Horwich Parish CE Primary School Newsletter November 2026

'God with us, lighting the way to love and respect'

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Christian focus:

Each half term, we revisit the Christian values.

This half term, we are focusing on Compassion, reconciliation & patience

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thankyou to everyone who joined us for our Harvest service. It was lovely to have Bishop Mark with us from the Diocese of Manchester and as always our thanks to our Prayer group who served refreshments refreshments.

A huge thankyou to everyone who donated food. We collected 1054 items. Class 3L donated the most items (178) and won the box of Heroes chocolates!

Well done to our Y2 children who led our worship on the festival of Sukkot. We also held our Namibia day in Church last week. Two visitors came and shared information from their travels in the summer to Namibia. The children and staff were shocked at the level of deprivation in Namibia. School council will be meeting to discuss what we can do as a school to fundraise for the school in Namibia.

It was great to celebrate International languages day with the children in Church. Each KS2 class shared what they had learnt in Spanish!"

We held our fourth Community Hub. A huge thankyou to all the stallholders who attended and to Mrs McKnight for organizing the event.

The year 6 held a Holocaust Art day. They explored the story of Kindertransport through Kinders' art, poems and keepsakes. Their work will be displayed in Asda, Bolton store Bolton HMD Art project @BoltonACIS funded by @HolocaustUK.

The school glow disco was a huge success as always. Thankyou to our amazing PTA for organizing!

The year 6 children (and staff) survived their residential trip to High Adventure!!! We had a fabulous time and it was so lovely to see the children step out of their comfort zone and embrace new challenges! The children were great role models for our school.

Our open morning to look at books was well attended in October. Our next open session for parents is on the 19th November at 2.30pm.

We are looking forward to our Remembrance Day in Church on Friday 6th November. Our year 6 will be leading the service. Parents are invited to join us for this service and our Prayer group will be serving refreshments.

We will be holding our Friendship week (anti-bullying) week beginning the 16th November and our Friendship ambassadors will be leading worship in Church at the end of that week. Parents are invited.

I am delighted to inform you that the Governing body have recruited a new School business manager. Mrs Kirkwood will be joining Ms Nolan in the school office. The office hours remain the same with the office closed to parents and visitors 1-3pm daily. The office answering machine remains active and all messages will be responded to at 3pm.

Thankyou for your continued support.

Mrs Mills

Dates for your diary in November…

Monday 2nd November - School reopens at 8.40am
Wk beg 2nd Book fair in school
3rd – HH Kids lessons with Y6
Wednesday 4th Face to face Parent consultations 3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 5th Face to face parent consultations 4-6pm
Friday 6th November – Remembrance Day service in Church – Y6 lead – parents invited
9th – Hindu festival of Diwali – worship group lead
11th – Mad Science – Water workshop assembly for KS2
Wk commencing 16th - Friendship week (anti-bullying)
16th Friendship ambassadors to lead worship in Church – parents invited
16th Odd sock day
19th Open afternoon to look at books 2.30pm
20th - All shoeboxes for international aid delivered to school by today
20th Non-uniform day – children to bring in coloured items (red, green, silver, gold – more info to follow)
Week beginning 30th – Teacher assessment week
From 30th Children may bring in teddies, toys and books (as -good as new) to be sold at the Christmas fair
27th Non-uniform day – children to bring in chocolate & bottles for the tombola

PTA Update

A huge thank you to everyone that supported and attended our Glow Disco last month. We raised a fantastic £1,097.73 in profit and more importantly, the children had an absolute blast!

Our next event will be the Christmas Fair which will take place on **Thursday, the 3rd December.** Please keep an eye out for further information over the next couple of weeks.

We can also share with you that our events throughout the 2025/2026 academic year, managed to raise a whopping profit of £9,678! Without the support of the children, parents, carers and staff it simply wouldn't be possible. We've absolutely loved putting on these events and hopefully creating lots of wonderful memories for the children. We have included further details in the separate documents attached.

