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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school and welcome to our new parents. I hope that you all have had a restful yet fun summer break and are ready to start a new term. We have lots to do in our first few days in and look forward to a happy term of learning.

Catholic Life

Dear God,

We place our pupils, staff and families into Your hands as a new school year begins.

Give us eager minds, courage to try new things, and peace when we feel overwhelmed. Protect us from harm and surround us with kind friends.

Walk with us through every hallway, classroom, and schedule change. Remind us all that we are never alone.

Amen.

We will be starting our year with a welcome back to school Mass on Friday 4th September at 10am in church, all are welcome to join us. Year 6 will be reading.

This year, our class masses will be at a different time – Thursday morning at 10am and will now be held in church. As is always the case, we warmly welcome anyone who would like to join us as we celebrate Mass together. Class Masses will commence Thursday 24th September with Year 5 leading the readings.

Sadly, over summer, one of Holy Family's retired Priests, Father Farrell, sadly passed away. Father Farrell served our parish for a very long time. His requiem Mass will be held on Thursday 10th September, 11:30am at Holy Family and will be presided over by the Bishop of Lancaster – Bishop Paul Swarbrick.

Meet the teacher

Our Meet the Teacher dates for September are as follows:

YR – please see your induction pack for details

Y1 – Wednesday 9th September @9am

Y2 – Thursday 10th September @9am

Y3 – Monday 14th September @9am

Y4 – Wednesday 16th September @9am

Y5 – Thursday 17th September @9am

Y6 – Friday 18th September @9am

Medical

School holds a register for children with medical needs and this is checked frequently. Miss Baldwin is our school first aider and she will attend each 'Meet the teacher' session this September. Please take a minute to update or share any changes to your child's medical needs with us. It is of utmost importance that school is made aware of any allergies and needs.

Clubs

Clubs will be starting week commencing 14/9/26. Please sign up on MCAS. Please be aware that clubs are first come, first served and should the number of children wanting a place exceeding the planned number, then they will be placed on the waiting list for a space.

Car parking and Gate opening

Please be aware that the school gates are not opened until 3:05pm. Please do not arrive too early and block our neighbours on Leckhampton.

Please do not enter Seacrest Avenue. The road is too narrow for cars to turn safely with our children crossing in the morning. Please use one of the alternative parking spots: our carpark on Leckhampton, the Church carpark or park along Links road and walk through to school. We would much rather have a pupil arrive a couple of minutes later than face an accident. Also, please do not park across our neighbours' driveways – if there is a dropped kerb, you should not stop. We have weekly complaints from our neighbours regarding inconsiderate parking by parents that could easily be avoided.

Allergies

As of September 2026, Benedict's law has come into force. This law highlights the importance of being ready for anyone who suffers an allergic reaction. As a school we have an allergy policy and our allergy champion is Miss Baldwin. All staff have received allergy training, including the use of APIs and what we need to do in case of an anaphylactic reaction.

This year, we have two children with a serious nut allergy, who have emergency medicine in school. Whilst we are trained, the best thing we can do is avoid any contact with nuts and **so we must insist that children bringing in packed lunches must not have items that contain nuts**. Please read labels and avoid products such as peanut butter/Nutella on sandwiches and treats such as Kinder Bueno.

Trimtrail

Please be aware that the use of the trim trail is not permitted either before or after school. School will not be held responsible for any accidents resulting from misuse of this equipment.

Admissions

Year 6 parents need to be considering the next stage in your child's education in the next few weeks. All parents must apply for the secondary school of their choice by 31st October 2026 on either Blackpool or Lancashire county council websites.

Blackpool: <https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Residents/Education-and-schools/School-admissions/Apply-for-a-secondary-school-place.aspx>

There are a number of open evenings for parents to visit schools, please go to their websites for further details.

Anyone looking to start here at Holy Family, either a sibling or a new family, will need to apply for a primary school place for September 2027 will also need to apply by January 2027.

<https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Residents/Education-and-schools/School-admissions/Apply-for-a-primary-school-place.aspx>

Dates for your diary:

3.9.26	Children return
4.9.26	Welcome back Mass 10am Holy Family Church
9.9.26	Y1 Meet the Teacher at 9am
10.9.26	Y2 Meet the Teacher at 9am Father Farrell Requiem Mass at 11:30am at Holy Family
14.9.26	Y3 Meet the Teacher at 9am
15.9.26	Stanley Park event – children to be notified if participating
16.9.26	Y4 Meet the Teacher at 9am



17.7.26	Y4 swimming begins Y5 Meet the Teacher at 9am
18.9.26	Y6 Meet the Teacher at 9am
21.9.26	St. Mary's open evening for Year 6 parents
24.9.26	Year 5 leading Mass @10am in Holy Family Church – all welcome
25.9.26	Year 3 trip to 'Bring Yer Wellies'
28.9.26	Year 5 trip to Blackpool Tower
1.10.26	Year 4 leading Mass @10am in Holy Family Church – all welcome
2.10.26	Stanley Park 100-year anniversary event – children involved will be notified
5.10.26	Harvest donations to be sent into school – tins, dried goods or toiletries – thank you! Year 2 class assembly at 2:30pm in school
8.10.26	Year 3 leading Harvest celebrations @ 2:15pm
9.10.26	Year 2 trip to Anchorsholme Author event
15.10.26	Year 6 pilgrimage to Ladyewell shrine
16.10.26	Non Uniform day - £1 donation to Mary's Meals
22.10.26	Year 2 leading Mass @10am in Holy Family Church – all welcome
23.10.26	Close for half term 3:15pm



We are really excited to get going this term!

