

March 2024 Newsletter

Singleton Church of England Primary School

"Passion for LearningPassion for life"

Christian Value Wisdom

Wise choices will watch over you. Understanding will keep you safe. Proverbs 2:11

Dear Parents,

As a staff, we reflect constantly on the enrichment that we provide for our children and it is wonderful to see that 'Individual Pathways' are encouraged and nurtured by all our staff. From STEM weeks to performing arts, sports, art, forest schools and musical theatre, already in this academic year we have provided a wealth of opportunities for all our pupils to shine. As we begin March, Mrs Millward has once again planned a fabulous MAD week (Music / Art and Drama) This year the theme is 'Annie' the Musical, which not only provides some wonderful songs but also gives great opportunity to explore resilience, friendships, respect etc. Miss Natasha will be providing singing and drama workshops bringing her experiences from her time as a West End performer to our children. We also have a workshop planned by Ian Hooper from Poulton Upbeat Rock Academy. Ian is a talented Musician, who is renowned across the Fylde Coast within the music industry. He will provide a live music session for the children.



Acorns
Breakfast and Afterschool Club

Opening Times

Monday	7.30 am - 8.45am	3:00 - 5:30 pm
Tuesday	7.30 am - 8.45am	3:00 - 5:30 pm
Wednesday	7.30 am - 8.45am	3:00 - 5:30 pm
Thursday	7.30 am - 8.45am	3:00 - 5:30 pm
Friday	7.30 am - 8.45am	3:00 - 5:30 pm

Booking

All booking information and links are on the school website. Please be aware that fees are subject to change. Acorns offer a 10% discount for siblings. This will automatically be deducted upon booking.

Important Information:

Staff are trained in pediatric first aid and have regular safeguarding training. We can offer the club sessions on a regular and one-off basis, although sessions will need to be booked in advance. Acorns is owned by Sarah Goldie, a fully qualified teacher of 20 years and managed by Gabrielle McGowen.

Current Fees

Before School Breakfast Club	7.30 am - 8.45 am	£4.75 per child (includes breakfast)
After School Club – full session	3.00 pm - 5.30 pm	£9.50 per child (includes snack)
After School Club – early session	3.00 pm - 4.15 pm	£4.50 per child (no snack)
After School Club following an extra-curriculum activity	4.15pm - 5.30 pm	£5:00 per child (includes snack)

For any further enquiries, contact details are as follows:

- Sarah Goldie TEL: 07860816175
- EMAIL: sarahgoldie_uk@outlook.com

ALL enquiries and bookings should be directed to Sarah Goldie the owner of the provision. NO bookings can be made through the School Office.



School Office

If you need to contact school for any reason then the office opening hours are as follows:-

Monday	8.00 am - 4.15pm
Tuesday	8.00 am - 4.15 pm
Wednesday	8.00 am - 4.15 pm
Thursday	8.00 am - 4.15 pm
Friday	8.00 am - 3.15 pm

Tel (01253) 882226

Please note that the office is closed for lunch between

12:00 and 1:00pm (Mon-Thurs) and 12:00 and 1.30pm (Friday).

Children cannot be collected, between these times, without prior arrangement.

The phone will not be answered at this time, but a message can be left.

Payments to School

Please note all Extra-Curricular Clubs and Dinners must be paid for in advance (before the Term starts).

Dinner Money

You can pay for School dinners through ParentPay. This does still need to be done in advance on a half-termly basis.

Dinner money for next term is £72.50, please pay this via ParentPay.

If you decide that, you no longer want your child to have a school lunch you must give the office a **week's** notice, as all food is ordered a week in advance.

