



# Newsletter 9 – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

*Knowledge begins with respect for God (Proverbs 1:7)*

This half-term's value is 'Trust' (Proverbs 3:5-6)

## Change of INSET Day – May 2025

Please note the following change to the date of one of our INSET days for this school year. INSET days are days when school is closed to children to allow the teaching staff to take part in staff training. We were due to close to children on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 – this has now changed to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026.

## Important Dates

Please note the following events taking place this term:

- Book Fair – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December
- Parents' & Carers' Evening – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas Lunch – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas Parties – week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> December
- Last day of term – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December (school closes at 3.00pm)



## Harvest Thanks

Huge thanks go to the Kestrels' class for their amazing Harvest Service which took place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October. The children reminded us that we have a lot to be thankful for, particularly the food we eat – there are so many people in the world, as well as our local community, who are not as fortunate as us.

A big thank you to everyone who sent in donations of tinned soup food for our Harvest collection. Blackburn Foodbank were delighted to receive so many contributions of tinned soup – it will all go to people in need in Blackburn. Blackburn Foodbank alone supported almost 6,500 children last year – your contributions will go to help children and families in need.

I would also like to thank all the parents and carers who came along to support their children – it was great to see you all!

## Poppy Appeal

This week we will start to sell poppies in school to support the national 'Poppy Appeal'. Please send 20p (minimum) if you would like your child to have a poppy to wear. The following items are also available for children to buy:



- Poppy zip pull – suggested donation: 50p
- Wristband – suggested donation: £1
- Snap band – suggested donation: £1.50

## Remembrance Service – Eagles' Class

Parents and carers of children in the Eagles' class are welcome to join us as the Eagles lead our Service of Remembrance at 8.45am next Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> November.

## Christmas Lunch

Advance notice that our Christmas Lunch this year will be taking place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. As last year, the meal will be in the format of a Christmas Lunchbox containing a finger tea cake (various fillings), vegan vegetable roll, piece of fruit, Christmas biscuit, bag of crisps and a chocolate bar.



There will also be the usual extras – Christmas crackers and Mr Richardson's 'Lucky Seat' prize draw! It's always an exciting day for the children. Meals will need to be ordered in advance using SchoolMoney.

## Flu Vaccinations

We have had a number of parents contacting us as their children missed out on the recent flu vaccinations in school. I am pleased to say that there will be another opportunity for your child to receive the flu vaccination in school on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

On behalf of Intrahealth, we will be sending out a letter to the parents and carers of all the children who have not yet had their vaccination – Intrahealth would like all parents and carers to return this letter by the end of this week, even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccination.

Best wishes



Julian Rogers  
Headteacher

Attached to this newsletter:

- NHS Guidance – when parents and carers should keep their child off school

## This week's Amazing Achievers!

### You've Been Spotted!

Children who have been demonstrating one of our school values:

Adam Sabir – Woodpeckers  
 Noor Fatima Hussain – Kingfishers  
 Bushra Kousar – Swallows  
 Laraib Hussain – Doves  
 Iqra Aziz – Owls  
 Aaishah Sidat – Kestrels  
 Kristofers Kilpe – Hawks  
 Salma Ismaili – Falcons  
 Benin Jafar – Eagles

### Headteacher's Award

Children chosen for a special achievement:

Zunoorain Haider – Robins  
 Amelia Murimira – Woodpeckers  
 Ayaan Bhojani – Kingfishers  
 Deen Hussain – Swallows  
 Rayhan Rizwan – Doves  
 Ameerah Khan – Owls  
 Zakei Ullah – Kestrels  
 Sulaiman Kheratkar – Hawks  
 Ritaj El-Morchidi – Falcons  
 Yusuf Mahmood – Eagles

### Recent Reading Badges

Hawks  
 M. Abu Bakr Malik – Emerald  
 Hooria Abbas & Ahmad Mahmood – Silver Star

### Remarkable Readers

Children who have impressed their teachers with their reading this week:

Ayaan Hussain – Woodpeckers  
 Muhammed Bhamji – Kingfishers  
 Sara Bhamji – Swallows  
 Ameen Awan – Doves  
 Aamina Bhamji – Owls  
 Zainab Mahmood – Kestrels  
 Umar-Farooq Chothia – Hawks  
 Aliyah Malik – Falcons  
 M. Zayn Faiz – Eagles

**Mrs Martin's Class of the Week:**  
**Kestrels**

**Mr Ulhaq's Ultimate Achiever:**  
**Abdullah Hassan**

**Mr Richardson's Lunchtime Awards:**  
 Bushra Kousar & Ella Smith

## Last Week's Attendance

	Best attendance	Best punctuality
Infants	Swallows	None
Juniors	Owls (100%)	Falcons



# Should I keep my child off school?



## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.