



St. Gabriel's C.E. Primary School

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September 2025

Welcome to the new school year and a special welcome to all of our new children in the Reception class and the families new to St. Gabriel's C.E. Primary School.



PE for Autumn 1:

All children should come to school in PE track pants or shorts, PE T-shirts, school jumpers and trainers on the days below:



Reception, Y1, Y2: Tuesday

Y3, Y4: Wednesday

Y5, Y6: Friday

Attendance and Punctuality— Attendance and the number of late arrivals are monitored closely in school. Our school's target attendance is 95% and above. This is the equivalent top no more than 9.5 days absent over the full year, including illness and unauthorised holidays. When attendance falls below 90% this is officially classed as a cause for concern.



Parents taking holidays during term time will be unauthorised and fined (in accordance with our Absence Policy).

Unauthorised absence is not only due to holidays, it also accounts for late arrivals after registration closes (past 9.30am).

Please make every effort to ensure your child in Here Every Day On Time to maximise every day in school.



School Dinners— For those who pay, the price is £2.60 per meal. Please note, dinners should be paid via our SchoolMoney system at the end of each week or if preferred, in advance. Where payment is in arrears for 2 weeks (£26.00), parents will be advised school lunches will not be provided until the debt is cleared.



Parents Evening— Parents' Evenings will take place after school on **Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd October**. Information on booking appointments will be sent out nearer to the time.



Individual and Sibling Photographs— will take place on **Wednesday 15th October**. A reminder message will be sent out closer to the time.

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Essential Information for Parents— I would like to take this opportunity, at the beginning of the new school year, to clarify a number of school policies and procedures, many of which relate to the health and safety issues which are becoming increasingly important. **Please see the 'Essential Information for Parents' document that has been uploaded to our website under 'Information'.**

**Important
Information**



Class Information for Parents— Class Information for all parents has been sent via email and is available to view on the website for each class under 'Classes'. It contains information specific to each class detailing topics of work covered this term, along with details of homework and P.E. days.

Music Lessons— Have now started back up in school. Please remember to send your child to school with their instrument on the day of their lesson.

Violin— Tuesday or Wednesday **Woodwind—** Wednesday **Brass—** Thursday



Medication— All children who have declared their child needs medication in school must have in date medication in school at all times. If your child needs temporary medication this must be brought to the office and a form must be filled out before it can be administered in school.



Infant Milk — Please can you ensure milk money is paid for your child as soon as possible via the SchoolMoney app. If your child doesn't want to have milk then please inform the office as soon as possible.



Admissions— Primary School Applications are open between 4th September 2025 and 15th January 2026. Secondary School Applications are open between 4th September and 31st October 2025. Go online www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions or call 01252 666605 for advice.

Parking around School— Wilworth crescent has an unofficial one-way system during school hours. We ask that parents do not stop in the road to drop children off, pull up on the zig zag lines or block residents' driveways. Concerns can be reported to: BlackburnNE.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk.



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Regular Activities during and after school for Autumn 1

Monday—	Y5/Y6 Ukulele 12.00—12.30pm	Thursday—	Brass Music Lessons
Tuesday—	Rec, Y1 and Y2 PE (Gymnastics) Violin Music Lessons After School Gymnastics 3.30—4.30pm		Choir 3.30—4.30pm
Wednesday—	Y3 + Y4 PE Violin Music Lessons Woodwind Music Lessons Newspaper Club 3.30—4.15pm Orchestra 3.30—4.30pm	Friday—	Y5 + Y6 PE Y5/Y6 Lunchtime Football (alternate weeks) Multi—Sports 3.30—4.30pm

Dates for Diaries...

Thu 18th September	SEC Governors Meeting
Thu 25th September	Y6 Robinwood + Admissions meeting @ 3.30pm
Mon 29th September	Flu Immunisations in School @ 9am
Wed 1st October	Reception Parents' Meeting @ 3.40pm
Tue 14th October	After School Gymnastics Performance to Parents (details to follow)
Wed 15th October	Individual + Sibling Photographs
Thurs 16th October	Y1 Harvest Assembly @ 9.05am (Y1 parents invited—details to follow)
Tue 21st October	Parents' Evening (details to follow) NO AFTER SCHOOL GYMNASTICS
Wed 22nd October	NO NEWSPAPER CLUB
Thurs 23rd October	Parents' Evening (details to follow) NO CHOIR
Fri 24th October	School closes @ 3.30 pm for Half Term
Mon 3rd November	<u>School re-opens as normal</u>
Wed 12th— Wed 14th Nov	Y6 Robinwood Residential Trip

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