Horwich Parish CE Primary School Newsletter
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'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,

September has nearly gone and the children have settled well into their new classes. Each class chose their representative to be on each council and last Thursday the whole school voted for the new Pupil leadership team;

Phoebe Naylor

Isabella Daley

Amber Islip

Cielo Mbetsa

Phoebe Manning

Hannah Richards

Thankyou to everyone who supported our Jeans for Genes day. We raised £166.66 for the charity.

Well done to our Y3 & Y4 children who led our worship on the festival of Harvest. We are looking forward to Bishop Mark joining us in Church on Thursday 1st October for our annual Harvest service and food competition. The winning class who collect the most food items will win a tub of Heroes to share. Parents are invited to join us for this service and our Prayer group will be serving refreshments.

We opened our school gates for three Open day events this last week to welcome and tour parents of prospective new reception starters in 2027. It was fabulous to see the events extremely well attended.

On Monday 28th September we celebrated International Languages Day we hope you enjoyed it!

Thankyou to those parents who have responded to my plea regarding parking. We have had several complaints from resident and businesses on Church Street. Please can I urge parents to park on the leisure Centre carpark. Parking on the pavement and pulling up at the side of the school to allow your child to step out of the car is extremely dangerous putting both your children, other children and families at risk.

This month we say good bye to Mrs Green, our School business manager. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her years of service at HP and wish her well for the future! We are currently looking to recruit a new School Business Manager.

Thankyou for your continued support.

Mrs Mills

Dates for your diary…

Thursday 1st Harvest service in Church (Bishop Mark to join)
2nd Swimming for Y5 starts
2nd - Year 2 lead in Church on Festival of Sukkot – parents invited
6th - class open morning for parents to look at books
9th – Y6 Holocaust day
12th Namibia day - £1 donation (visitors who have just returned from Namibia will be joining us for worship at 9am in Church)
14th School photos
16th Community hub in the hall 8.30-10.30
19th to 21st Y6 residential to High Adventure
21st HH Kids Parents meeting for Y5 & Y6 parents (puberty)
22nd – Break the rules Day! (50p for every rule broken)
22nd – PTA Glow disco
23rd - Year 6 Holocaust Art day
School closes on Friday 23rd October for half term and reopens on Monday 2nd November
PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PTA Update

We are well and truly into the first term of school, and our event planning is underway. We hope that both old and new pupils have settled in well, and any new parents and carers have found their feet in their new normal.

During the last academic year, we pledged to raise funds to improve the middle playground. We are very excited to share that works will take place this academic year! We hope to be able to share the final plans and start date with you all soon. We can't wait for you to see what your donations have achieved.

In the meantime, we have some upcoming dates for your diaries:

Glow Disco - Thursday, 22 October

Reception and Y1 from 2pm to 3:15pm

Y2 and Y3 from 3:30pm to 4:45pm

Y4, Y5 & Y6 from 5pm to 6:15pm

The discos will take place in the school hall. Further details will be shared via email.

Christmas Fair – Thursday, 3 December

We don't want to mention the 'C' word too much just yet but please save the date for lots of

family fun! 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

The new Autumn term has started and we welcome all our new children and parents / carers to our school! There are many busy weeks ahead with lots of events to look forward to, including our Community Hub at school on Friday 16th October 08.30 till 10.30. Lots of useful information for all.
We have already had our harvest service and your wonderful children have once again donated food for those in need, demonstrating kindness and empathy.

Your Governing Board continues to work hard for all pupils and each Governor undertakes training on a regular basis, for example, Mrs Hope, deputy chair and myself have just completed, "Allergy and anaphylaxis" training in order to support Deputy Head teacher Mrs Gregory in her role as SENCO lead. This really important training links with safeguarding and current DfE school guidance.

Have a lovely half term when it arrives!
Sue, Chair of the Governing board.

Mrs Sue Baines
Chair of Horwich Parish C.E. Primary School Governing Board

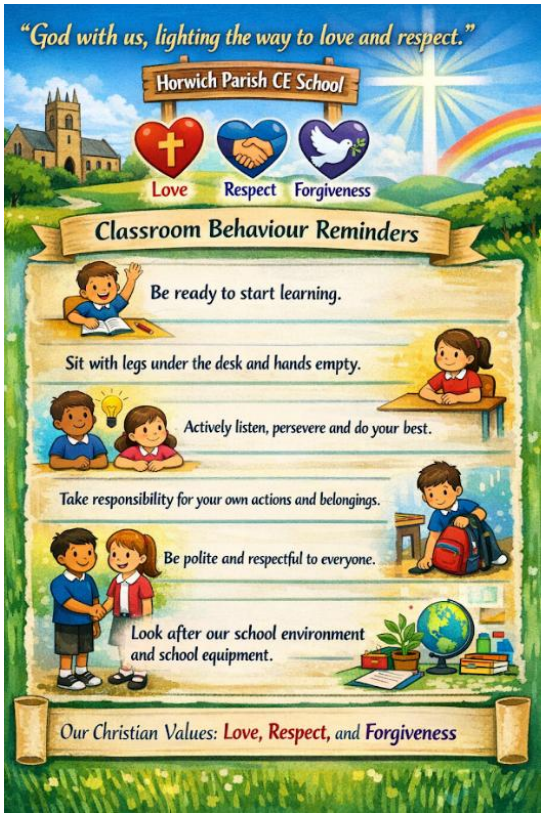
Digital Leaders

October's internet safety top tip – Talk Regularly – ask your children about the apps, games and websites they enjoy most to build trust and make online safety a normal part of family conversation

