



St. Gabriel's C.E. Primary School

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November 2024

Robinwood— Year 6 had a fantastic time on their residential trip to Robinwood Activity Centre. We loved seeing the photos on X!



Remembrance Day— Year 6 led a wonderful Remembrance Service in school on **Friday 8th November**. Thank you to the Y6 parents who attended.

Anti-Bullying Week— This week is anti-bullying week in school. Thank you to all children who showed their support by wearing odd socks on **Tuesday 12th November**.



Children In Need— On **Friday 15th November** we are asking children to come to school in non-uniform in aid of Children in Need. Please do not send any cash into school. We have set up a Just Giving page—for those wishing to donate, please follow the link below:

www.justgiving.com/page/st-gabriels-children-in-need

Life Education— The Life Education Team will be visiting school to deliver sessions to all classes. Like last year, they will be delivering these sessions in school rather than the Life Education Van. These sessions are scheduled to take place on **Monday 18th December** and **Tuesday 19th December**.



Reception Class Applications for September 2025 — Parents with siblings wishing to apply, please note that the deadline date for applications is **15th January**. Parents must apply online at www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions

Gymnastics Performance— Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been practicing really hard ready for their performance to parents on **Tuesday 3rd December**. A letter will be coming home shortly with more details.



Fire Service Talks— On **Friday 29th November** members of the fire service will be delivering talks about Road Safety to Year 2 and about Fire safety to Year 6.

Asda Cashpot— Thank you to all who have donated to school via the Asda cashpot scheme. There are **18 days left to donate**, please continue your support...



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Christmas Celebrations

Please note: There will be no PE, Music Lessons or morning/lunchtime/after school clubs on the last week of term (w/c 16th December).



Posada Nativity Figures— will be sent out shortly. This is a lovely Mexican tradition whereby your child will **receive a figure from the Nativity tableau** to take home for the evening along with a **special book to write your special thoughts or prayers**. Please take care of the figures you receive as you welcome the true meaning of Christmas into your home.



St. Gabriel's Church Beacons and Choir Visit— As last year, our Beacons will be at church in the morning of **Thursday 5th December**, spending time with the 'Open Arms' group having a festive, fun time. Following this, our choir will be performing Christmas carols, accompanied by our Ukulele group. More details about the carol service will follow.



Junior Christmas Service— Our Junior Christmas Service will take place **in school on Tuesday 10th December in the afternoon**. We are unable to invite all parents to this event because of limitations of space in the school hall, but we will be inviting parents of all children who are performing in the Choir, Orchestra, Ukulele and brass groups as well as parents of those children who have speaking parts. More details about this event will follow.



Fire and Rescue Family Carol Service— On **Wednesday 11th December at 7.30pm** our choir will be taking part in the Lancashire Fire and Rescue carol service at Blackburn Cathedral in aid of The Firefighters Charity. More information to follow.



Infant Nativity— This year Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be working hard to deliver you an extra special production of 'A Bundle of Joy'. The Infant Nativity is scheduled to take place in the afternoons of **Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December**. More details regarding times, tickets and clothing will follow.



Pocket Money Stall— We are pleased to inform you that once again children will be invited to take part in our annual Pocket Money Stall. This will be happening in school on the afternoon of **Wednesday 18th December** for all children. Please support the Friends and come and 'wrap' if you are able to. More details about this event will follow.



Christmas Lunch— Our Christmas lunch will be on **Thursday 19th December**, we will be serving a traditional roast dinner with the added extras of crackers, party hats and Christmas desserts! **This is a non- uniform day- children may wear party clothes**. Details on how you can book your child to have the Christmas lunch will be sent out shortly.



Talent Show— We will be holding our annual Talent Show over **Thursday 19th and Friday 20th December!**



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Regular Activities during and after school

Monday—	Lunchtime Ukulele Club for selected children from Y5 +Y6 Y4 Class Ukulele Lesson
Tuesday—	Reception, Y1 and Y2 PE After School Gymnastics 3.30—4.30pm
Wednesday—	Y3 + Y4 PE Newspaper Club 3.30—4.15pm Orchestra 3.30—4.30pm
Thursday—	Choir 3.30—4.30pm
Friday—	Y5 + Y6 PE Y5/Y6 Lunchtime Football (alternate weeks) Multi—Sports 3.30—4.30pm

Dates for Diaries...

Tues 12th Nov	Odd Socks Day in support of Anti-Bullying week.
Tues 12th Nov	Open Evening @ 4pm (No Gymnastics Club)
Fri 15th Nov	Children In Need — Non-Uniform
Thu 5th Dec	Lunchtime Carols Concert @ Church —details to follow
Tue 10th Dec	Junior Carol Service @ School (PM) — details to follow
Wed 11th Dec	Fire & Rescue Carol Service @ Blackburn Cathedral 7:30pm
Thurs 12th Dec	Infant Nativity (PM) — details to follow
Fri 13th Dec	Infant Nativity (PM) — details to follow
Mon 16th Dec	Life Education Team in School
Tue 17th Dec	Life Education Team in School
Wed 18th Dec	Pocket Money Stall — details to follow
Thu 19th Dec	Christmas Lunch — details to follow
Thu 19th Dec	Talent Show
Fri 20th Dec	Talent Show
Fri 20th Dec	School Closure @ 3.30 pm for Christmas Holiday.

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