If you would like to actively join the PTA or volunteer to help at one of our events, please get in touch. We are a welcoming bunch and all help is hugely appreciated. You can keep up to date with our events through our socials or get in touch via:

Instagram: @horwichparishpta

Facebook: Horwich Parish PTA

Email: PTAHORWICHPARISH@GMAIL.COM

Governor Update

It was lovely to hear that year 6 pupils had a great few days away on their residential to High Adventure, before half term. The Governors wish to thank Mrs Mills and teachers for organising and managing the trip, and hope many positive memories have been made.

There is so much happening in school and many successes to celebrate!

Your children are doing our school proud.

We as a Governing Board are also involved in several activities at the moment as well as visiting school regularly.

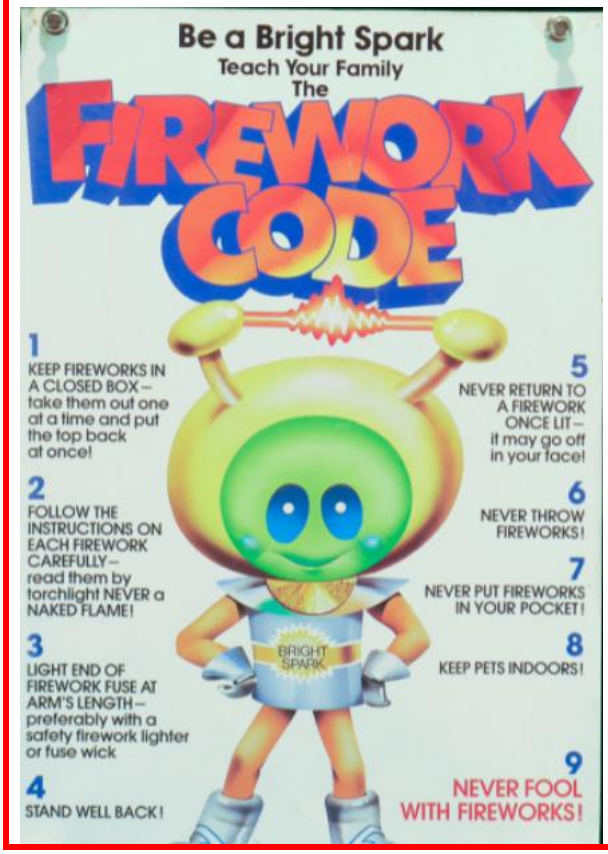
Mrs Sue Baines

Chair of Horwich Parish C.E. Primary School Governing Board

Digital Leaders

November's internet safety top tip – Supervise and Co-use – keep tablets, laptops and phones in open areas of the home rather than bedrooms. Sit with your child/children to turn screen time into a shared activity where you can guide and monitor their experience.

Pastoral Update from Mrs McKnight



Behaviour reminder below



Climate and Sustainability

Miss Hargreaves would like to say a huge thank you to the children and their families who have spent some of their weekend litter picking around our local area! There is still time to sign up, if you would like to join in with the litter picking please email Miss Hargreaves (year4@horwichparish.net) with your preferred weekend date.

The children have meeting with their councils; Recycling heroes, Energy saving heroes and School grounds heroes.

Our Eco council have also been to our allotment and have picked apples, sweetcorn, beetroot, onions, tomatoes and pumpkins. These items have all been sold to parents and carers, Mrs Lindsay kindly used some of the apple to make some delicious cakes which were also sold.

Our allotment rota started on Friday 9th October, each class will now have an allocated time to do some work on the allotment!

Reminders

Snacks and drinks reminder

Children in Years 1-6 are welcome to bring a snack to eat at breaktime. As we are a nut free school, snacks should contain no nuts and should be healthy e.g. fruit, rice cakes NOT crisps, chocolate bars etc.

Please can children bring a named bottle in to school which should only contain plain or flavoured still water NOT juice, cordial etc.

Mobile Phones

PUPILS: Please could we remind parents that Year 4 - 6 children may bring a mobile phone to school if it is required to keep the children safe travelling to and from school. In line with our safeguarding policy, children know that phones MUST NOT be switched on whilst on the school premises. School takes no responsibility for children's phones.
PARENTS: Please could we politely remind parents that mobile phones are not permitted to be used on the school premises. Thank you for adhering to our policy.

