

Reception INFORMATION



**"I WILL INSTRUCT YOU AND TEACH YOU IN THE WAY YOU SHOULD GO; I WILL
COUNSEL YOU WITH MY EYE UPON YOU." PSALM 32:8**

WHOLE SCHOOL PRIORITIES

AREA	PRIORITY
Quality of Education	THERE IS A FOCUS ON THE ACQUISITION OF BASIC SKILLS IN READING, WRITING AND MATHEMATICS. THE PROFILE OF MATHS IS HIGH AND CHILDREN LEARN THROUGH A REVISED MASTERY APPROACH. THE SCHOOL HAS A BESPOKE CURRICULUM FOR RE THAT REFLECTS THE RED.
Behaviour and Attitudes	PUPILS DEMONSTRATING CHALLENGES WITH BEHAVIOUR OR ATTENDANCE ARE IDENTIFIED EARLY AND SUPPORTED THROUGH PERSONALISED INTERVENTIONS THAT PROMOTE POSITIVE ATTITUDES AND SUSTAINED ENGAGEMENT WITH LEARNING.
Personal Development	THE SCHOOL PROVIDES HIGH-QUALITY PASTORAL SUPPORT. THERE IS AN EFFECTIVE SELF-EVALUATION SCHEDULE IN PLACE FOR RE.
Leadership & Management	THE NEW SLT STRUCTURE DRIVES SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT, STRENGTHENS STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP AND ENHANCES STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND PUPIL OUTCOMES. LEADERS TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE MAIN PRESSURES ON STAFF. SAFEGUARDING PRACTICES ARE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE.
Quality of Early Years Education	CHILDREN BENEFIT FROM A NURTURING, STIMULATING ENVIRONMENT THAT PROMOTES CURIOSITY, INDEPENDENCE AND A LOVE OF LEARNING. SKILLED STAFF USE ASSESSMENT TO PLAN ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORT PROGRESS ACROSS ALL AREAS. CHILDREN MAKE GOOD PROGRESS AND ARE PREPARED FOR YEAR 1.

STAFF YOUR CHILD WILL TALK ABOUT

- ▶ Class Teachers – Miss Ormerod & Miss Withnell
- ▶ T/As – Miss Pomfret, Miss Fowell, Miss Andrew and Mrs Kamran. We also have Miss Heidi.
- ▶ PPA Cover– Mrs Birch, Mrs Finch, Mrs Quinn, Mr Clarkson, Mrs Dieterman
- ▶ Pastoral Support – Miss Liddle, Miss O'Connor
- ▶ Phase Leader – Miss Ormerod

MORNING ROUTINE

- ▶ Teachers welcome children to classroom through their classroom doors. Children put their coats away and put their drinks, packed lunches and book bags away.
- ▶ Select lunch – variety of choices per day
- ▶ Lessons begin at 8.45am

A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF RECEPTION

- ▶ Each morning, we will begin with a short class or school worship.
- ▶ We have a maths, phonics and literacy each morning. Our afternoons are planned to be active and include learning through play as much as possible.
- ▶ Throughout the week we will be looking for the children who go 'Over and Above' in their learning and attitude.

PHONICS

- Early reading begins with recognising that each letter makes a sound and that sounds can be blended together to make words.
- Pronouncing pure sounds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc>

- Playing games to make phonics fun

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks>

PHONICS



- We have started a new Phonics Scheme this year. It is called Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS).
- Reading Books will be changed every Friday and we encourage your child to read this book at least 3 times. This book will be matched to their current learning.
- They will also bring home a Reading for Pleasure book. This book is to read with your child as they may not be able to read it independently yet.
- You will now have an information sheet for your child to access Boom Reader. This is how you record when you read with your child at home.



HOME LEARNING

- ▶ Reading is so important and your help is invaluable - Please read at least 3 times a week and log on to <https://parents.boomhub.app/> to record your read. We would only expect this to take around 5-10 minutes.
- ▶ Book bags are to be sent into school every day so that books can be monitored and changed regularly.
- ▶ Singing nursery rhymes, counting, talking and noticing the world around us are simple ways to help your child to learn, you are the best teacher they have.
- ▶ There are also a number of excellent websites that target key skills for your child.
- ▶ www.ictgames.com
- ▶ www.topmarks.co.uk
- ▶ <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

LEARNING

Listen to your child read

Play board games, read signs and numbers when you're out and about

Read to and with your child



Practise phonics, write lists, count forwards and backwards, learn number bonds (pairs of number that make 10)

Talk about books. Ask questions.

