CARLETON ST HILDA'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Learning Together with God

No 10

ST HILDA'S NEWS **13th November 2026**

Thank You !

Can I say a huge thank you to our children, parents and families for the support and encouragement you have given us this week. It has been a challenging and busy week but there has been much to celebrate! We are extremely pleased with the outcomes from our Ofsted inspection however we are unable to share this with you yet (the report is usually available within 30 working days of the inspection taking place).

A big thank you to all the staff for their hard work, commitment and dedication to ensuring our school is the best it possibly can be!

Please see the attached letter from the Director of Education for Blackburn Diocese, which explains the new inspection framework in a little more detail.

Our Christian Value



Hope



Christian hope means having faith in God's never failing love.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."
John 1:15



Giovanna, Zoe and Lochlan represented our school family during the service in Poulton-le-Fylde on Remembrance Sunday. You made us proud!

Attendance

The happiness and educational progress of all our children are our main priorities and we believe that good attendance is a major way in which these priorities can be achieved.

Our school target is 96%. For the week reported below we were able to achieve this with attendance at 96.1%.

Whilst we appreciate absences may be due to illness, or other reasons authorised by school, we ask for your support in this matter.

Each week on the newsletter we will be celebrating the class who has the highest attendance. **For the week ending 6th November , congratulations go to:**

Year : **Year 1**

Attendance : **99.3%**

Most Improved : **Year 1**



SCHOOL PANTO !

Tuesday 24th November (in school)

Reminder : £3.50 per child, can be paid on Scopay

Thank you



Godfrey



Phil



Sally

Are you skilled at sewing or knitting?
Would you be able to help?

Our updated Religious Education Syllabus has three new characters used by the children in RE lessons. We would like to use the characters as puppets or dolls in the classroom so we are asking if anyone is able to sew or knit puppets or dolls to look like the characters Godfrey, Phil and Sally, shown above.

If you think you can help us, please let us know through the office and we can show you the characters. School would provide the resources needed. Thank you!

Odd Socks Day at St Hilda's is on
Friday 20th November
supporting Anti-Bullying Week 2026



ODD SOCKS DAY

When we see something wrong, we won't ignore it.

When someone needs support, we will help them find it.

When we are worried, we will speak to someone we trust.

Together, we will Break the Silence.

BREAK THE SILENCE
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Everyone is invited to **wear odd socks on Friday 20th November** to support **Anti-Bullying Week** in school.



We are hoping to run Santa's Secret Workshop again this year during the school day :

<u>During week commencing 7th December</u>

PLEASE BRING ANY DONTATIONS FOR THIS INTO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS WILL ALLOW THE SECRET ELVES ENOUGH TIME TO CREATE THE GIFTS!

We are looking for donations of sweets, chocolate, candies and small toiletries

Thank you

"St Chad's @ 4"

Great music!



Craft activity

Why not join us in St Chad's Church on Sunday 15th November for our St Chad's@4 family service!

Come along at 4.00 pm for coffee/tea & home made cakes before our short service begins at 4.30pm

Everyone welcome!

Stars of the Week



Year R : Vogue
Year 1: Freddie
Year 2 : Evie
Year 3 : James
Year 4 : Joshua
Year 5 : Farrah
Year 6 : All of Year 6

SCHOOL DINNER & EXTENDED SCHOOL FEES

All fees for November should now be paid in full.

With the exception of those who are paying school dinners weekly on a set day each week and are up to date.

All ad hoc bookings for extended school require payment on the day of booking.

Thank you

Please find information/flyers attached about various local activities and events attached along with general information which may be of interest.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Jane Curl

Head teacher.

UPCOMING DATES :

Wednesday 18th Nov

St Aidans—Leading worship

3 –3.30pm EYFS Come Learn with Me—Maths

Thursday 19th Nov

9.30am Sept new starters open morning.

3.45pm - Parents Evening

Friday 20th Nov

Odd socks day

A full list of important diary dates for the Autumn Term can be found attached to this newsletter.

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THE BLACKBURN DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share some information about the current Ofsted inspection framework, as many parents have found recent inspection outcomes across the country confusing or surprising. My hope is that this explanation will help you understand what sits behind the judgements schools receive, both now and whenever your child's school is inspected in future. Whilst all schools welcome scrutiny and accountability the updated Inspection Framework is still in its infancy and the transition from one accountability model to another can take adjustment for all concerned.

A Shift in Expectations

Ofsted has made a number of changes to how schools are inspected. One of the biggest shifts is that the grade "Expected" is now much harder to achieve than the previous grade of "Good."
If a school receives "Expected", this is something to celebrate - it means the school is meeting a very high bar.

This rise in challenge is partly due to a move away from a "best fit" approach (where inspectors looked at the overall picture) to a "secure fit" model, which means that schools are expected to meet all parts of the criteria in full. As a result, direct comparison between a previous "Good" and a current "Expected" is not always appropriate; they are based on different criteria, different expectations, and a higher standard of evidence.

"Needs Attention" - An Important Clarification

You may also see elements of a report described as "Needs Attention."

Ofsted is clear in its public guidance that:

- "Needs Attention" is not a fail,
- and it is entirely normal for schools to have areas that require further development.

This wording simply reflects where practice is still embedding or where additional focus is needed. Many schools, no matter how strong, will have such areas, particularly during a period in which the inspection framework has changed so significantly.

(Parents can view Ofsted's own explanation here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbl0FvY976g)

New Criteria and Embedded Practice

Another significant change is that schools are being judged on new areas of practice that were not part of the inspection expectations last year. These new elements are expected to be fully embedded, even though they are still very new. Naturally, this will take time for all schools to implement well.

A Stronger Emphasis on Data

Although Ofsted previously spoke positively about taking school context into account, this is no longer as clear.

