

# St. Ignatius Catholic School

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*Head Teacher: Mr. C. J. Hough*

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents

The children have returned to school this week ready to work hard and learn all those key skills ready for their next year group. We hope it is going to be a wonderful half term where we can all enjoy the improved weather (fingers crossed!) Please take the time to visit the school website at [saint-ignatius.com](http://saint-ignatius.com) to find out what your child is learning and how you can help. You can also follow school news on our facebook page at [Saint Ignatius Preston](https://www.facebook.com/Saint-Ignatius-Preston).

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs. L. Archibald has been appointed as our new Headteacher. Mrs. Archibald is currently Headteacher at St. Mary and Michael's Catholic Primary School in Garstang and was previously Deputy Headteacher at St Augustine's Preston. Mrs. Archibald is very excited to be joining our school family and I hope to be able to introduce her to you over the next few weeks.

Below are a number of reminders and dates that will be useful to you throughout the half term. If there is anything you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to get in touch. My email address is included at the top of the letter.

Best wishes  
Mr. Hough

## Attendance

School attendance is a high priority and we want to make sure that as many children as possible regularly attend school. The school has a duty to ensure good attendance and monitors attendance of all pupils. If your child is unable to attend please leave a message with the school office on each morning of their absence.

Requests for leave during school time will not be approved unless there are exceptional circumstances and fines will be issued by Lancashire County Council.

## Punctuality

School opens at 8.35am, please make sure your child is in the building for 8.45am at the latest. Every minute counts and it is very embarrassing for children when they have to walk into lessons and assemblies late.

## Key Dates for this half term

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Staff training day (School closed for pupils)</b>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 phonics screening checks this week
	Year 4 Multiplication checks this week
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 visit to Blackpool Zoo
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day reserve date (if cancelled on the 11 <sup>th</sup> June due to the weather.)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Moving up day. (Children to spend time in their new classrooms with their new teachers for September)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 5 visit to Manchester Science Museum
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Viking Day
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's assembly 9am
	<b>School closes at 3pm for the summer.</b>
Tuesday 2nd September	School re-opens for pupils

## **Holiday Pattern 2025-2026**

### **Autumn Term 2025**

**Starts:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

**Half term:** Monday 27 October- Friday 31 October 2025

**Ends:** Friday 19 December 2025

### **Spring Term 2026**

**Starts:** Monday 5 January 2026

**Half term:** Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February 2026

**Ends:** on Friday 27 March 2026

### **Summer Term 2026**

**Starts:** Monday 13 April 2026

**May Day:** Monday 4 May 2026

**Half term:** Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May 2026

**Ends:** Monday 20 July 2026

Total number of openings – 190 (For pupils)

### **Inset Days**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026