a foundation governor, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Further details about applying to be a parent governor will be coming out at the end of November, please look out for that if you are interested.

Use of trim trails

A polite reminder that children do not have permission to use the school trim trails before or after school. School will not be held responsible for any incidents that occur due to the unauthorised use of the equipment.

Packed lunches

Last week we had a number of children coming into school with sweets in their packed lunches. We encourage parents to avoid this and offer healthier options.

Uniform

Trainers should only be worn on PE days. Earrings should be plain studs only and removed on PE days. Boys' hair should not have shaved lines or be less than a no.2 cut. Girls should tie long hair back.

Dates for your diary coming up

13/10/25	Reception open afternoon for 2026 starters @3:30-6pm
14/10/25	Y3 trip to Bring 'Yer Wellies'
17/10/25	Chris Webb MP visit
21/10/25	No-uniform and Harvest disco (pay on MCAS please)
23/10/25	Harvest festival
24/10/25	Break up for Half term
3/11/25	INSET (School closed to pupils)
4/11/25	Autumn 2 term begins

Save the date!

Wednesday 19th
November is
parents' evening.
Please book via
MCAS.

This meeting is intended to
discuss how your child has
settled into their new class.

