

Our Lady of the Assumption



Weekly News Update

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

Firstly, please can I take this opportunity to thank you all for making me feel so welcome. I am really enjoying my time here in such a lovely, happy school.

This week we have focused on our Meet the Teacher sessions and I was able to attend all of these apart from the Year 5 session due to a meeting I could not miss. Apologies for this. I hope you found these meetings useful and for those that could not attend, we will be uploading the class PowerPoints to our website so you can view them in your own time. Please do ask any questions if there is any information on the slides you do not fully understand.

The new website will be live by the end of this week.

The opening of the door at 8.40am for the juniors is working well and this is meaning our children are settling down to their morning skills work earlier too, making a better start to the day. Again, thank you for supporting us on this.

Wrt reading we are still reviewing this in school, in terms of the books our children access and new books we may need to purchase to take home. As soon as we know more we will let you know.

We are still awaiting the side panel for our Early Years canopy but the cover is already allowing for more use of the outdoor area provision which is fantastic.

Finally, we have now planned in all our parent/class liturgies for this half term so I hope you can join us. These will all be in the hall from 9am on the dates in this newsletter.

Thank you.

Mrs Allen

Please find below the links to the individual Class Blogs from last week

Reception Class Information sent through Seesaw app

Year 1 <https://www.ourladyassumption-sch.co.uk/yr1-news/2023/9/7/a-new-beginning-tse97-zk3hb>

Year 2 <https://www.ourladyassumption-sch.co.uk/yr2-news/ptwkrp3c6gr64m4-nhwtj-8xax6-9xwf6-fhb72-9m66t-n8323>

Year 3 <https://www.ourladyassumption-sch.co.uk/yr3-news/2025/9/2/we-are-pilgrims-of-hope-welcome-to-year-3>

Year 4 <https://www.ourladyassumption-sch.co.uk/yr4-news/2025/9/5/welcome-to-year-4-bcw6j>

Year 5 <https://www.ourladyassumption-sch.co.uk/yr5-news/2025/9/18/for-god-so-lovednbspthe-world-that-he-gavenbsphis-one-and-only-sonnbspthat-whoever-believesnbspin-him-shall-not-perish-but-have-eternal-life-john-316>

Year 6 <https://www.ourladyassumption-sch.co.uk/yr6-news/2025/9/10/then-the-lord-god-formed-the-man-of-dust-from-the-ground-genesis-27>

Please also find below this week's link to The Wednesdays Word

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

Emailing Queries and Information to teachers

If you wish to email teachers with any questions or concerns, please can these emails be forwarded to the main admin box at admin@our-lady.blackpool.sch.uk. In the subject box please indicate which class year or teacher the email is intended for and they will be forwarded on to the correct recipient in a timely manner.

Attendance

As you know as a school we continue to focus on excellent attendance as this is essential for children to make the best progress. As a whole school we have set a target for the year of **97.4%**

Class	Week beginning 08/09/25	Year to date from the start of September
RECEPTION		
YEAR 1	98.6%	96.2%
YEAR 2	98%	98.5%
YEAR 3	96%	94.8%
YEAR 4	94.3%	93%
YEAR 5	100%	98%
YEAR 6	93.9%	95%

97% +
AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET

BELOW 95%
CAUSING CONCERN & LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS

90% & BELOW
PERSISTENT ABSENCE - SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN

Dates for Your Diary September 2025

Monday 22nd September	School photographs: individual and siblings, plus Reception class group
Wednesday 24th September	World School Milk Day – Mr Bloom from Cbeebies to visit and provide a whole school presentation in the afternoon
Friday 26th September	European Languages Day – £1 donation via ParentPay to raise funds for PTFA NHS school nurses: Nasal Flu vaccinations
Monday 29th September	Reception Class Group photo for Gazette Special Edition Reception & Year 1 Phonics Parents meeting in Hall @ 2pm

Dates for Liturgy for Parents in the School Hall

Tuesday 14th October	Year 1 Liturgy - Parents invited into the Hall 9am
Wednesday 15th October	Year 2 Liturgy - Parents invited into the Hall 9am
Friday 17th October	Year 4 Liturgy - Parents invited into the Hall 9am
Wednesday 22nd October	Year 3 Liturgy - Parents invited into the Hall 9am
Thursday 13th November	Year 5 & 6 - Parents invited into the Hall 9am
Friday 14th November	Reception Liturgy - Parents invited into the Hall 9am

Open Afternoon's for September 2026 Intake

Wednesday 22nd October	Presentation and School Tour 2pm School Hall
Wednesday 19th November	Presentation and School Tour 2pm School Hall

You might be eligible to Pupil Premium. What is the Pupil Premium (PP)?

The Pupil Premium is extra government money which is paid to schools to support children's learning and development. We can support you in finding out if your child could receive the extra money. We can choose how to best spend the Pupil Premium money and will work with you to make sure your child benefits from the extra funding.

Who could benefit from this money?

Children from the reception year to year 6 may be eligible if they:

- are registered for Free School Meals (FSM)
- have been registered for FSM at any point in the last 6 years
- are or have been in care
- have parents in the armed forces *If your child could claim for FSM but takes a packed lunch to school, it's still important you tell us. This will let us know if your child is able to receive the Pupil Premium.

Why should I register my child for Free School Meals (FSM)?

Children who are registered for Free School Meals (FSM) are entitled to the Pupil Premium. Your child isn't automatically registered for FSM, even though all infant children are entitled to receive a free school meal.

How do I register my child for Free School Meals (FSM)?

Follow the link below to the Wakefield online portal for parents:

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

If you need any support with this, please don't hesitate to ask the school office or myself personally on the gate.