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Newsletter - January 2026

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope all those that celebrated had a lovely Christmas and that everyone enjoyed the holiday. It was certainly a shock to the system yesterday morning, when not only did the alarm go off at 6.10am but it was also snowy and freezing! The children came back with a spring in their step and full of anticipation of what the new term will bring. They were certainly flagging by the afternoon though - the early morning had clearly got to them too! I am sure we will soon be back into the swing of things.

Catholic Life and Mission

The children in Year 4 who are baptised Catholics, will take part in the Sacramental Programme during the next 2 terms. More details of that will follow when I have them - I need to meet with the new Parish Priest to make the arrangements.

Holy Souls Church

Please note the change in Mass times - the 10am Sunday Mass is now at 9.30am but there is no 9am Mass at St Albans anymore. There is also not a 5pm Mass on a Sunday at Holy Souls.

Winter weather

As winter begins to take hold - just a reminder about procedures for any extreme winter weather. We will always endeavour to keep the school open - as long as we have enough staff who can get here safely. In the case of snow and ice - please do not call school to ask if we are open. If we are going to be delaying the closure of registers, or closing completely, we will send a message via the Arbor App - usually by 8.15am. We will also try to update the website and post on facebook and Instagram - but that can all depend on if staff are in transit. So, if you wake up to a winter wonderland the please keep checking your app.

If you are having any issues with the app then please contact the office.

School lunch money for Key Stage 2 children

Reminder - school lunch money must be paid in advance - this can be done either on the Arbor app or at the school office. If an account goes into arrears by more than a week, then school lunch provision will be suspended until the account is brought up to date, and your child will have to bring a packed lunch. As a school we simply cannot afford to subsidise the service. New year, new start - let's keep up to date with payments! Many thanks for your support on this - it helps us to reduce our admin!

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Contact Details

Most of our communication with you will be delivered via emails - please ensure that we have the most up to date contact details for you. If any details change, you can update them via the Parent Arbor app or inform the office on office@holysouls.blackburn.sch.uk

Another reminder - 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!

Dates for your diary - January 2026

Wednesday 14th - Friday 16th

Year 6 residential to Robinwood

Please remember - if you have any concerns regarding your child then please contact their class teacher in the first instance. Please also remember that there are usually 2 sides to every story!

A prayer for a new year in school - it would be lovely if you said this prayer with your child/children

Dear God

Thank you for a brand, new year.

Thank you for our school, our staff and our friends

Thank you for all the chances we have to learn and grow.

*Please help us to be kind and helpful, to try our best even when things feel hard;
And to forgive each other when we make mistakes.*

*Help us to listen well, to look after one another,
and to use our words and actions to bring happiness, peace and love.*

Bless our days with joy, courage and curiosity, and keep us safe in your love.

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