Pastoral Update from Mrs McKnight



Behaviour reminder below



Climate and Sustainability

We have a busy start to our Climate and Sustainability. During September a timetable was organised for each class to have the opportunity to use the litter pickers, this allows the children to ensure our school environment is clean. Last year we offered the children the opportunity to take the litter pickers home for the weekend to ensure our local area is clean. As this was great success we have invited the children and parents to do this again this year (a school spider was sent). If you would like to take the litter pickers home for the weekend please email Miss Hargreaves (year4@horwichparish.net) with a preferred date, your child's name and their class.

The children have applied and voted for their councils, we have new heroes in the following councils:

Recycling heroes

Energy saving heroes

School grounds heroes

Our Eco council have also been to our allotment to pick the fruit and vegetables that had been planted in the last academic year.

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.

School Uniform

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



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.

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, RBHS. I am then able to sign with confidence the additional forms that schools require. **The deadline for secondary school admission forms is October 31st, if you need me to sign these forms please be aware that I am on annual leave from October 5th - 19th.**

Wiggle Tots, our parent/ grandparent group has now restarted on Monday mornings during term time. 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 4th October Harvest Service 10am: This is a United Family service where both our 9.15am and 11.00am congregations will be coming together to celebrate harvest. All donations – money and food will be going towards the work of Urban Outreach. They have told us that the foodbank is needed more than ever. If you wish to contribute foodstuffs, tinned and packet goods are preferable.

Tuesday 13th October 7pm. Baptism preparation in church. No need to book, just come along.

Sunday 8th November 10am: Service for Remembrance Sunday.

We hope to see you soon.

Rev Nicola

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

Parent Calendar of events for Autumn term 2026

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Tuesday 1st- Staff Training day Wednesday 2nd – School reopens Wk beg 2nd individuals apply for council positions and classes vote for councils 3rd – Meet the teacher 3.20-4.00pm (teachers will share key class information in the classrooms) 4th – new reception children in fulltime from today 8th– New reception parent reading, phonics & maths workshop at 2.30pm 11th Shoeboxes – International aid assembly 14th – Y6 present applications for pupil SLT 17th - British Values day – Democracy - whole school voting for Y6 Leadership positions 18th – Presentation for positions / councils 21st Jeans for Genes day – children may come to school in jeans for £1 donation SCHOOL OPEN DAYS FOR NEW PARENTS: Tuesday 22nd 1.30am & 3.30pm Thursday 24th 9.30 - 5pm 25th Y3/4 lead worship on the Christian festival of Harvest in Church – Y5 parents invited 28th – International languages day – More info to follow – 29th -9am assembly in Church to share the previous language day (parents invited)	Thursday 1st Harvest service in Church (Bishop Mark to join) 2nd Swimming for Y5 starts 2nd - Year 2 lead in Church on Festival of Sukkot – parents invited 6th - class open morning for parents to look at books 9th – Y6 Holocaust day 12th Namibia day - £1 donation 13th Flu vaccinations 14th School photos 16th Community hub in the hall 8.30-10.30 19th to 21st Y6 residential to High Adventure 21st HH Kids Parents meeting for Y5 & Y6 parents (puberty) 22nd – Break the rules Day! (50p for every rule broken) 22nd – PTA Glow disco 23rd - Year 6 Holocaust Art day *School closes on Friday 23rd October for half term*	*Monday 3rd November - School reopens at 8.40am* Wk beg 3rd 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 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**	**3rd– Christmas Fair in school 3.30-5pm** Wk beg 7th - Christmas performances & service 7th Dress rehearsal for Reception / KS1 2pm KS2 rehearsal Carol concert 8th- 9.30 KS1 Nativity / 2pm KS2 Carol service 9th 9.15 KS2 Carol concert / 1.45pm Rec /KS1 Nativity Performance 11th Non-uniform – donations for Tea with Santa 11th Swimming finishes 11th End of term school report home to parents 11th December Year 1 – The Jewish festival of Hannukah – parents invited 14th Tea with Santa day 15th Rec/KS1 Christmas party – pm 16th Y3/ & Y4 Christmas party – pm 17th Y5/6 Christmas party – pm 18th End of term celebration & awards 18th Christmas Dinner day - Christmas jumper day – Save the children (£1 donation) *18th- school closes for Christmas* *School reopens Tuesday 5th January 2027*