PARENTPAY ITEMS

Lunches
The cost of lunches for this half term is £104.50
Payments must be paid in advance.
Please make sure you check your child's account regularly. Please remember that we require 2 weeks' notice in writing (email) from a parent/carer if you wish to change your child's lunch arrangements.

Reception Snacks
Reception snacks for this half term are £8.75. Payments can be made via Parent Pay.

Lighthouse Club at Horwich Parish

Places are available at our before and after school club, The Lighthouse Club.
Before school 7.30am – 8.40am £6.00 per session
After school 3.15/3.20pm – 6pm £11.50 per session
We also offer a sibling discount.
If you are interested, please collect a pack from the school office.
The email address for The Lighthouse Club is lighthouse@horwichparish.net which can be used to register your child.

Emails to staff

Just a reminder that staff will respond to all emails including year group emails between the hours of 8.30am and 5pm. If your message is urgent, please ring the school office which is open 8.00am to 1pm and 3.00-4pmThank you!

Holy Trinity Church News and Information



Message from Rev Nicola

How is it possible that we are already reading about things which are happening in November? The first half term is already over and the next one I am sure will fly by as well.

9.15am Family Services

Just a little reminder that every Sunday at Holy Trinity we have a family service at 9.15am. This is very informal and there are always activities for the children to join in with. The service usually lasts between 45 mins- 1 hour. We have a children's/ family register for people to sign, as some of the high schools ask for proof of church attendance, just as this school does. This is useful as it takes your child higher up the admission criteria for church schools such as Horwich Parish, Canon Slade, St Michael's, Rivington & Blackrod High School (they were oversubscribed last year!). I am then able to sign with confidence the additional forms that schools require. Please double check the school admission criteria which you are considering applying for sooner rather than being surprised by it later on

Wiggle Tots, our parent/ grandparent group will be back after half term on the 2nd November. The group is aimed at babies to school age children with parents or carers. They meet in the parish hall, just a little bit higher up the hill between 9am and 11am for activities, singing, stories, refreshments etc. This is free, and Sue who runs the group would be delighted to welcome you.

Dates for your diaries:

Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Sunday. 10am. This is a United Family service where both our 9.15am and 11.00am congregations will be coming together. The timing still gives you chance to attend the Civic Service at the Lever Park Memorial as well. Please feel free to come along in uniform.

Tuesday 10th November Baptism Preparation 7pm. Come along if you are interested in baptism and would like to know more. This is a drop in session and there is no need to book - please give me a call if you want any more information.

Sunday 15th November 9.15am : This is Shoebox Sunday where we will be collecting and assembling lots of shoeboxes which will be sent overseas by International Aid Trust.

Sunday 15th November 6.30pm Confirmation Service If you would like to be confirmed, please contact Rev Nicola. This applies to people over 15 years of age - We do Admission To Communion for children Year 5 and above

Before you know it the dates for everything which is happening in church for Christmas will be sent out but it is just too soon to share them now. And as always If you have any questions about things which are going on in church or anything else, you can always contact me (Rev Nicola) on 07706 979393.

We hope to see you soon.

Rev Nicola

Rev Nicola- Team Rector: Horwich & Rivington United Benefice Contact:07706979393



PTA 2025/26 Fundraising Review

Horwich Parish CE Primary School

This year we have funded ...

- Colour Run £211
- Tea with Santa £402
- Y6 Leavers Party £400



Next year we have committed to ...

- Subsidising school trips... continued
- TBC
- Improving the middle playground... continued

PTA 2025/26 Fundraising Review

Colour Run
-£227

Glow Disco
£1,063

Summer Disco
£960

Easter Bingo
£889

Christmas Fair
£1,465

With your help we've raised an amazing total PROFIT of £9,678

Friendship Disco
£1,043



Summer Fair
£1,273

Great Class Duck Race
£2,812

Freezy Friday
£40