

OUR LADY AND ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

24th April 2026

Dear Parents

Many thanks to our parents and grandparents who helped at the Easter Lunch.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in sponsor money for our Lenten Fundraising, please continue to send in any outstanding money so that we can confirm the grand total.

Please keep the children and their families in Year 3 and Year 6 in your prayers as they prepare for Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 28th April – Y2 trip to Brockholes

Tuesday 28th April – Ice Pop Sale after school – Ice Pops are 50p each

Wednesday 29th April – No Waste Day

Monday 4th May- Bank Holiday - School Closed. Extra-curricular clubs begin this week

Friday 8th May – May Devotions assembly at 9.10am in school led by Y4 (Y4 Parents Welcome)

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May - KS2 SATs

Wednesday 13th May - Reception trip to Brockholes

Wednesday 13th May – School Nurse Drop In Session from 2.00pm to 3.00pm

Thursday 14th May - First Reconciliation Y3 6.00pm in Church

Saturday 16th May - First Holy Communion Y3 11.00am in Church

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd May – Assessment Week Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y5

Monday 18th May - Freddie Fit Day

Wednesday 20th May – Year 1 Blackpool Zoo Trip

Wednesday 20th May - New Reception Class Induction evening for parents 5.00pm

Friday 22nd May – Own Clothes Day to raise money for the PTA

Friday 22nd May - School closes at 3.20pm/3.30pm for Half Term

Monday 1st June - School re-opens

Monday 1st to Friday 5th June – Multiplication Tables Check for Year 4

Tuesday 2nd June – PTA meeting at 6.30pm

Monday 8th to Friday 12th June - Year 1 Phonics

Monday 8th June – Cake Sale 3.20pm Reception and Year 3 – charity yet to be decided

Wednesday 17th June - Sports Day Infants 10.00am - 12.00pm Juniors 1.30pm - 3.15pm

Class Worship - Summer Term Dates

Reception - Thursday 11th June 9.10am in school

Year 1 - Thursday 18th June 9.10am in school

Year 2 - Wednesday 15th July 9.10am in school-end of term assembly

Year 3 - Thursday 25th June 9.10am in school

Year 4 - Friday 8th May 9.10am (May Devotions)

Year 5 - Wednesday 10th June 9.10am in school

Year 6 - Tuesday 14th July 9.15am mass in church and Thursday 16th July 9.10am in school-end of term assembly.

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Value of the Month for April

The value for April is COMPASSION. In assembly and in class the children will be looking at what this means through our understanding of others and the situations they face. We will look at how we care for others in both their physical and emotional needs.

Value of the Month for May

The value this month is **Unity**. In school we will be using the Gospel passages which explore what this means. During the course of the month the children will reflect upon what it means to work together, to encourage others and to create strength and harmony.

May the Month of Mary

The Catholic Church celebrates Our Lady during the month of May. The children will take part in an assembly dedicated to Our Lady as well as weekly Rosary prayers.

First Communion - Year 3 - Saturday 16th May - 11.00am Mass

This is a special day for our Year 3 pupils. Please remember them in your prayers. There will be a Communion breakfast for the pupils in the Parish Centre afterwards and we traditionally ask the Year 2 parents to prepare the room and serve drinks as they will enjoy this lovely event next year. Please let Mrs Kippax know if you are able to help.

Freddie Fit Fitness Day

On Monday 18th May we will be joined by Freddie fit to take part in a day of fitness and fun. All children are to come to school in their PE kit ready to participate in the sessions.

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/

Medication in School

A reminder to parents that if your child requires prescribed medication in school that we only accept this medication if it is in date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and includes instructions for administration, dosage and storage. We will not be able to administer any other medication.

Before medication can be given parents/guardians will need to complete a Parental Agreement for Our Lady and St Edward's School to administer medicine form available from the school office.

No dogs allowed on school premises

Can we please remind parents that dogs are not allowed on the school premises. We have a number of children with a fear of dogs.

PTA News

Tuesday 2nd June - PTA meeting - 6.30pm in school. Please join us if you can.

Cake Sale - The next cake sale will take place on Monday 8th June and we are asking Reception and Year 3 to donate cakes - the charity has yet to be decided.

Family Bingo Night

The family bingo night was a great success. Many thanks to PTA members and staff who worked hard to ensure that the event ran smoothly.

Have you signed up to the School Lottery yet? We only have 16 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 £1,400 so far! Shop with any of over 3,300 well-known retailers via the easyfundraising website -

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/UJXGFK/MHPPEB/>

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!

St Edward's 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.

Please also remember that payment should be made at the time of booking. Places in St Edward's School Club are not confirmed until payment has been received.

Arbor Payments

Please keep a check on Arbor as your balance for school lunches should always be in credit.

Attendance

Attendance at Our Lady and St Edward's is good and continues to be monitored. Please check your child's attendance via arbor. Below is the attendance data to date for each class up to Easter.