CHILDREN MAKE THE MOST PROGRESS WHEN PARENTS SUPPORT THE WORK OF A SCHOOL

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WE STRIVE FOR SUCCESS:	Self-motivation	Thinking			Resilience	Independence	Valued Collaboration			Emotional Intelligence				
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WAY:	We try our best		We make the right choices				We are kind and considerate			We look after our school				
OUR TEACHING INTENTIONS: Our provision is informed by educational research into effective teaching practices, cognition, learning and how knowledge and understanding develops.	Purpose of the learning is made explicit, leading to outcomes			Modelling	Questioning		Challenge and support		Continuous formative assessment		Moderation of assessments and judgements			
	Teaching is based on a clear understanding of cognition and learning		Teachers have deep knowledge of the subjects they teach		Teachers monitor learning and provide feedback		The classroom climate created by all teachers inspires and motivates all pupils		Pupil groupings are flexible and not solely driven by perceived 'ability' or prior attainment		Developing strong partnership with parents and carers that influence learning at school and home			
OUR ORGANISATION OF LEARNING:	Educational Visits	Visitors	Assemblies	Extra-Curricular Clubs		Learning outside the classroom			Responding to events in the news			Charity Days		
	Communication and Language		Physical Development		Personal, Social and Emotional Development		Literacy		Mathematics	Understanding the World		Expressive Arts and Design		
	RE	English	Maths	Science	Computing	History	Geography	Art	D&T	Music	PE	PSHE	Languages	
	Less in more depth	6 key questions per year, answered in different ways by each year group			Real life applications of learning		'Hook' that engages the children and gives them a context for their learning		Outcomes to an audience. Purpose for the learning		Family learning projects		Showcase of work at the end of each half term	
	TOLERANCE & PEACE, SERVICE & SACRIFICE: How can I serve my family?			FAITHFULNESS AND INTEGRITY: Why are rules important?			DIGNITY AND COMPASSION: How wonderful am I?		TRUTH AND JUSTICE: What can I change?		HUMILITY AND GENTLENESS: How can I share what I have?		FORGIVENESS AND MERCY: How am I forgiven?	
THE INTENDED IMPACT: Our curriculum has an ambition for high achievement for all pupils irrespective of starting point and barriers to learning.	STANDARDS: Children make good progress and attain in line with or better than national expectations. They are given the opportunity to achieve the greater depth standard. Assessment documents show that knowledge and skills are embedded throughout the curriculum					STRIVE: Children are confident and successful learners, demonstrating the STRIVE learning values, and make the right choices for their learning. The learning values have progression which show value				PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT: Children demonstrate 'The Blessed Sacrament Way' in their learning and in their behaviour in and around school. Children learn to make the right choices for their safety. The choices children make benefit the school and local community.				

UNIFORM

- ▶ PE is on **Thursday and Friday**. Children should wear their PE kit to school.
- ▶ KIT – If your child has not got their PE kit in school they will be provided with a spare.
- ▶ No earrings are allowed in school.
- ▶ Long hair must be tied back and shaven patterned hair is not permitted. Hard headbands are not part of our uniform.
- ▶ Black shoes with either Velcro or buckle. (If your child comes to school in trainers, they will be asked to wear pumps whilst in the building.)
- ▶ **Please label all clothing clearly. Thank you**

Uniform

- ▶ Tartan skirt (black socks / tights)
- ▶ Black trousers
- ▶ White shirt & school tie (All classes)
- ▶ School jumper / cardigan with logo
- ▶ Black shorts for PE
- ▶ White polo shirt for PE
- ▶ Black tracksuit bottoms for PE
- ▶ Black school pumps (to be kept in a pump bag in school with spare socks)
- ▶ PE hoodie (optional)
- ▶ School 'book bag' (children should not bring a backpack to school as we do not have appropriate storage)
- ▶ Yellow gingham summer dress (optional, seasonal)

You can visit the school website to see the clothing and ways to order:

<https://blessedsacrament.lancs.sch.uk/parents/uniform>

MORE INFORMATION

- ▶ PARENT MAIL – NEWSLETTERS AND EMAILS ARE SENT BY EMAIL USING ARBOR – please check your junk mailbox if you are not receiving our messages
- ▶ SCHOOL APPS – please make sure this is downloaded <https://www.schudio.com/free-school-app/>
- ▶ UNIFORM AND TRIPS ARE PAID FOR VIA ARBOR
- ▶ REPORTS – INCLUDING INTERIM (end of autumn and spring term, then full report end of summer term)



STATUTORY ASSESSMENT

Year Group	Statutory Assessments
Reception	Baseline Assessment EYFS Profile Assessments
Year 1	Phonics Screening
Year 2	Reading, GPS, Mathematics Marked in school to inform Teacher Assessment
Year 4	Multiplication Check
Year 6	Reading, GPS, Mathematics Marked Externally Writing Evidence gathered over time to inform Teacher Assessment

ATTENDANCE

- ▶ Whole school target of 96%
- ▶ Half termly updates
- ▶ Must be in school before 8.45am
- ▶ No holidays authorised
- ▶ Proof of medical – if in doubt, send them in; we can always call if they are ill
- ▶ It is really important that you ring in / send a free message through the app to let us know why your child is absent for safeguarding reasons

Arbor

- ▶ Must register online to activate account even if not using online service
- ▶ Lunches / Breakfast / After school payment must be kept up to date – paid in advance
- ▶ Can use to pre-book Breakfast / After School Clubs
- ▶ Provide permission for trips paid online
- ▶ If there are any problems with Arbor, please see Miss Newsham in the office
- ▶ Milk can be ordered online through Cool Milk <https://www.coolmilk.com/>



WEBSITE

- ▶ www.blessedsacrament.lancs.sch.uk
- ▶ REGULARLY UPDATED
- ▶ WEEKLY BLOGS

ANY QUESTIONS?

- ▶ We will be available to speak to parents each afternoon on the playground. At the end of the day please allow us to send the children out first. If there is a more sensitive matter, please make an appointment via the office.
- ▶ We can be contacted via email:
- ▶ fiona.ormerod@blessedsacrament.lancs.sch.uk
- ▶ hannahwithnell@blessedsacrament.lancs.sch.uk