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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are busy in lots of events this week and over the coming few weeks – keep a note of all the dates!

Catholic Life

Last week we marked remembrance in a number of ways: firstly, we worked on our oracy and performed war poetry in our Monday assembly. In Tuesday, Year 6 led a special assembly on Remembrance during which we marked the minute silence.

Mrs Pearce

Rather exciting news! Mrs Pearce represented GREAT BRITAIN in ball hockey! Wow! Last week she flew to Bratislava to compete in the world cup! What an amazing achievement and we are very proud of her!

Culturefest

Our Year 5 children took part in two musical workshops with artists from the Congo and Palestine. After learning about their music and the instruments that they play, the children then participated in a piece of music with their musician. Later that evening, they then joined their musician at the Empress Ballroom in the Winter Gardens to sing their song a second time. Thank you to all the parents who attended and supported their children's learning.

Sporting News

- Well done to our football team on their valiant effort at the Kids' Cup tournament last Monday – Mrs Unsworth says 'we were robbed!'
- Well done to those who took part in Strictly come dancing at the Tower Ballroom last week.
- Good luck to the girls' football team who play Armfield this week.
- Our year 5 and 6 team compete in the Blackpool tournament today at Stanley Park! Good luck to them.



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. Our open evening is 13.10.25, 3:30-6pm
The on-line application system is available at www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions

PC Ben and Police

This week we will be visited by PC Ben Fitzgerald, who works with Police supportive engagement. PC Ben will be coming in to work with our Year 5 and 6 classes on a range of matters that children need to understand as they reach the age of criminal responsibility. Starting this week, Year 5 will be working on 'How the Police help us' and Year 6 will be looking at Cyber bullying and sending messages online.

The Police will also be visiting Year 6 to discuss knife crime and how to avoid becoming involved in local crime.

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.

Grundy Art Gallery

Mrs Brayshaw has arranged for years 1-6 to visit the Grundy art Gallery in town on the 26th Nov and the 3rd Dec. The children will start off in the library for a story session and then go to view the exhibitions in the gallery. Thank you to Mrs Brayshaw for organising such a lovely experience for our children. The trip is held under the local area visits and the children will be transported by our minibus to and from the gallery. We will assume consent to take the children, however, please contact the school office should you wish to withdraw your child from this event.

Pantomime

Children will be getting a treat on Tuesday 2nd December, when a pantomime company comes to visit us. This company specialises in pantomimes for schools so please do not worry if you have booked one for your family! This year we will be watching Dick Whittington. It will take place in school time and is paid for by school as a treat for our wonderful children.

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 - November

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| 18.11.25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Caterlink coffee morning – come and see what our school lunches are like and to ask any questions• PC Ben in Y5• Girls Football match v Armfield |
| 19.11.25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 1 trip to Vue Cinema• PC Ben in Y6• Y1 nurse visit• PARENTS' evening |
| 20.11.25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 6 knife talk• Year 4 class mass at 2:30pm in the junior hall – all welcome. |
| 24.11.25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual class photos – look smart everyone! |
| 26.11.25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visits to the Grundy Art Gallery begin (local area) |
| 27.11.25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choir and Coffee event from 2:30pm – all are welcome to join us. |

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.



Livesimply

The next few weeks in school are jam-packed with events. Here are the dates that you might want to keep in mind.

DATE	EVENT
27.11.25	Key Stage 2 Choir and Coffee event in school from 2:15pm. All are welcome to attend.
1.12.25	Key Stage 1 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
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) 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.