

School Newsletter 07.10.24

School Vision: As a church school, we aspire to live life in all its fullness; Loving Faith. Loving People. Loving Learning. - following the footsteps of Jesus.

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School Values: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Collective Worship - Our thinking!

We continued our thinking about our focus value – THANKFULNESS.

Rev. Bryn came to see us today and spoke to us about Harvest.

Rev. Bryn told us something funny today! Some children believed him. Rev. Bryn showed us a picture of a plant and spoke about how he used a syringe to feed the plant nutrients, painted the leaves green, and used scissors to trim the leaves. Of course, Rev. Bryn did not do this, but the children understood that it was rather amazing that the plants grow with minimal effort. The children shared their favourite plants and what they were thankful for.

The children helped act out a parable from the Bible. The farmer planted the seed, and it started to grow. Christians believe that God provides the harvest, and we can be thankful to Him for all he gives.

Have a go at singing:
I am **THANKFUL** & Thankful

Talk to your child(ren) about...



- What could you donate for Harvest to support Blackburn Foodbank?
- Why is it good to support others?
- Why is it important to support others?

PLEASE BRING DONATION BEFORE THURSDAY MORNING.

How can you live a fulfilling life this week?

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Picture News (Link to Website)



How important are human interactions?
What do you think?

What are your thoughts?

Individual Liberty
At the moment, all employees have the right to request flexible working. Being aware of our rights and freedoms in the workplace can provide us with balance, fulfilment and enjoyment.

[Click here for more information about British Values.](#)

Protected Characteristics

Companies, like Amazon, have many employees. The law protects all employees from being treated unfairly at work.

Which Protected Characteristics are in your family?

Upcoming Dates....

Monday 7 th October	14:30-15:30	Parent/Carer Stay & Learn: Arithmetic	Year6
Tuesday 8 th October	14:30-15:30	Parent/Carer Stay & Learn	Year2
Wednesday 9 th October	09:00	Parent/Carer Stay & Learn: Multiplication Test Check	Year4
Thursday 10 th October	09:00	Y3 Harvest Worship and Charity Event	Year3
Sunday 13 th October	10:45	St. Francis Church – Harvest Festival Service / October Church parade	Whole School
WB 14 th October	13:30-15:00	Open Afternoons for EYFS 2025 starters	New starters
Tuesday 15 th October	17:30-19:00	Open Evening for EYFS 2024 starters	New starters
Friday 18 th October	15:25	PTA Krispy Kreme Donut Sale	Whole School
Friday 18 th October	15:25	School closes for Half Term	Whole School
WB 21 st October – October Half-Term			
Monday 28 th October	08:45	School re-opens	Whole School

Click here to download the complete Autumn Term dates.
(Please note: The most up-to-date version is dated 09.09.24)

Some Key Website Links

[Term Dates / PE Days / Curriculum information / How to contact us / Breakfast Club / After School Club / Policies / Parent/Carer Partnership Dates](#)

Parent/Carer Survey

With the extended deadline (Friday, 18th October) to increase the parent/carer view, I would be grateful for a few minutes of your time to complete a survey. Please complete the survey to share what we do well and what you think we could improve on. We will use the collated information to support our school self-evaluation and to improve St. Francis further! Thank you in advance, it is much appreciated. Survey: [Click here.](#)

St. Francis Church Harvest Service – Sunday 13th October

Please join us at church on Sunday. We will transfer donations from school to the Church. The school children will sing a song that they have been singing in school. It would be lovely to see lots of school children representing St. Francis.

Breakfast Club Resources

Do you have any games and/or toys in excellent condition that we could have for our breakfast club? Please bring them to the office.

Harvest Worship – Thursday 10th

Come join us as Year 3 lead us in a special Harvest Worship. All welcome!

Harvest Donations!

Please can you bring in donations for Blackburn Foodbank.

<https://blackburn.foodbank.org.uk/>

Urgently needed food items:

- Tinned Soup
- Vegetarian/ Vegan Food Items
- Shampoo
- Body Wash
- Deodorant

Harvest at St. Francis Church

Join us for our Harvest Service!
Sunday 13th October at 10.45am.

We'll be collecting tinned and dried food items to support the work of Blackburn Food Bank.

ECO-COMMITTEE NEWS!

Look at what our 2023-2024 Eco-Committee achieved! They partnered with our Gardening club during Summer Term last academic year to bolster their efforts. A huge congratulations to Mr Sutton and his Eco-Committee for leading the way and helping us all to make better decision to lessen our impact upon our world. Let's see what this year's Eco-Committee achieve!



Eco-Schools

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International Eco-Schools Award Certificate

Awarded for excellence
in improving sustainability and
environmental learning in our setting.

Allison Ogden-Newton
Chief Executive
Keep Britain Tidy

Pramod Kumar Sharma
Senior Director of Education
Foundation for Environmental
Education

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REMINDER: School Admissions 2025

Please note the important dates on the poster surrounding EYFS and Year 7 school places for September 2025. For Year 7 places, you must complete your application by 31st October 2024. For EYFS places, applications should be completed by 15th January 2025.

REMINDER: OPEN WEEK – WB 14th October 2024

During the week beginning 14th October, we are hosting an OPEN WEEK for prospective families starting September 2025.

Please spread this information to ensure we have a good attendance. Prospective families can view the school each afternoon between 1:30-3 pm. On Tuesday 15th October, we will host an open evening between 5:30-7 pm.



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SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

For September 2025

Primary school applications are open	Secondary school applications are open
3rd September 2024 to 15th January 2025	3rd September 2024 to 31st October 2024

If you need help contact the school admissions team:
tel: 01254 666605
email: admissions@blackburn.gov.uk
online: www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions

