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Newsletter - September 2026

Welcome to the new school year - and of course a special welcome to our children and families in Tiddly Tots and Foundation (EYFS) who will be joining us for the first time this year! We also welcome Mr Dean Kellett, our new Deputy Headteacher to our school family. Mr Kellett will be teaching in Year 5 on Mondays and Tuesdays, and in EYFS on Thursdays and Fridays. I am sure that you will make him feel very welcome in our community. I hope that the summer holiday has been a chance to take a break from the school routines and to spend time with your little people. Now it's time to hand them back over to us - it was lovely to see them all arriving yesterday in smart uniforms and shiny shoes! Here we go again!

End of day routines

Children in EYFS, and Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 **must** be collected by an adult, or we will also allow a High School sibling to collect them - but only if you have confirmed that with the office. Children who attend Holy Souls **will not** be permitted to collect younger siblings.

Some parents of Year 5 and 6 children allow their children to walk home independently, or meet them on the Crescent, or elsewhere near school. If you wish to do this, then please email the office on office@holysouls.blackburn.sch.uk We **will not** allow any child to leave school independently if you have not informed us in writing.

Mobile telephones

I would strongly encourage that the use of mobile telephones, when in the school grounds, is restricted as far as is possible - take the time to enjoy either dropping your child/ren off at school, or re-connecting with them at the end of the day. It's precious time and the children need your full attention! Children in Year 5 and 6, who walk to or from school independently, may bring a mobile to school. However, they must not be used in the school grounds before and after school. They will also be collected in the morning and taken to the office, where they will be kept for the day, and returned at home-time. Please do not allow your child to bring a mobile into school unnecessarily.

Staff Car Park

The staff car park is **not** available for use by parents/carers, unless you have a blue badge (which must be displayed in your car) or if you have special permission from myself. However, please note that for health and safety reasons, you are not permitted to drive into or out of the car park between **8.35am-8.55am**, and again between **3.05pm-3.20pm**. Thank you for respecting our rules, so that we can keep everyone safe.

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Unofficial on-way system on Wilworth Crescent and parking.

Many of you will already know that at school drop off and pick up times there is an 'unofficial' one way system on Wilworth Crescent to help the flow of traffic. Please enter via the lower entrance and exit via the top one. Please do not hover at the top of the shared road down to school to allow your child to jump out of the car - that could result in a serious accident. We have an agreement with the Knowles Arms that parents/carers may park on their car park whilst dropping off and picking up - get those steps in!

JS Photography

Just prior warning - JS Photography will be in school taking individual photographs as well as class photographs of Foundation Stage (Reception) and Year 6, on Monday 5th October 2026.

Contact Details

Most of our communication with you will be delivered via messages on the Arbor parent app and emails - please ensure that we have the most up to date contact details for you. In the event of an emergency, we would obviously need to contact you promptly. If any details change, you can update them on your Arbor app, or inform the office on office@holysouls.blackburn.sch.uk

Arbor

Please download the Arbor parent app from your play store or apple store. This is the only way messages will be sent, please make sure you allow push notifications once up and running on the app. You can select your child's lunch choices weekly and pay for school meals/trips etc via the app and also update mobile numbers/addresses via the app. Please ensure that any telephone numbers you give us are ones that will be answered! So often we call parents to find that their mobiles are not answered.

You can use the internet to access Arbor which is called the Parent Portal.

This link is a useful help guide:

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360020147458-Log-into-the-Parent-Portal-and-the-Parent-App>



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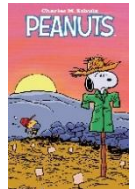


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We are 'nut free'

Holy Souls continues to be a 'nut free' school due to the fact that we have several children in school who have a nut allergy and even sitting near someone else who is eating nuts can cause a severe allergic reaction. Children must not have any kind of nuts in their packed lunches or for their morning healthy snack. Thank you in anticipation for your support on this very important issue.



Asthma

All inhalers should be in school with the relevant paperwork completed - this has been emailed out to parents and is also available from your child's class teacher.

Coats

Our children go out to play in all weathers - please ensure that your child/ren brings a coat to school every day. Please make sure all clothing is also named.

Friday Awards Assembly

These will begin on Friday 11th September at **8.55am**. All are welcome - regardless of if your child is receiving an award. With regard to EYFS children - we will inform you when they are going to start attending these, once they have settled in.

Questions/Concerns about your child

As we navigate our way through the school year, there may be times when you have a question or a concern about your child - please speak to your child's teacher in the first instance. Teachers are available near their exit doors at the end of the school day. And remember - we all have the same goal - for the children to feel safe and happy in school.

A prayer for the start of the school year for us all:

Loving God

We thank you for this new school year and for the gift of our children. Fill their hearts with curiosity, courage and kindness. Bless the staff who teach, care for and guide them; give them patience, wisdom and joy. Help parents and carers to support their children with love and confidence.

May our school be a place of safety, friendship and learning, where every child is known and encouraged to grow. Keep us mindful of one another's needs and hopeful for the year ahead.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Danielle Ellison

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