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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Stars of the week - Harriet, Isabelle V, Maisie, Edward, Klay, Phoebe S.

Prayer & Praise award - Faye

Multi-Sports - Sam W & Maxwell

Football - Eli & Esme MJ

Our new Sports Leader awards - Toby W, Fred, Rupert, Alice M

Special thanks to our Sports Leaders who have been amazing and are an example to everyone.

Next week will be week 2 for meals.

Cauliflower Cards - Artwork is due to be collected on Monday next week, this is your the last chance to have your order sent off.

Please remember to return the artwork to school, as we need to send all the designs to the company for printing. Thank you.

School Nurse - Every month our school nurse is going to do a drop in session on a Friday afternoon, for anyone who wants to discuss any issues with her. The first session is next Friday 3rd October from 2:15pm.

Although no appointment is needed, it would be good for her to know if anyone is intending on visiting and if possible, what topic you wish to discuss, then she is able to have the correct resources with her. Please let Mrs Kenyon know if you will be calling in for this drop in.

Reminder - When booking holidays, our holiday dates are also pinned to the top of our Facebook page.

The holidays for 2026-2027 will be approved at the Autumn governors meeting then we will add them to the Facebook page.

Please note that the new penalty notices (wef August 2024) for unauthorised absence in term time, are now issued based on a rolling 3-year period. If a second penalty is issued to the same child, the fine to be paid is £160 per parent. (Please note this fee does not come to school).

Happy Monkeys Milkshakes & Smoothies - are now on sale in the school office. Milkshakes are 50p for a pack of 3; Smoothies are £1.50 for a pack of 4. All monies from these will go to school funds. Thank you.

Flu Immunisations - will take place on Monday 20th October. Letters have been sent home.



The link to consent and give your child's details is

<https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/421db419>

This link will be live until 13 October. If the link does not work, please copy and paste into your browser

School Admissions 2026 - Lancashire County Council's school admissions for children starting primary school or moving to secondary school in September 2026 is now open.

Parents can apply online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools - it is quick and easy!

The national closing dates for applications are:

Friday 31 October 2025 for secondary applicants

Thursday 15 January 2026 for primary applicants

Open Evenings for Year 6 pupils

Tuesday 30th September - St Christopher's 6-8 pm.

Wednesday 1st October - Hyndburn Academy 6-8 pm

Sports clubs Year 2 and above

Monday - Dance & Performing Arts until 4.30pm.

Tuesday - Football until 4:30pm.

Thursday - Multi Sports until 4:30pm

Dates for your diary -

Thursday 9th October - Harvest Service in church, letters have gone home this week.

Monday 20th October - Flu immunisations.

Monday 20th October - 3:30pm - 6pm. Parents Evening, letter sent home this week.

Friday 24th October -- Sponsored walk/run round the track, letter sent home this week.

School closes for half term.

Friday 31st October - Closing date for secondary applications.

Monday 3rd November - School reopens.

Wednesday 12th November -Sammy bag collection. Please save your preloved clothing, bedding, towels, unwanted gifts etc. to raise money for school and leukaemia & myeloma research. Collection bags have been sent home this week.

Thursday 4th December - Churches Together Carol Service (more information to follow)

Monday 8th December - Infant Nativity 2pm

Tuesday 9th December - Infant Nativity 9:30am

Wednesday 10th December- Junior Christmas Play 2:00pm & 5:30pm

Thursday 11th December - Altham Christmas Light Switch on

Thursday 18th December - Whole School Pantomime (Empire Theatre) more information to follow

Friday 19th December - School closes 1:15pm

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs CA Woods

Headteacher