



Newsletter – 14.10.24 Autumn 1 week 7

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe that we are at the end of our first half term. I am pleased to say that our new Reception class have settled in really well and our Year 6 class have stepped into their new responsibilities brilliantly.

Admissions and Open evening

If you have a child born between **1st September 2020** and **31st August 2021**, you must apply for a primary school Reception (EYFS) place for September 2024. (Applications are required for all children with a 4th birthday between 1st September 2024 and 31st August 2025.)

If you live in Blackpool (pay council tax to Blackpool) apply online: www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions

CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR EYFS SEPTEMBER 2025 - 15th JANUARY 2025

Please encourage anyone that will be looking for a place in Reception class next year to come and visit our school. We will be open from 3:30-5:30pm for parents and carers to look around and ask any questions.

Secondary School applications

It is essential that all year 6 children have submitted their school choices online to either Blackpool or Lancashire by **31 October 2024**.

National Poetry Day 2024

On the 3rd October, school celebrated the National Poetry day. On Friday 4th, Mrs Dempsey asked each class to perform their poems in assembly. It was marvellous to see the children project their voices and perform their poems. Ask your child about it!

School Mass

Thank you to all of the families that came and joined us for school Mass on Sunday. It is lovely to see people celebrating together and it does sound wonderful when we sing!

MCAS

We are nearly getting there with MCAS and we hope that people are finding it easy to navigate. Please can we ask that you check your phone settings to ensure that you are allowing notifications from the MCAS app. We are sending all bump notes, trips, events, letters etc through this app and unless you have notifications allowed, you will need to open the app frequently and check for any notes yourself.





Harvest Thanks

Thanks to everyone who gave so generously this year during our Harvest Festival. We dropped off the donation at Blackpool community bank, where our local community can directly benefit. Well done also to Year 3 who led a beautiful Harvest celebration, where we received a blessing for the year ahead from Father David.

Home time release

Please note that EYFS, KS1 (infant) children will only be released to an adult at home time. No infant children will be released to walk home by themselves. Parents must inform the school office or class teacher if another person is collecting their child. If this person is not known to school, a password may be given to be checked by the class teacher on collection of the child.

KS2 children may be released to a sibling of secondary school age if needed, but for safeguarding and safety reasons, being released to an adult is preferred. If a parent wishes for their KS2 child to walk home, they must consent to this via the MCAS app. Also please note that if your child is coming to school on a bike or scooter, wearing a helmet is a safer option.

Dates for your diary coming up

- 15.10.24 – Year 3 trip to 'Bring 'yer wellies'.
- 18.10.24 – non uniform day £1
- Break up for half term at 3:15pm
- 28.10.24 - **INSET day (no children in)**
- 29.10.24 - Autumn 2 begins - children return
- 30.10.24 - Open afternoon for Reception 2025
(3:30-5:30pm)
- 31.10.24 - All Saints' Vigil Mass in church
- 1.11.24 - All Saints' Day School Disco @ 4-5:15pm - £1
- 12.11.24 - Parent Phonics workshop

Parents' Phonic Workshop

Would you like to be able to support your child more with their reading? If so, miss Johnston will be sharing tips on phonics and how we can help our children to read.

This will be held on 12.11.24 at 2:45pm in the infant hall.

All are welcome.

Attendance

Well done to year 5 with the best attendance this half term so far.

97.3%