Outcomes now place a much stronger emphasis on achievement data, including:

- Overall attainment, not just progress
- Attendance, which has become a major focus

As a result, schools doing excellent day-to-day work with children may nevertheless receive outcomes that feel harsh if their data does not align closely with national expectations - sometimes despite all their best efforts and the particular needs of their pupils.

Greater Scrutiny of Headteachers and Leaders

This inspection framework was introduced with the intention of supporting the wellbeing of school leaders and reducing pressure. Sadly, many leaders are experiencing the opposite.

Inspections now involve greater scrutiny, with more inspectors on site and higher expectations across all areas. As a result, the demands placed on headteachers and senior staff have increased significantly.

As someone who visits schools across the diocese regularly, I see first-hand the dedication and compassion with which our headteachers and staff serve your children. They work tirelessly, often in challenging circumstances. and continue to lead with integrity and care.

I want to thank you for the support, understanding, and kindness you already show to our school leaders, particularly during inspection weeks. Your encouragement makes a real difference, and it is deeply appreciated by those who work so hard for the good of your children and the life of the school.

What Matters Most

I would wish to end by reiterating that our schools, and all those professionals within them, understand the need for external scrutiny and the role Ofsted plays in ensuring that the children within their care are given the very best opportunities.

Even with these national changes, our commitment remains the same:

- We want every child, regardless of background, to reach their full potential.
- High expectations matter because our children deserve the very best.
- Everything our schools do is rooted in helping pupils flourish academically, personally, and spiritually.

Key Points to Remember

- **"Expected" is harder to achieve than "Good"** - and is something to be proud of.
- **"Needs Attention" is not a fail**, and it is normal for schools to have areas identified for further work.
- **New criteria are being inspected immediately**, even though they take time to embed.
- **Achievement and attendance data now have a major influence** on the outcome of an inspection.
- **Leaders face greater scrutiny**, so please support them during inspection weeks.
- Above all, schools remain focused on **our children**, helping them grow into capable, compassionate and confident young people.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership, your encouragement, and the trust you place in our schools every day.

With every blessing,



Mr Iain Parks
Director of Education
Blackburn Board of Education

! **Please note that the Yr 5 Mosque visit detailed below has now been changed to Monday 5th October.**

There is a minor error in relation to the 'Come Learn with Me' November session detailed below. This should read WEDNESDAY 18th November (not Tuesday)

Diary Dates 2026 2027 autumn term

Week beginning:	Event:
1st September	Inset Day
2nd September	School starts Foundation Stage (part time)
7th September	Foundation Stage (full time) Send out data collection sheets 7th Baines Headteacher speaking to Y6 (pm) Thursday 10th Accelerated Reader information drop in for parents available until 6pm
14th September	School clubs start – more information to follow 14th Monday: Meet the Teacher Evening 5pm - 6pm (in classrooms – drop in) 14th Lady Milena to speak to Y6 Wednesday 16th Tower Wood meeting for Y6 parents 5pm
21st September	Tuesday 22nd Reception: Come Learn with Me! (phonics) 3 – 3.30 23rd September St Aidan's Chaplain leading worship
28th September	28th Whole school flu immunisation 29th Year 2 trip to the Synagogue in Blackpool 30th Bike ability Year 5 1st Bike ability Year 5 2nd Tempest photos (individuals)
5th October	5th Rev Jim to lead Harvest Worship Tuesday 6th Blackburn Cathedral trip Year 6 7th Mosque visit Y5
12th October	TOWER WOOD – Year 6 Wednesday 14th - KS1 Harvest in school 2.45pm (parents invited)
19th October	Monday 19th Year 5 to lead harvest worship in church 2pm Thursday 22nd INSET Day and Friday 23rd INSET Day
October	HALF TERM
2nd November	
9th November	10th Imran Kotwall whole school assembly and working with Y3,4,5,6 Monday 9th Parents Evening Thursday 12th Year 6 Dance Festival
16th November	18th St Aidan's Chaplin to lead worship 18th Tuesday Reception: Come Learn with Me! (maths) 3 – 3.30 19th Parents Evening
23rd November	Tuesday 24th School Panto whole school - Goldilocks Sunday 29th Service of Light St Hilda's Church choir to sing
30th November	Start of Advent 4th Salvation Army Gift service
7th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance - Wednesday 2.15pm / 6pm Thursday: Reception and Nursery – Christmas Performance 6pm Friday 11th Christmas school lunch / Hat Parade (Christmas jumper day)
14th December	Tuesday 15th – KS2 carol service in church 2pm led by Y6 Wednesday 16th – KS1 and EYFS party day Thursday 17th – Key Stage 2 party day Friday 18th – Carols and Around the Tree (with parents) 9am School finishes at 2pm
	Christmas holidays 18th December – 4th January 2027

St. Martin's & St. Hilda's Church

Advent Light Workshop & Service



Sun. Nov. 29th.

Workshop & refreshments:-

3 - 4 p.m. (Church Hall)

Service: 4 - 4-45p.m.(Church)

For all the Family!!

St. Martin's & St. Hilda's Church



Christmas Coffee Morning

Sat. Dec. 5th.

11 – 1-00 p.m.



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(Includes drink + cake)

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- Including information around signposting and best services that meet your Mental Health needs

Where?

Poulton Library
FY6 7DH

1st Thursday of every month

2:00PM - 4:30PM

3rd September 2026	4th February 2027
1st October 2026	4th March 2027
5th November 2026	1st April 2027
3rd December 2026	6th May 2027
7th January 2027	3rd June 2027
	1st July 2027





We welcome you to our reception open days for 2027 starters.

- 6th October
- 8th October
- 15th October
- 3rd November
- 5th November
- 10th November







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School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
15 January 2027

School transport

If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.

lancashire.gov.uk

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