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Hapton's Weekly News

11th September 2026



Give thanks

TO THE LORD, FOR
HE IS GOOD;
HIS LOVE
ENDURES FOREVER.

Psalm 107:1

So Very Blessed

**Our Christian Value this half
term:**

Thankfulness

Hannah's Prayer of Thanks

1 Samuel 1-2

Hannah desperately wanted a child, but for many years she could not have one. She prayed earnestly to God at the tabernacle, asking Him to bless her with a son. She promised that if God answered her prayer, she would dedicate the child to God's service.

God heard Hannah's prayer, and in time she gave birth to a boy named Samuel.

Instead of simply enjoying God's gift and forgetting her promise, Hannah took Samuel to the tabernacle when he was old enough and dedicated him to the Lord. Then she offered a beautiful prayer of thanksgiving, praising God for His kindness, power, and faithfulness.

What We Learn About Thankfulness

Thank God when He answers our prayers.

A thankful heart remembers God's goodness.

True thankfulness includes praise, not just receiving blessings.

We can show gratitude through our actions as well as our words.

What we are thankful for at school

Teachers who help us learn and grow.

Friends who support and encourage us.

Books, technology, and resources that help us learn.

Opportunities to develop our talents in lessons, sports, music, and clubs.

A safe place to learn every day.

	Achievements!			
	Star	Star	Star	Value
Class 1	Reception Children!			Rauri
Class 2	Albie	Elias		Hlelo
Class 3	Sophia Holt	William B	Marley	Zienna
Class 4	Leo	Connie		Charley

Menu

School dinners for week commencing 14th Sept are:

Monday- Chicken Goujon, Pasta and Tomato Sauce or Jacket potato

Tuesday- Chilli, Picnic Lunch or Jacket Potato

Wednesday- Sausage and Mash, Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta or Sandwiches

Thursday- Curry, Cheese Flan or Jacket Potato

Friday- Fish Fingers, Pizza or Sandwiches.

Dates for the diary!

- Tuesday 15th September- Year 4 swimming.
- Thursday 17th September- Reception eye tests in school.
- Friday 18th September- Celebration Assembly. 9am.
- Friday 25th September- Macmillan Coffee Morning.



Back To School Sunday

on
Sunday 13th September at 11am
at
St Margaret's church

Come and join us for Ice Cream!
Tea and Coffee will also be served.



ALL welcome!

Our spare uniform shop is open to everyone — please feel free to take what you need, whenever you need it.
We would also be very grateful for any donations of good-quality uniform to help support other families.



You will also find our food bank at the top of the stairs in the entrance. This is here for all families — please don't hesitate to use it. As a school, we believe in sharing and supporting each other, and there is absolutely no shame in reaching out. Families are welcome to choose up to 6 items each week, or speak to us at the hatch if you need anything more. Brown bags are available to take items home, and if these can be reused, we would really appreciate it. Please do not feel shy or embarrassed, it is there to be used.



Thank you for being such a supportive and caring community. ❤️

Parent Information



Online Safety Newsletter

Sept 2026

Childline under 12s site

Childline have a separate area on their website for under 12s. The pages are written for primary school children. The area includes a section full of games and a Buddy Zone with tips, such as how to speak to a trusted adult and information on where to get extra support from.

You can access this area here:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/u12-landing/>

How to manage parental controls for different ages?

Internet Matters asked online experts, Karl Hopwood and Richard Waite to share their advice on how to manage parental controls for different ages.

Find out more here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/question/managing-parental-controls-for-different-ages/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translation tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleycitycs.org.uk/september-2026-primary/>

New guidance issued due to concern of AI-manipulated images

Photos of children that seem completely innocent can be manipulated using artificial intelligence (AI) to create sexualised or abusive images.

There is a growing threat that children's images shared online are being manipulated by criminals into AI generated sexual abuse material. As concerns grow, the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and the National Crime Agency (NCA) have issued new guidance to help you understand the risks around AI image manipulation and advice on how to speak to your child about AI and image consent.



The IWF states that child sexual abuse images or videos created or altered using AI may include:

Everyday images of a child or young person that are manipulated into child sexual abuse imagery, including images taken from social media, websites or messaging apps, that are manipulated into sexualised or abusive imagery. These are sometimes known as 'deepfakes'.

Images or videos that look like a real child but are completely artificial.

AI technology that digitally removes clothing from existing images to create nude or semi-nude images, sometimes known as 'nudifying'.

[source: IWF <https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/>, accessed 25.08.26]

What can I do?

The guidance provides practical advice about sharing photographs of your child online. Some useful things to consider are:

Think before you share photographs online. The IWF suggest creating a 'close friends' group to share images.

Check and adjust your privacy settings on all social media accounts.

Understand the steps to take if you or your child has any concerns and the organisations you can contact.

