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Newsletter - November 2026



Firstly, I must offer my sincere thanks for the outpouring of lovely comments on the announcement of my planned early retirement at the end of this academic year. I was genuinely overwhelmed by the response from so many parents/carers. Thank you. We will certainly enjoy the next 9 months together! During half term I was lucky enough to go on a trip to Abu Dhabi, where I visited the Grand Mosque - what a spectacular place of worship. It radiated peace and hope.





During this month of remembrance, let's take time to remember all those who have died in conflict, but also any of our own loved ones who are now no longer with us. May they rest in peace.

Parents Evenings

Thank you to all parents/carers for attending the Parents Evenings – it is always lovely to catch up with you and be able to share information about your children. The thanks from parents is always heart-warming too.

Poppies

A selection of poppies, and items with poppies on, will be for sale in the hall at morning breaktime from Thursday 5th November – Wednesday 11th November, ranging from 20p to £2.

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



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!

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 November

Friday 6th	No Awards Assembly today
Tuesday 10th 9.30-11am	Open Event for September 2027
Wednesday 11th 4-5.30pm	Open Event for September 2027
Wednesday 11th 4-5.30pm	Football team at Witton Park

A prayer for remembrance to say at home with your family:

God of love

We remember all those who have died in wars and conflicts. We think of the people who were afraid, those who were hurt, and those who had to leave their homes.

Thank you for all who work for peace and care for others. Help us to be kind, to listen, and to make peace in our own lives.

May everyone who is grieving find comfort, and may we remember that every person is precious.

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Danielle Ellison