CARLETON ST HILDA'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Learning Together with God

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ST HILDA'S NEWS **20th November 2026**

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



Reception class had an exciting visitor to school recently.
Education with Lancashire Fire and Rescue.

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 96.2%.

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 13th November , congratulations go to:**

Year : **R/EYFS**

Attendance : **100%**

Most Improved : **Year 4**



SCHOOL PANTO !

Tuesday 24th November (in school)

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

Thank you

Salvation Army Gift Appeal

Like previous years our school is supporting the Salvation Army with their Christmas Gift Appeal.

We would like to spread the Christmas spirit of hope and joy by helping. We are asking that you donate a present / toy. It can be either new or nearly new. We ask that you wrap it up and we will provide a gift label. On the label you put if it is suitable for either a girl or boy and the approximate age of the child.

Our gift service will take place on Friday 4th December

Your children will have come home with a tag next week and we do have some spares at the school office if required.









If your child has special educational needs, please see the information attached about applying for Break Time hours so they can access holiday club provision.

Register for Break Time short break activities

Break Time short break activities provide a range of activities and groups for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities who meet the criteria to attend and who do not receive short breaks following a social care assessment of need.

Please check your child meets the criteria before you register.

Each eligible child or young person can access up to **78 hours of Break Time activities and groups each year** which can be used between one or more Break Time providers.

Criteria

The criteria to attend Break Time is:

- Children will be able to access Break Time from the start of the academic year (September) in which they turn age 5 to the end of the academic year (August) in which they turn 18.

Childs date of birth	When they will be eligible to attend
1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023	from 1 September 2027
1 September 2009 to 31 August 2022	from 1 April 2027
1 September 2008 to 31 August 2009	from 1 April 2027 until 31 August 2027

- A child or young person has special educational needs and/or disabilities meaning they are unable to access universal services and activities; and the parent and carers are in receipt of child benefit for that child or young person.
- Children will live in Lancashire (excluding Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool council areas).

How to register

You can register for Break Time activities online. You will need to register each year.

Break Time memberships run from 1 April until 31 March.

Registration for 2026/27 and 2027/28 membership is now open.

https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-and-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities-local-offer/things-to-do/break-time-short-break-activities/register-for-break-time-short-break-activities/



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!



Congratulations

Well done Alex in Year 5 who achieved a bronze, silver and gold medal at a Taekwondo event in Manchester over the weekend.

Bronze was for sparing, silver for solo patterns (1 point away from 1st place) and gold, for trio patterns (2nd out of the whole competition adults and children). The competition included participants from all different countries including Morocco!



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

Stars of the Week



Year R : Josh
Year 1: James
Year 2 : Nancy
Year 3 : Scarlett
Year 4 : Louie
Year 5 : Ollie
Year 6 : Dylan

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 :

Tuesday 24th November
Goldilocks Panto in School

Friday 27th November
Yr 5/6 Football

Sunday 29th November
Advent Light Workshop & Service
Workshop : 3– 4pm
Service : 4—4.45pm

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

IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS EVENT DATES

Christmas celebrations at St Hilda's



This is to give you an overview of the events and celebrations that will be taking place this half term. All of these dates will also be advertised through the weekly newsletter.

During the month of December, the Year 6 children will help to organise the Secret Santa Workshop, where children can bring in money to buy a gift for their family or friends. All gifts £1.

Tuesday 24th November (afternoon): Panto in school (whole school)

School Christmas tree arrives – decorated by the EYFS children

Sunday 29th November: Service of Light at St Hilda's Church 3pm. Choir will be performing

Friday 4th December (morning): Salvation Army Gift Appeal service in school. Children are invited to donate a gift (new or nearly new)

Tuesday 8th December: Santa's Secret Workshop – all gifts £1

Wednesday 9th December: Santa's Secret Workshop – all gifts £1

Wednesday 9th December: Year 6 'Santa Dash' at Breck Primary School (donations for the food bank) organised by Wyre and Fylde Sports Association

Wednesday 9th December: Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas performance 2.15pm and 6pm in school

Thursday 10th December: EYFS Christmas performance 6pm in school

Friday 11th December: Christmas Hat Parade – make your creations at home and bring into school to wear on the day. Christmas Jumper Day (donations to Save the Children) all children invited to wear a Christmas jumper with their normal school uniform.

Friday 11th December: Christmas Dinner (whole school)

Tuesday 15th December: KS2 carol service at St Hilda's Church 2pm. Year 6 to lead the service

Wednesday 16th December: 9am Y4 Ukulele performance for parents.

Wednesday 16th December: EYFS and KS1 party afternoon. Come in your party clothes!

Thursday 17th December: KS2 party afternoon. Come in your party clothes!

Friday 18th December: Christmas themed non-uniform day

Friday 18th December: Carols around the tree 9am. Parents and friends are welcome to join us in school and afterwards for refreshments

Friday 18th December: school finishes at 2pm

! **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!!

2026 Poulton Christmas Festival

FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER

The FUN STARTS at 12 NOON!



CHRISTMAS MARKET STALLS ★ CHILDREN'S RIDES
FESTIVE FOOD & DRINK ★ MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

4:15pm
LIGHTING OF THE CRIB
CHRISTMAS TREE SWITCH-ON
5:15pm
SANTA ARRIVES
"SING-A-LONG WITH SANTA"
...and much more!



PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:

BLACKPOOL SIXTH

wyre council

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



Christmas Coffee Morning

Sat. Dec. 5th.

11 – 1-00 p.m.



Admission £3

(Includes drink + cake)

Tombola + Raffle

Lancashire County Council

THERE'S ONLY ONE OF ME

Targeted support for Primary School age children who need support with their behaviour and emotions

Looking at strategies to help manage emotions

Exploring feelings and understanding worries

Building Confidence and Social Skills

Meet new people and make friends

Understand we are all unique

For details call: 01253 741117

FOR NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN WITH OR WITHOUT A DIAGNOSIS

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Lancashire Family Hubs Network

Wellbeing


BLACK FRIDAY
SPORTS CAMP
SALE
FEBRUARY SPORTS CAMP
15th–19th
FEBRUARY
BOOK AND PAY IN FULL
£13 PER DAY OR
£62.50 FOR THE WEEK
OFFER AVAILABLE
23rd–27th NOVEMBER ONLY
February camp only
T&Cs apply.
BLACKPOOL
AND THE FYLDE COLLEGE
Part of the B&FC Group

POULTON Gala



APPLICATION

ARE NOW OPEN

TO BE

POULTON GALA QUEEN, KING

or part of the Retinue

ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE OF SCHOOL AGE AND LIVE IN POULTON OR CARLETON.

QUEEN AND KING MUST BE AGE 8 AND ABOVE.

RETINUE MEMBERS MUST BE AGE 4 AND ABOVE.

TO APPLY, GO TO www.poultongala.co.uk

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON

Sunday 15th November

NHS
Lancashire & South Cumbria
NHS Foundation Trust

DROP IN SESSIONS

With our Primary Mental Health Worker Team

- Aimed at Parents, Children and Young people and professionals seeking advice around Mental Health
- 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



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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