



## **School Prayer This Week**

Dear God, thank you for the love and happiness you bring into our lives. Help us to be caring, thoughtful and thankful. Please guide us to make good choices and to appreciate what really matters. Amen.



## **School Information**

- **Foodbank donation** – From now until Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October we are collecting food for the foodbank. We have been asked to contribute tinned garden peas to support our local community. If you are able to send a donation to school, it would be greatly appreciated and will make a meaningful difference.
- **School Uniform** - **Please** can all children wear their full uniform and make sure they are wearing school shoes **NOT** trainers unless it is PE. Ties & Book Bags can be bought from the school office or via school gateway; Ties are £4.50. Book bags are £3.50. PE tops and long-sleeved quarter zips can also be purchased via our online supplier [here](#).
- **Breakfast Club** – Our breakfast club is open from 7.45am each morning and costs only £1 each day. Children will also receive breakfast and a drink. Children can attend any morning and will just need to bring a £1 per day.

## **Urgent Reminder**

This is a reminder that we are a **Nut free school**. We have had a few children bring nuts or Nutella into school. We have both children and staff with severe nut allergies that they could become very poorly. Thank you for your understanding.

## **School Attendance and Punctuality**

|           |        |        |               |        |       |
|-----------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|-------|
| Reception | 94.6%  | Year 1 | 96.3%         | Year 2 | 97.9% |
| Year 3    | 94.6%  | Year 4 | 98.2%         | Year 5 | 99.6% |
|           | Year 6 | 99.2%  | Overall total | 97.2%  |       |

**This week's winners – Attendance - Year 5, Punctuality – Year 1**

## Diary

|                                |                                                |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Friday<br>16 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Non-uniform<br>for Foodbank –<br>food donation |
| Wed<br>21 <sup>st</sup> Oct    | Break up for<br>half term at<br>3.25pm         |
| Mon<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov     | School re-<br>opens at<br>8:45am               |

## Wake up Wednesday

Every week, we're shining a spotlight on something that touches every family. As a school community, we believe parents deserve the guidance and information to help navigate these important conversations at home. Each week, we'll be sharing fresh parent resources to support you in different ways. Stay tuned!

## Scheduled PE Days for Classes

Tuesday – Reception, Year 3

& Year 4

Wednesday – Year 2 & Year 6

Thursday – Reception, Year 1

& Year 5

## Amazing Art!

Last year, our school held a design competition inviting students to create original artwork celebrating our community and school sports. Yousaf from Year 4 and Zara from Year 5 were selected as the winners, and their designs are now on display in our school playground. The finished pieces demonstrate how student creativity translates into meaningful contributions that enhance our school environment.



### Bringing Children's Ideas to Life

The Year 4 and 5 children at St Mary's & St Joseph's School in Blackburn wanted to bring their ideas to life around the school playground. They wanted to share their messages through bright, colourful drawings they had created themselves and asked us to turn their artwork into permanent playground signs.

We were delighted to help and worked closely with the school to digitally print and laminate the children's original designs before applying them to durable aluminium boards.

The finished signs will now take pride of place around the playgrounds for many years to come, allowing future generations of children to enjoy the creativity and messages created by the pupils themselves.

A brilliant project that shows how children's ideas can be transformed into something colourful,



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## Secondary School Open Events School Admissions 2027/28

Please contact the individual schools direct for further information:

| School                                                 | When                                                                                                                                                                     | Contact Details                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BLACKBURN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL                          | Thursday 17th September 2026<br>4:00pm - 7:15pm                                                                                                                          | Haslingden Road, Blackburn<br>Tel: (01254) 505700<br>Website: <a href="http://www.bchs.co.uk">www.bchs.co.uk</a>                     |
| DARWEN ALDRIDGE COMMUNITY ACADEMY                      | Wednesday 30th September 2026<br>5:00pm - 8pm                                                                                                                            | Sudell Road, Darwen<br>Tel: (01254) 819500<br>Website: <a href="http://www.daca.uk.com">www.daca.uk.com</a>                          |
| DARWEN VALE HIGH SCHOOL                                | Thursday 24th September 2026<br>5:00pm - 8:00pm                                                                                                                          | Blackburn Road, Darwen<br>Tel: (01254) 223000<br>Website: <a href="http://www.darwenvale.com">www.darwenvale.com</a>                 |
| OUR LADY & ST JOHN'S RC HIGH SCHOOL, VOLUNTARY ACADEMY | Wednesday 16th September 2026<br>4:00pm - 6:30pm                                                                                                                         | North Road, Blackburn<br>Tel: (01254) 588388<br>Website: <a href="http://www.olsj.blackburn.sch.uk">www.olsj.blackburn.sch.uk</a>    |
| PLECKGATE HIGH SCHOOL                                  | Thursday 10th September 2026<br>5:00pm - 8:00pm<br>Saturday 19th September 2026<br>9:00am - 12:00noon                                                                    | Pleckgate Road, Blackburn<br>Tel: (01254) 249134<br>Website: <a href="http://Pleckgate High School">Pleckgate High School</a>        |
| QUEEN ELIZABETH GRAMMAR SCHOOL                         | Whole School Open Morning<br>Saturday 3rd October 2026<br>9:00am - 12:00pm                                                                                               | West Park Road, Blackburn<br>Tel: (01254) 686300<br>Website: <a href="http://www.qegsblackburn.com">www.qegsblackburn.com</a>        |
| ST BEDES RC HIGH SCHOOL                                | Thursday 1st October 2026<br>3:45pm - 7:00pm                                                                                                                             | Green Lane, Blackburn<br>Tel: (01254) 202519<br>Website: <a href="http://www.stbedesblackburn.com">www.stbedesblackburn.com</a>      |
| ST WILFRIDS CE ACADEMY                                 | Wednesday 23rd September 2026<br>4:00pm                                                                                                                                  | Duckworth Street, Blackburn<br>Tel: (01254) 604000<br>Website: <a href="http://www.saintwilfrids.co.uk">www.saintwilfrids.co.uk</a>  |
| TAUHEEDUL ISLAM BOYS HIGH SCHOOL                       | Thursday 24th September 2026<br>3:30pm - 7:30pm                                                                                                                          | Sumner Street, Blackburn<br>Tel: (01254) 918670<br>Website: <a href="http://www.tibhs.com">www.tibhs.com</a>                         |
| TAUHEEDUL ISLAM GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL                      | Thursday 1st October 2026<br>4:30pm - 7:00pm                                                                                                                             | Preston New Road, Blackburn<br>Tel: (01254) 54021<br>Website: <a href="http://www.tighs.com">www.tighs.com</a>                       |
| WITTON PARK ACADEMY                                    | Wednesday 30th September 2026<br>3:00pm - 7:00pm                                                                                                                         | Buncer Lane, Blackburn<br>Tel: (01254) 264551<br>Website: <a href="http://Home - Witton Park Academy">Home - Witton Park Academy</a> |
| DARWEN ALDRIDGE ENTERPRISE STUDIO SCHOOL               | Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2026<br>6:00pm - 8:00pm<br><br>Bookings can be made via the school website: <a href="http://www.daestudio.biz">www.daestudio.biz</a> | 19 Police Street, Darwen<br>Tel: (01254) 819567<br>Website: <a href="http://www.daestudio.biz">www.daestudio.biz</a>                 |

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS



### GUIDE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

## Worth Applying Even If You Are Not Sure

Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility is changing from  
**September 2026**

Many families are entitled to Free School Meals and don't realise it?

Applying is quick, confidential, and could save your family money while supporting your child and our school.

### Why should I apply?

- Your child gets a free, healthy school meal every day
- You could save money on food costs
- The school may receive extra funding to support children's learning
- Applying will not affect your other benefits
- Your application is private

### How To Apply – It Takes Just A few Minutes

- Go to our council website and search "Free School Meals" or scan the QR Code
- Complete the online form (you'll need your National Insurance number)
- Wait for confirmation – the school will be informed automatically

Scan me



Trust

Respect

Ambition

Collaboration

Kindness



Ofsted  
Good  
Provider

Our Children's  
Services are...





We accept childcare  
vouchers and Tax Free  
Childcare!

## PALS Active Club is Opening at ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL,

### Times:

3:25pm - 4:00pm

3:25pm - 4:25pm

3:25pm - 5:00pm

INCLUDES SNACK



### Prices:

3:25pm - 4:00pm £4.00

3:25pm - 4.25pm £6.00

3:25pm - 5:00pm £7.00

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: FUN MULTI-SPORTS ACTIVITIES, LEGO WORKSHOPS, CRAZY STEM ACTIVITIES, ERUPTING VOLCANOES, ARTS AND CRAFTS, BAKING, PLUS MUCH MORE!**

### COMPETITION worth £100!

Register your child's details below and we will pick one lucky winner to receive £100 worth of PALS vouchers.

### How to book;

Click or scan here

Click or visit;

<https://pals.ipalbookings.com>



Need help with your booking or have a question? Please contact us;



[support@playandlearnscheme.com](mailto:support@playandlearnscheme.com)



07930 924993



**Please drive carefully  
and be extra mindful of  
all our children and  
families that are  
crossing the road**

Please also be considerate of  
our neighbours when parking  
your car to drop off or collect  
your child from school



## EVERY DAY COUNTS

School and Future **success**  
starts with good **attendance**.



DAILY LATENESS EQUATES  
TO...

**5 MINUTES  
LATE  
=  
3 DAYS  
LOST**

**10  
MINUTES  
LATE  
=  
6 DAYS  
LOST**

**15  
MINUTES  
LATE  
=  
9 DAYS  
LOST**

**100%**  
Perfect

**Our target for all  
students**

**97%**  
Impressive

**6 DAYS ABSENCE**  
36 hours of learning lost

**95%**  
Concerning

**10 DAYS ABSENCE**  
60 hours of learning lost

**90%**  
Seriously  
worrying

**19 DAYS ABSENCE**  
114 hours of learning lost

**Your education is important – DON'T MISS OUT!**



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