Class	Attendance Data this week	Attendance Date to Easter
Reception	95.19%	94.69%
Year 1	98.88%	96.53%
Year 2	99.26%	96.66%
Year 3	98.61%	97.27%
Year 4	99.19%	96.66%
Year 5	99.28%	96.53%
Year 6	100%	94.69%

The national data for primary schools to date is 94.9% and OLSE is 96.66%. Thank you to our families for supporting good attendance.

Reminder During Sunny Weather

In the hope that we continue with the sunny weather can we please remind parents to apply sunscreen to pupils before school and send them in wearing a cap. Caps can be any colour but must be plain with no logo. A reminder too that drinks of water can be brought into school so that the children have access to water throughout the day. We have noticed that a number of children are bringing extremely large water bottles and classes are struggling to store them. Can we please ask that your child brings a regular sized bottle – these can be re-filled in school.

No Waste Day

As part of our school sustainability programme we are having a 'No Waste Day' on Wednesday 29th April. The children will be learning about the importance of limiting our waste and we will be thinking of ways we can do this in class. We will also be trying to reduce our waste at dinner time – particularly with regards to packaging. If your child has packed lunches please consider how you can reduce packaging waste.

Own Clothes Day - Friday 22nd May

We will be having an Own Clothes Day on Friday 22nd May in lieu of a donation towards PTA fundraising.

Sports' News

Y5/6 Girls football won the league and are due to play in the semi final of the Dick Kerr next week

Y5/6 Rugby team won the league and played in the Preston tournament where they came 2nd

Congratulations to all the teams and many thanks to the parents and grandparents who attend the events and support the children with encouragement and pride.

We have a number of events due to take place over the coming weeks.

Adventure Play Areas

The activity play areas adjacent to the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds should not be used before or after school. They should only be used during playtime, lunchtime or by the before or after school club. Can we also please ask that pupils in KS1 waiting to pick up siblings in KS2 at the end of the school day remain with their parents and do not play on the field.

School Uniform

Please take note of our uniform requirements regarding shoes. Pupils are expected to wear shoes to and from school and are allowed to change into trainers at lunchtime for comfort whilst playing games. School shoes are to be a full shoe with Velcro or a strap fastening. Children can wear laced shoes as long as they know how to tie them. Slip on shoes are not part of our uniform policy and therefore, if you are buying new shoes please select a full shoe which fastens.

Extreme hairstyles are not permitted in school which includes any shaved shapes/partings. If hair clippers are used, **no lower than a number 2** is allowed on any part of the head and hair should be a blended cut with no ridges or lines. An excess of hair gel is also not allowed. Girls hair accessories are to be in school/hair colours only and of a reasonable size.

Child and Family Wellbeing

A monthly drop in where families can access free advice & support

Pathway Navigator-ASD-ADHD & More

School Nurse - Bed wetting Sleep Hygiene & More

Housing - Preston City Council - Gateway

Citizen Advice

Benefit Advice - DWP

Emotional Health and Wellbeing

Debt Advice/Support

Employment advice - DWP

Relationship advice

Home safety - Lancs Fire & Rescue

Free Funded Nursery Places

Lancashire Women

Find out about:

Mental health support

Accessing Food Banks

Household living support

Drop in sessions held on the last Tuesday of each month 2-4pm –no appointment needed

Ribbleton Family Hub,

Ribbleton Hall Drive,

Ribbleton,

Preston,

PR2 6EE

Weekly Certificates

Congratulations to the following pupils on recognition of their hard work throughout the week.

Rec - Emily-Mae & Siara

Y1 - Austin & Louie

Y2 - Iris & Parker

Y3 - Lauren & Phoebe

Y4 - Izzy & Alex

Y5 - Neehara & Jasper

Y6 - Isla S & Logan

Statutory Assessments

There are a number of assessments taking place in the summer term.
Year 1 Phonics Screening will take place during the week commencing 8th June

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Test during the week commencing 1st June

Year 6 KS2 SATs 11th - 14th May

It is important that pupils are on time for school and attend each day unless illness prevents them from doing so.

[Guidance for parents for Y1 Phonics Screening](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/676e908e517edf5c74c83728/Phonics_screening_check_information_for_parents.pdf)

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[Guidance for parents for KS1 OPTIONAL Tests](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/676e8299be7b2c675de30a34/Optional_key_stage_1_national_curriculum_tests_information_for_parents.pdf)

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/676e8299be7b2c675de30a34/Optional_key_stage_1_national_curriculum_tests_information_for_parents.pdf

[Tables Information for Parents \(Year 4\)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6724ae64c053e87b6a0a81e4/Information_for_parents_multiplication_tables_check.pdf)

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6724ae64c053e87b6a0a81e4/Information_for_parents_multiplication_tables_check.pdf

[Guidance for parents for KS2 \(Y6\) SATS](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67693e8dcdb5e64b69e309d0/2025_key_stage_2_national_curriculum_tests_information_for_parents.pdf)

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