



Newsletter—November 2025

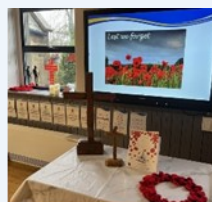
As November draws to a close, we reflect on a month filled with learning, creativity and community spirit. Our children have worked hard and enjoyed many exciting activities, from Remembrance projects to sporting events and we have enjoyed working on these together.

As are about to step into the season of Advent, we know we will be entering a time of reflection, expectation and preparation, a time to celebrate hope, peace, joy and love. We will be sharing this prayer with our children next week to mark the beginning of Advent.

Lord of Light and Hope,
As we begin this Advent season,
fill our hearts with peace and joy.
Help us to prepare with love and kindness,
and keep our eyes fixed on the promise of Your coming.
Amen.

Earlier this month, some of our KS2 children joined in with the Remembrance Service at Church, whilst the rest of the children joined in with a special worship at school. Our School Council as always helped with selling the Royal British Legion merchandise. We were particularly proud of our KS2 Children as following the service, we received an email from a local villager who had attended the Remembrance Service at St Stephen's Church.....

" I thought that the children were wonderful at the Act of Remembrance, respectful and attentive throughout. A credit to themselves, the staff and the school."



Christmas Fair Saturday 29th November

The Tockholes elves have been busy and preparations are well under way for our Christmas fair this Saturday. Thank you so much for the donations of chocolate and bottles for our tombola. We have a wide variety of stalls for you to enjoy this year, many of the gifts and activities involve 50ps and £1's so please bring plenty of change. Raffle tickets are now on sale, £1 a strip. If you are purchasing before Saturday please put money in an envelope with your name on and sent to the office and they will be sent home for you. We have a variety of hampers, a breakfast voucher for Ramblers Café, a chippy tea voucher from The Rock (thanks for your donations!) and a variety of other prizes.



Village Hall Christmas Lights Switch On

Congratulations to Sailor (Reception) and Dougie (Year 6) who were selected to turn on the Village Christmas Tree lights last Friday. The children also enjoyed a visit from Father Christmas whilst parents enjoyed a mince pie and mulled wine.



Planet Ice—Panto Visit

Due to timings of the day, all children will need to bring a packed lunch on Wednesday 10th December. If your child is on free school meals, a packed lunch will be provided. The children will be given a choice of cheese, ham or tuna on their sandwich. We expect to be back at school for 3:30, please park at school as normal as children will need to come into school to get their packed lunch bags etc.



Christmas Dinner & Party Day

Christmas Dinner for the children is on Thursday 18th December. If you would like your child to have the Christmas Dinner, you will need to place your order on School Grid by Monday 8th December. The children will also be having their Christmas Party that day and as such it will be a non-uniform day.

Ukulele Christmas Performance

We would like to invite you to come and watch the children performing the songs that they have been learning on the ukulele. The performance will take place on Thursday 11th of December at 2:00 in the school hall.



Nativity

We will be having two Nativity performances in church on Wednesday 17th December @ 2:00pm and 6:00pm. The children will come home in their nativity costumes and will need to be back at church for 5:45. If possible please could grandparents/extended family attend the afternoon performance to ensure there is enough room for parents at the evening performance.



After School Clubs 15th—19th December

Gentle Reminder there are no after school clubs the last week of the autumn term.

Carol Service

Our Carol Service will be held at church on Friday 19th December at 2:00pm. Come and join us to celebrate the festive season. We look forward to seeing you there!



Great Athlete Sponsored Event

We were very impressed with the way our children during our Great Athletes event. They tackled the fitness circuit with enthusiasm and listened attentively whilst Emily Ford our visiting athlete spoke to them about her Olympic journey. Our children and their families raised a fantastic £1334 which will go towards sports and physical development for school and towards enabling the Great Athletes to continue with their amazing work.



Skateboarding Workshop

In November we were also introduced to another sport—skateboarding. The children had an amazing time learning new skills and techniques—some even mastered jumping on their boards. We're not surprised ,many of them went home asking for skateboards for Christmas.



Bug Hotels, Bird and Bat Boxes

Using donated equipment, the juniors had the opportunity to build bug hotels, bird and bat boxes. We must admit it took a bit of work with our hammers and rusty nails, but in the end we got the job done, (only 2 bug hotels left to finish). After half term with the help of Mr Power and Mr Gill, our ECO-Council were on hand to find out where they would be put in the school grounds. Hopefully they will be used in the future. Thanks to Benny and his family for providing all the resources.





Diary dates—Autumn term 2025

Saturday 29th November	Christmas Fair in school
Monday 1st December	Choir @ Blackburn Cathedral
Wednesday 3rd December	Hindu/Diwali Enrichment Day
Friday 5th December	Choir @ Blackburn Hospital
Wednesday 10th December	All school to Panto at Planet Ice Blackburn
Thursday 11th December	Year 6 @ Ewood “Show Racism the Red Card”
W/C 15th December	NO After school clubs this week
Wednesday 17th December	2:00pm & 6:00pm Nativity performances in Church
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Dinner and Parties
Friday 19th December	2:00pm Carol Service in Church

Term Dates

Friday 19th December 2025	School closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 5th January 2026	School re-opens for start of Spring term 1
Friday 13th February 2026	School closes for half-term
Monday 23rd February 2026	School re-opens
Friday 27th March 2026	School closes for Easter
Tuesday 14th April 2026	School re-opens for start of Summer term
Monday 4th May 2026	Bank Holiday
Friday 22nd May 2026	School closes for half-term
Tuesday 2nd June 2026	School re-opens
Friday 17th July 2026	School closes for Summer holiday