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Newsletter - October 2025 *The month of Mary*

Autumn has well and truly arrived and has brought with it some pretty chilly mornings! It has also brought amazing colours in nature - many trees are bursting with fruits. The children have made such a great start to the new school year - their enthusiasm for learning is wonderful. They make us proud every day.

Mrs O'Hara

Many of you will know Mrs O'Hara, who has been a Teaching Assistant at Holy Souls for 25 years! She has decided that the time has come for her to retire so that she can spend more time with her family. As such Mrs O'Hara will leave us on Friday 10th October. I am sure you will all join with me in congratulating her on 25 years' service! Please do remember her in your prayers as she embarks on a new stage of her life. What a lot of little lives she must have influenced in all of those years!

Attendance - great news!

Attendance at school has been brilliant so far this term - we have been above national average which is great. One day last week 98% of children were in school - come on - let's hit 100%!

Snacks and packed lunches

Just a reminder that any snacks brought in for playtimes must be either fresh fruit or vegetables - packs of biscuits, chocolates, fruit winders etc are not permitted for playtimes.

Those children who bring a packed lunch may have one small sweet treat after their savoury lunch - but otherwise please be mindful of healthy choices. 'Takis' crisps/snacks are not permitted in school - they are highly coloured and full of chemicals that are really not healthy for the children. If we see children with them then we will take them from them and keep them in the office until you can collect them at home-time. As a 'healthy school' it is really important that we all work together on this - for the good of our little people!

Photograph Day

JS Photography will be in school taking individual photographs as well as class photographs of Foundation Stage (Reception) and Year 6, on Monday 6th October 2025. If your child has PE that day or attends the after school club then please send their PE kit in a named carrier bag, for them to change into after photographs have been taken.

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Parents Evening

Parents evenings will be held on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd October. Please note that Tiddly Tots, Foundation Stage and Year 1 will only have appointments available on Tuesday 21st October and NOT on the Thursday. Appointments can be booked on Arbor.

Staff Car Park

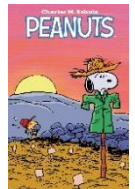
The staff car park is not available for use by parents/carers, unless you have a blue badge (which must be displayed in your car) or if you have special permission from myself. However, please note that for health and safety reasons, you are not permitted to drive into or out of the car park between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

Contact Details

Most of our communication with you will be delivered via text messages on the Arbor parent app and 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

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.

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. And remember - we all have the same goal - for the children to feel safe and happy in school.

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Once again, my thanks, your continued support for our school community is very much appreciated.

Our prayer for October - the month of Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee
Blessed art thou amongst women
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus
Holy Mary, Mother of God
Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death
Amen

Danielle Ellison
Headteacher

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