Absence

If your child is absent, from school please inform the office by **9.10am** or **leave a message** on the absence line answerphone.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Information about PE and Extra-Curricular Activities;

- Please make sure that your child has additional kit for any after school activity, as P.E. Kit **must not** be worn.
- It is important that for sports such as football and hockey your children have the correct kit as these clubs **will always** take place outdoors (e.g. Football boots, shin pads, waterproof etc.)— Please ask Mrs James if you are unsure what your child needs.
- Ms Stansfield will oversee the smooth running of the clubs and ensure that children are passed over to parents/ carers at the end of the session. For all queries relating to Extra-Curricular Clubs please contact Ms Stansfield.
- All children attending Extra-Curricular Clubs should be collected from Class 1's door- on the playground.
- Please pick up your child promptly at **4.15pm after clubs**.
- Please make sure that you pay for clubs in advance. If this does not happen then your child will not be booked on the course.
- Please note that as we continue to receive the Sports Grant in the year 2023 /24 we will continue to supplement the cost of the extra-curricular activities once again this year. However due to increases in on costs there has been a slight price increase to £3:00 per session (£4.50 for tennis).



The overall attendance for February was

95%

For more information about attendance and holidays in term time, please check out the school website.

If you need support with attendance and punctuality please contact Miss Manns, our Family Learning Mentor.



Happy Birthday to the following children

March

1st Sienna
7th Milana-Rose
7th Ethan
8th Mia V
11th Arthur L
12th James S
14th Annabel S
15th Alice R
26th Evie

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

APRIL - MAY 2024

FROM MONDAY 15TH APRIL TO THURSDAY 23RD MAY 2024

	Lower School (FS /1/2/3)	Upper School (4/5/6)
Monday	Dance Y1/2 £15 STEM Science Club FS/Y1 £10	Dance Y3 £15 Rounders Y4/5 £15 Numeracy Booster Y6
Tuesday	Brass (Lunchtime) Y2 £30 Athletics Y1/2 £18 TAG Rugby (Outdoor) Y2 £18 Summer Reading Club FS/Y1/2 £6	Brass (Lunchtime) Y3/4/5/6 £30 Athletics Y3 £18 TAG Rugby (Outdoor) Y3 £18 Literacy Booster Y6
Wednesday	Tennis Y2 £27	Tennis Y3 £27 Netball (MUGA) Y4/5/6 £18 Forest Schools Y5/6
Thursday	Singing (Lunchtime) Y2 £30	Singing (Lunchtime) Y3-Y6 £30 Athletics Y3/4/5/6 £18 TAG Rugby (Outdoor) Y4/5/6 £18

Last Numeracy Booster: Mon 29th April, English Booster: Tues 30th April.

Payment

Ms Stansfield will email parents in advance of the new term to outline the clubs on offer. Club places are allocated on a first come first served basis. Sporting Clubs are provided by third party providers. We are a cashless school and all payments should be made via the ParentPay system.



Parish and Community links

Time for reflection

Wisdom

"All wisdom comes from God."

Proverbs 2 v 6

Through this Christian Value, we try to develop within our children a good sense and judgement based on life experience and biblical teaching. Also, an understanding that Wisdom is not about what you know (this is knowledge/information) but about what you do with what you know - the application of your knowledge. Being wise does not necessarily have anything to do with age or intellect. Although it is a gift, it is a virtue that we believe needs to be nurtured.



Family Communion

Our Family Communion service is held every Sunday at 9.30am. On the first Sunday of the month this is followed by coffee and biscuits served in church.

Children

Junior Church runs on the second Sunday of every month at 09:30am. (Contact Fiona Small for information; 07913901015)

There is also an All-Age Family service at St. Chad's on the first Sunday of every month at 10:00am (lasts about 45 mins).

Children are both welcomed and encouraged at all our services and especially at our regular Family Communion held each Sunday. There are toys and books at the back of church for children to use during the service.



Lost Property

Please ensure that all your child's uniform (this includes coats and Extra-Curricular sport kits) are clearly labelled. We will only be keeping lost property for the full term, because as you can imagine we haven't got much space to store it all in school. Please check the lost property box at reception.



Healthy Snacks Policy

As you are all aware, the Governing body have a policy that **only fruit snacks** are permitted in school for break times.

We ask that you ensure that you continue to support this; the Governing Body made this decision because we have a number of children with allergies and we also promote 'Healthy Eating' in our school. If other snacks are sent in, they will be returned home.



Pupil Progress Meetings 2024

Our Second 'Pupil Progress Meeting' of the year will be held as Face-to-Face meetings in the school hall.

