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Newsletter - October 2026



Well, I must first apologise for the lateness of this newsletter - it's been such a busy start to the year! The children have all settled well back into school life - and our new children in Tiddly Tots and the Foundation Stage have made a great start. Autumn is well and truly upon us and the colours in nature are such a lovely sight. I'm not too keen on the dark mornings though - but I suppose we'll just have to get used to that!

Safety

Just a polite reminder about the staff car park - this is for staff and blue badge holders only, unless you have a special temporary arrangement with me. This includes when picking up or dropping off Tiddly Tots at lunchtime. Please remember that we have an agreement with The Knowles Arms, that parents/carers may park on their car park for drop off and pick-ups.

There is also the issue of a few staff members have witnessed parents/carers driving into the car park and their child is not strapped in appropriately. Please note that this is considered a safeguarding issue and we will approach parents/carers about it when we see it happening. Let's keep our little people safe - they are so precious!

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.

Unofficial one-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!

Parents Evenings

Bookings for parents' evenings are now well under way. If you have not booked your slot yet, please pop onto Arbor where you will find the booking portal. We are looking forward to catching up with parents/carers on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October 2026.

Please remember that the Arbor app can be downloaded from your play store or apple store.

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>

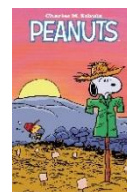
Contact Details

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



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.



Healthy Lunch boxes

We are a healthy school - please bear this in mind when you are preparing your child's packed lunch. I quite frequently see children with several different chocolate items in their lunch box - one item is plenty!

Friday Awards Assembly

These began on Friday 11th September at **8.55am**. All are welcome - regardless of if your child is receiving an award. Our Foundation Stage children attended for the first-time last week and were great!

The Poppy Appeal

From the Thursday 5th November to Wednesday 11th November there will be items for sale for the annual poppy appeal. These range from 20p to around £2. The sales will take place in the hall at morning break times.

Gadgets!

Our lives seem to be filling up with 'gadgets' for all sorts of things - however, school is not the place for them - this week we have had children with smart watches on, as well as rechargeable handwarmers! Please do not allow your child to bring any type of 'gadget' to school. A watch - that simply tells the time, is allowed in KS2. Thank you for your support on this.

Dates for your diary for October

Wednesday 14 th		The Laudato Si group Litter Pick
Thursday 15 th		Tiddly Tots trip to the Little Lancashire Village
Tuesday 20 th	3.30-6pm	Parents Evening
Wednesday 21 st	9am	EYFS Stay & Play
Thursday 22 nd	3.30-6pm	Parents Evening
Friday 23 rd	3.15pm	School closes for half term

Thursday 5th November 8.40am

School re-opens for Autumn 2

A prayer to Mary during the month of October, which is considered as one of her special months:



Dear Mary

Mother of Jesus and our gentle guide -thank you for your love and care. Help us this month to be kind and patient with others, to help those who are lonely, and to say sorry when we make mistakes. Teach us to listen with our hearts and to follow Jesus by loving one another as he loved us. Keep our school family safe and full of joy.

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Danielle Ellison