Where can I find the new guidance?

The full guidance can be accessed at the link below. It also includes a video highlighting how everyday photos can be misused using AI tools.

<https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/>

You can find the full press release/announcement here:

<https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/new-guidance-for-parents-and-carers-as-ai-manipulated-images-of-children-become-a-growing-concern>

YouTube

YouTube is one of the most popular platforms, available across many different devices - phones, tablets and Smart TVs etc. **YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13**, however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/guardian. There are different options available to access YouTube, depending on your child's age:



1. YouTube Kids – a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select: Preschool (ages 4 and under), Younger (ages 5–8) or Older (ages 9–12).

2. Supervised accounts – a parent-managed version of YouTube that allows you to control the content your child can access. You can select one of the following options:

Explore—Generally for viewers aged 9+.

Explore more—Generally for viewers aged 13+.

Most of YouTube—This setting includes almost everything except for videos marked as 18+.

Find out more: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420>

What do I need to be aware of?

Whilst YouTube can be educational and fun, it is important to be aware of the potential risks, such as:

Inappropriate content

Excessive screen time—particularly due to the autoplay feature.

Unwanted contact/cyberbullying—particularly via comments if your child is sharing videos.

Algorithms—algorithms influence what we see to keep us engaged. This can lead to a user being exposed to large amounts of content about one topic/theme, which may not be helpful if it is negative.

Adverts that may not be aimed at or suitable for your child's age.

What can I do?

- ☐ Set up appropriate parental controls.
- ☐ Show your child the reporting and blocking tools available.
- ☐ Watch YouTube together or supervise use.

Further information

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/youtube-app/>

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A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives

The Children's Commissioner has published this guide to help you support your child and make starting conversations about their online world easier. It's a useful read: <https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2025/12/cc-what-i-wish-parent-guide.pdf>

Nex Playground

Nex Playground is a new video game console, which features games to get kids active. The games have no ads, no violence and no chat features, however it does rely on purchasing either a yearly or quarterly game subscription. You can find out more here: <https://www.nexplayground.com/en-gb>

Online Safety Quiz

The NSPCC have created this quiz to test your child's knowledge on how to stay safe online. It's a great way to start a conversation with your child about their online life. You can access the quiz here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/quiz/>

WhatsApp Usernames

WhatsApp is introducing the use of usernames, so people no longer have to share their phone number. Wayne Denner provides an overview of the new features, what you need to consider and steps you can take here: <https://www.waynedenner.com/whatsapp-usernames-what-parents-need-to-know/>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 6 PUPILS!

Subject: Important Information Regarding Secondary School Applications and Transport Eligibility

Dear Parents and Kinship Carers of Current Year 6 Pupils,

We are writing to provide important guidance regarding your child's upcoming secondary school application, with particular emphasis on home-to-school transport considerations.

Before submitting your application, it is essential to carefully consider how your child will travel to and from your preferred secondary schools. Free travel assistance is only available to pupils who meet the criteria outlined in Lancashire County Council's **Home to School Transport Policy**.

When selecting your school preferences, please ensure you have read and understood the information available on the Lancashire County Council website regarding **school admissions and travel assistance**.

Please note:

- For transport purposes, the *nearest suitable school* is defined as the school closest to the family home. In some cases, this may be a school located within another local authority area.
- If you choose a school that is not considered the nearest suitable school, there is **no entitlement** to free transport. In such cases, you will need to make your own travel arrangements.
- Most children will attend their local school, which is typically within a reasonable walking distance when accompanied by a parent or carer.

If transport costs are a concern, we strongly encourage you to contact your **Area Education Office** before submitting your application.

If your child is not eligible for free travel assistance but you would like your child to travel to school by bus, you may be able to buy a season travel pass from us.

The County Council will not provide extra services for non-statutory pupils and you will need to [plan how your child will get to school](#) if space on the bus is not available.

Please call 0300-123-6738 or visit [School bus season tickets - Lancashire County Council](#) to make an application.

It is important to plan ahead. Please make sure that appropriate transport is available, should a place be allocated at your preferred school.



**SCHOOL
SECONDARY**
E A S T

**Do you have a child starting
secondary school in September 2027
and living in Lancashire?**
Closing date: 31 October 2026

You must apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school.

Apply for a school place now by scanning
the QR code or visit lancashire.gov.uk/schools




If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference,
please check the guidance on our website, or call 01254 220747.

**Have
your say**

Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with
you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs.
To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces
and click 'school admission policies'

lancashire.gov.uk >>>>

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SHUTTLEWORTH 
COLLEGE

Open Evening
2026

Thursday 24th September
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Think Big  **SUCCEED TOGETHER**

  www.shuttleworthcollege.org 

We hope you have a lovely weekend, see you all next week!

"I will lift up my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121 v 1-2