Tuesday 12th March – Parents evening in school 3:30 – 6:00pm
Wednesday 13th March– Parents evening in school 4:00 – 6:30pm

- The time slots are available to book on line and links have been sent out yesterday. The allocated time is limited to a 5 minutes progress chat with your child's class teacher. Please remember if you have a concern or worry then do not wait until parents evening as we have an open-door policy. The focus of 'Formal Progress Meetings' is for staff to run through progress and next steps within learning.
- If your child has an Individual Education Plan (IEP) then you will have already had your meeting with your child's class teacher for this term and so **do not** need to book a slot.
- If you co-parent and intend to both attend the same meeting, please book only one slot but place a note on the system to indicate that both parents will be attending.
- If you co-parent and wish to have a separate appointment then please book individual slots but place a note on the system to indicate this is the intention.
- Some books will be available in the classrooms for parents to look at – so please plan a further 10 minutes into your schedule. Please note that the classrooms will be **closed for cleaning from 6:15pm onwards** – so if you book a later slot, please look at books before meeting with the teacher to avoid disappointment.
- Full details and links to book slots will be sent out nearer the time but please note the dates for your diaries.
- **Please note children are not allowed to attend this event. Acorns will be available should you require short term child care. They are offering a 30-minute slot for your appointment for £2.50, up to 5.30pm when the club will close. These slots can only be booked directly by contacting Sarah Goldie on 07860 816175.**

Don't forget
parents
evening!

Y6 Booster Classes

Booster classes run from January in Literacy and Numeracy every Monday and Tuesday to ensure given the challenging few years our children have had that we give them the best possible support. We ask that all Y6 children attend these. The children will be given additional specific SATs related homework and there will be an expectation that they also use BBC bitesize. BBC bitesize should be used for 10 - 15 mins a day, it offers a range of videos, quizzes and games for the children to watch and learn from. The children should pick topics that they feel less confident with. Please click the link below: -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrybvk7>

This year the KS2 SATs will take place as follows: -

The Key Stage 2 tests are timetabled from Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May 2024.

- **Monday 13th May:** English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- **Tuesday 14th May:** English reading paper.
- **Wednesday 15th May:** Mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- **Thursday 16th May:** Mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)



Diary Dates and Holidays

HOLIDAYS 2023 /2024

Autumn Term 2023

Open: Wednesday 6th September 2023
Half Term: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October 2023
Closes: Thursday 21st December 2023 at 1.30 pm.

Spring Term 2024

Open: Monday 8th January 2024
Half Term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2024
Closes: Thursday 28th March 2024 at 1:30pm

Summer Term 2024

Open: Monday 15th April 2024
May Day: Monday 6th May 2024
Half Term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024
Closes: Friday 19th July 2024 at 1:30pm

Total number of openings – 190 days

Inset days

1st, 4th and 5th September 2023
22nd December 2023
22nd July 2024

HOLIDAYS 2024 /2025

Autumn Term 2024

Open: Thursday 5th September 2024
Half Term: Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October 2024
Closes: Friday 20th December 2024 at 1.30pm

Spring Term 2025

Open: Monday 6th January 2025
Half Term: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025
Closes: Friday 4th April 2025 at 1.30pm

Summer Term 2025

Open: Tuesday 22nd April 2025
May Day: Monday 5th May 2025
Half Term: Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May 2025
Closes: Friday 18th July 2025 at 1.30pm

Total number of openings – 190 days

Inset days

2nd, 3rd, 4th September 2024
21st and 22nd July 2025

Dates for your Diary - (3 months in advance)

