

Our Lady & St Edward's Catholic Primary School

3rd October 2025

Dear Parents,

Thank you for the contributions made to the CAFOD Family Fast Day today. The money raised today will be sent to CAFOD so that they can continue their good work across the world.

Our Reception class children have settled well into school and it is a joy to have them in our school family. They have embraced school life and adapted well to routines. Well done to you all.

Many thanks to parents who were able to attend the recent phonics workshop. We hope that you found it useful. The resources can be found on our website.

On Friday 17th October Y3 will lead us in a Harvest Assembly. Please could all non-perishable food items be brought to school during the week commencing 13th October. We will then deliver the food to Ingol Food Bank. The volunteers are always grateful of our support.

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Dates for your diary

Wednesday 8th – Friday 10th October – Robinwood for Year 6

Thursday 9th October – Year 2 Class Worship at 9.00am in school

Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th October – Parents' Evening 4.00pm to 6.30pm

Friday 17th October – Harvest Assembly led by Year 3 at 9.10am - Year 3 parents welcome. Non-perishable food items collected for the food bank during w/c Monday 13th October

Friday 24th October – School closes at 3.20pm/3.30pm for half term.

Monday 3rd November – INSET Day

Tuesday 4th November – School re-opens

Friday 7th November – Year 6 Class Worship at 9.00am in school

Monday 10th to Friday 14th November - Anti-bullying week

Wednesday 12th November – PTA Cake Sale at 3.20pm

Thursday 13th November – Year 4 Class Worship at 9.00am in school

Harvest Celebrations – Friday 17th October at 9.10am

This year we will be celebrating our Harvest Assembly on Friday 17th October for the whole school led by Year 3. Year 3 parents welcome.

In addition, children in all year groups are asked to bring in donations of tinned/packet food, tea and coffee for Holy Family food bank. These can be sent in from Monday 13th October. Holy Family were most grateful last year and many local families benefitted from your generosity.

September 2025 Primary & Secondary Admissions

Online applications for Reception Class and Year 7 Admissions 2026 are open on www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Supplementary Faith Request Forms will also need completing – Reception Class Supplementary Form to be returned to school and the High School Faith form to be returned to the respective school.

The closing date for returning forms for Reception is 15th January 2026 and High School is 31st October 2025.

Parents' Evening

We are due to hold Parents' Evening on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th October. All appointments will be held in the school hall. Each appointment will be 10 minutes per pupil – staff will adhere to this timing to ensure smooth running of the evening. If you feel that you require a longer session, then please make a separate appointment outside of the parents' evening. Appointments can be made via Arbor. Your child's books will be on a table outside the hall which you can collect on entry.

School Visits/Visitors

A list of visits and visitors for each class throughout the year with an approximate cost will be emailed next week. Some events are free and some are funded by the PTA whilst others, are supported by parents. We hope that this list will support families with budgeting.

Morning Drop Off

We have noticed an increasing number of pupils arriving in school before 8.40am. A reminder to parents that pupils should not arrive at school before 8.40am as a member of staff is only on duty at the school gate from this time. If you do need to drop off before this time, pupils should be booked into the Before School Club.

Easyfundraising & School Lottery

School Lottery – Have you signed up to the School Lottery yet? We only have 21 members and need lots more!! You can join for £1 per week and the profits come back to the school either in direct fundraising or as cash prizes for our school families and there are some big prizes to be won! A number of draws have taken place with members winning money. Join here:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/our-lady-and-st-edwards-catholic-primary-school>

Easy Fundraising - Have you downloaded the Easyfundraising app yet? easyfundraising is the simplest way to raise money for Our Lady & St Edward's Primary School PTA – We have raised over £1,100 so far! Shop with any of over 3,300 well-known retailers via the easyfundraising website - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/UJX6FK/MHPPE8/>

When you click on this link just search for the cause – Our Lady & St Edward's Primary School PTA. It's simple and quick to do!

Class Worship dates to which parents are invited

Reception – Thursday 27th November at 9.00am in the school hall
Year 1 – Thursday 20th November at 9.00am in the school hall
Year 2 – Thursday 9th October at 9.00am in the school hall
Year 3 – Friday 17th October at 9.10am in school - Harvest Assembly
Year 4 – Thursday 13th November at 9.00 in school
Year 5 – Tuesday 16th December at 9.15am in church – End of Term Mass
Year 6 – Friday 7th November at 9.00am in the school hall

Kindly note that filming or taking photographs are not permitted during class worship or assembly.

Values

The value we are looking at this month is **CO-OPERATION**. Please help your child to understand what this means and the importance of working together, being patient with each other and understanding each other's needs. We will of course be exploring this through our assemblies.

TenTen Newsletter

As a school we subscribe to the TenTen resources which we use in assemblies, class worship and staff prayer. Please read the newsletters each month as they provide useful information and spiritual guidance, supporting the work we do in school. Below is a link to the parent newsletter

www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

PTA News

PTA meeting – Tuesday 4th November – At 6.00pm in School.

New parents welcome!

PTA Cake Sale – Wednesday 12th November where we are asking pupils in Y5 & Y2 to donate cakes. The charity has yet to be decided.

Home School Agreement – Reception and Year 3

Parents of the Reception and Year 3 classes should bring home with this newsletter a Home School Agreement. Reception parents and Year 3 parents and pupils, are asked to sign this, return it to school, then your child's class teacher will countersign it and return it to you.

Jewellery

As we have now been back in school for 5 weeks any pupil who had their ears pierced in the Summer holidays should be able to remove them within the next week. For health and safety reasons can we please ask parents to ensure that ear-rings are removed for school as is our school policy however plastic retainers may be worn but must be removed for PE. Bracelets or necklaces are also not allowed - this also includes friendship bracelets. We allow watches for children who can tell the time however, we do not allow smart watches or fitbits.

Parking on Lightfoot Lane and Surrounding Roads

Please drive and park respectfully when dropping off or collecting pupils. There have been reports of cars blocking driveways on Hazelmere Road. Please ensure that children enter and exit cars from the footpath – not the road for safety purposes. Please also remember that parents and residents have to walk along footpaths with prams and enough space should be left for this.

Bikes and Scooters

A reminder for children who come to school on a bike or scooter that it is important to wear a securely fastened helmet. Children are to dismount their bikes/scooters before entering or leaving the school gates.

Adventure Areas

A reminder to all pupils that the adventure areas are not to be used at the end of the school day.

Sports Achievements Since Last Newsletter

18.9.25 Hockey Team played two matches and won both
25.9.25 Hockey played two matches and won both
2.10.25 Hockey played two matches and lost both
16.9.25 Mini skills inclusion team won the competition
30.9.25 Boys football tournament - the team won 1, drew 1 and lost 3

Request from St Edward's School Club

For health & safety reasons -can parents please remember to close the gate when dropping off and collecting pupils from the school club.

All children attending St Edward's School Club should be registered before any sessions are booked. If you are wanting to book sessions for the first time you must contact the school office.

Please remember the following:-

Whilst bookings can be made at any time, should a place be required within 48 hours please also email the school office to let them know a booking has been made. If you are booking over the weekend for a Monday slot, the office should also be informed via email.