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*In the light of Jesus, we love together, hope together
and learn together*

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Dear Parents/Carers



Respect

Certificate Awards for Children's Work and Efforts. Well Done this week to:

Respect Award

Year 1 - Juwayria
Year 2 - Aryhan
Year 3 - Lily-Mae
Year 4 - Tameka
Year 5 - Yalda
Year 6 - Raees

Workers of the week

Year 1 - All the Class
Year 2 - All the Class
Year 3 - Maimoona
Year 4 - Arya
Year 5 - All the Class
Year 6 - Savera

Star Reader Award

Year 1 - Sahil
Year 2 - Alex
Year 3 - Noah
Year 4 - Mary-Cait
Year 5 - Ihsan
Year 6 - Hashir

Welcome Back

It's lovely to see all the children again and looking so smart in their new uniforms. I know that all the children have already settled in to their new classes and I look forward to a really positive year of learning experience.

Charges 2025/26

Child Dinners from 1st September 2025

- Free School Meals (Pupil Premium) for eligible children of all ages. (Application needed. Please see below * or see School Office for details)
- Free School Meals (Universal Infants) for children in Years Reception, One and Two. (Automatic, attracts school funding so please ask the Office for details)
- £2.50 per School Meal for non-eligible Pupil Premium FSM children in Years Three, Four, Five & Six and £2.50/meal for Nursery class children

Breakfast Club from 1st September 2025 **£2.00** per session

Reading Book Bags from 1st September 2025 increases to **£4.00** per bag

Milk contribution will increase to **£5.00 per child per term** for Years N, R, 1 & 2.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club continues to open at 8:00am. Children are to be handed in directly to the Club Manager by a parent/carer. Fees are to be paid up front or within a few days online via SCOPay. If fees are not paid on time (by the end of that week) the children will not be able to attend the club.

Dinners and Packed Lunches

If your child is having a packed lunch, in order to stop the disruption to children and staff, it should Not be handed in later in the morning. All packed lunches need to be brought into school first thing with your child.

Education Sunday

This Sunday 14th September is Education Sunday, one of the oldest days of special prayer in England and Wales. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in working in Catholic schools' places of enlightenment. This year we are asking that any children attending mass on Education Sunday wear their school sweatshirt to mark the occasion.

Free School Meals Eligibility and Application

a. Universal Free School Meals

All KS1 children (Years R, 1 & 2) are entitled to Free School meals as part of the government's initiative

b. Free school meal through benefits –eligible if in receipt of:

Universal Credit (<£7400 net earned income), Income Support, Income-based Jobseekers Allowance, Income-related employment and Support Allowance (ESA), Support Part IV Immigration/Asylum Act 1999, Pension Credit (Guarantee element), Child Tax Credit (Plus not WTC & Income <£16190), Working tax Credit Run On (paid 4 weeks after non-WTC eligible)

* Please Apply online to Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council's Admission's Team:

www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals/

c. All other children will be charged for school dinners which must be paid for online via the SCOPay App.

Information from Outside School – Please see poster(s) below

- Battery Child Safety
- Magnets Child Safety

Attendance.

Well done to Year 4 who received the Attendance Award week. They had the best attendance in the school with 98.8% attendance.

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.5	93.4	91.7	98.4	98.8	93.1	97.5

Payments and Communications in the next school year from 01/09/2025

The school will not be taking cash for goods and services next school year from 01/09/25. All required payments will be transacted online using our already embedded SCOPay system as per the issued instructions and codes on how to register.

Failure to register on SCOPay could result in missed payments and goods and services not being provided by the school, e.g., child barred from attending Breakfast Club or stop providing a school dinner.

Communications in the next school year from 01/09/2025

In order to improve communications and cut down on the use and cost of paper we will be developing our two-way Class Dojo and our Tucasi emailing communications systems.

If you have not done so already you will need to register on ClassDojo and/or provide the school with an email address for Tucasi,

Failure to register for both systems could result in important information not being received and/or provision of goods and services not being provided by the school, e.g., children missing out on a trip.

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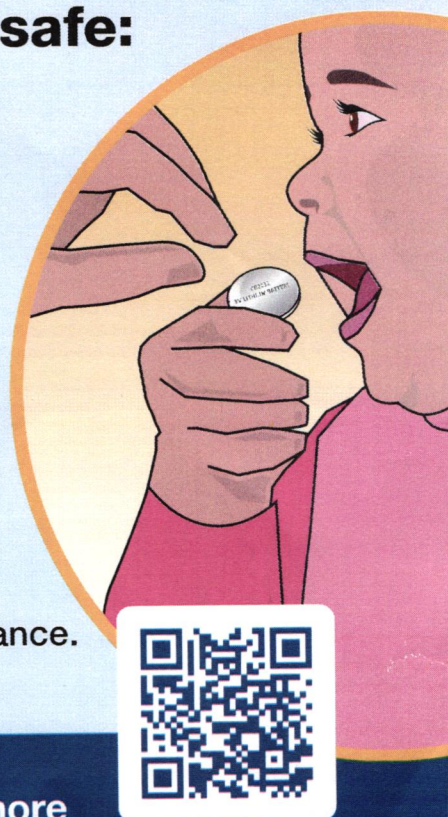
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3V LITHIUM BATTERY

Five top tips to keep children safe from button batteries

Button batteries can badly hurt or kill a small child if they swallow one. They look like a coin.

Follow our tips to keep your child safe:

- 1 LOOK** around your home for button batteries. Think toys, lights, remote controls and more.
- 2 CHECK** for products with loose backs and button batteries that have dropped out.
- 3 STORE** button batteries in a safe place, up high and out of your child's reach.
- 4 DISPOSE** of used button batteries as soon as you can. They are still unsafe.
- 5 ACT** if you think your child may have swallowed a button battery, go straight to A&E or call an ambulance.



Scan the QR code to find out more



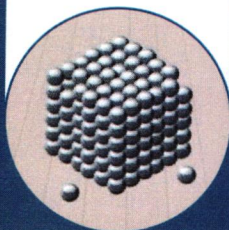
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Strong, small magnets can hurt or kill your child

Beware of small magnets in:

adult
desk toys



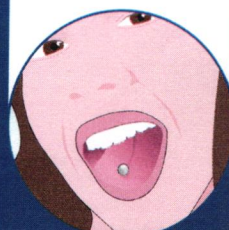
magnetic
construction
sets



drink
charms for
glasses



fake
piercings



Store them out of your child's reach