March	April	May
4 th March – MAD Week 7 th March – World Book Day 8 th – Local Author Emily Dyson Visit. 4 th – Year 6 Maths Booster 3.15-4.15pm 5 th – Year 6 English Booster 3.15-4.15pm 11 th – Foundation class worship 8:45am 11 th – Year 6 Maths Booster 3.15-4.15pm 12 th – Parents evening in school 3:30 – 6:00pm 12 th – No Literacy Booster / Extra-Curricular Clubs 13 th – Parents evening in school 4:00 – 6:30pm 13 – No Extra-Curricular Clubs 18 th – Year 6 Maths Booster 3.15-4.15pm 19 th – Year 6 English Booster 3.15-4.15pm 20 th – Christian Leaders Sponsored Event 20 th Eggstravaganza: Open Afternoon 1.30pm 25 th – Year 6 Maths Booster 3.15-4.15pm 26 th – Year 6 English Booster 3.15-4.15pm 28 th – Prize Giving 8:50 am 28 th – School Closes 1:30 pm	15 th – School Opens 15 th – Year 6 Maths Booster 3.15-4.15pm 16 th – Year 6 English Booster 3.15-4.15pm 17 th – Y3/4 Swimming (till July 2024) 19 th – Non-Uniform Day – Bring a bottle (FOSS) 22 nd – Year 6 Maths Booster 3.15-4.15pm 23 rd – Year 6 English Booster 3.15-4.15pm 29 th – Year 6 Maths Booster 3.15-4.15pm (Last Session). 30 th – Year 6 English Booster 3.15-4.15pm (Last Session).	6 th – Bank Holiday 8 th – Y3/4 Swimming 22 nd – Y3/4 Swimming 22 nd – New Parents Induction 6-7pm 24 th – School Closes 3.15pm

We try to inform you of diary dates/changes to dates well in advance so that you can plan. We will not necessarily send out specific letters for every individual event as dates and times are indicated in the monthly newsletter which gives up to 3 months' notice. The Office will try to send out reminder texts/Facebook notices as an additional support to parents but this may not always happen during busy periods.

Absent for Medical Appointments

If your child has a Medical Appointment, please provide the School Office with a letter or screenshot of a text message, showing the appointment date and time, for our records – Thank you.



FOSS Updates

Up and coming events

Event	Date
Non-Uniform Day	Friday 19 th April – Bring a Bottle
Non-Uniform Day	Friday 10 th May – Bring a Tombola Prize

FOSS will also be running the very popular Easter Egg raffle for the children from Wednesday 6th March. Tickets will be sold via ParentPay. Each class will have a range of Chocolate hamper Prizes. More information to follow



All the money raised by FOSS is currently being used to focus on reading for pleasure. We have been updating our libraries, buying new books, furniture and wall art. Mrs Millward is now looking at subscribing to a range of comics and magazines for the children to read and also looking to invest in furniture and book storage for reading areas in the classrooms and also outdoors.



All families are automatically a member of FOSS (Friends of Singleton School)

FOSS are a small team of parent volunteers that work incredibly hard behind the scenes organizing events. They are always looking for volunteers and encourage parents to become involved. You don't have to be available to help with every event, they welcome any support even if it's just behind the scenes support. The more money that FOSS raise the more exciting projects we can do for the children.

If you can help in any way, please email friendsofsingleton@outlook.com



February 2024

Foundation

Freddie, Harvey, Reggie,
Layla, Harry, Martha.

Class 1

Matilda, Annabelle, Alexia,
Alice R, William, Aria.

Class 2

Emma, Annabel, Thomas,
Daniel, Arianna, Harry.

Class 3

Ethan, Betsy, Luca,
Nancy, Jensen, Rocco,



February 2024

Foundation

Harry D, Fleur,
Alice, Harvey.

Class 1

Blake, Arthur Y,
Thomas, Harry.

Class 2

Luca, Daniel B,
Tehya-Mae and Ralph W.

Class 3

Mia M, Ethan,
Rocco, Betsy,



Primary School Applications

The application process has now closed.

Lancashire's online system will go live on the morning of 19th April 2024 and will allow online applicants to view their school offer. Please be patient as around 13,000 applicants may be trying to access information.

LCC email school offers to you. They cannot confirm results with you over the phone due to data protection.



Sponsored Event 2024

Mrs. Rund and the Junior Leadership Team (JLT) will organize this year sponsored event. For those of you that are new to school every year we task our Junior Leadership Team with the development and organization of a sponsored event. The money raised from the event is used twofold: -

- To update playtime toys and equipment each year
- To support a children's charity

The Junior Leadership Team work with Mrs. Rund to find a children's charity that they feel they would like to support. This is such a valuable opportunity for our older children to develop an understanding of the needs and experiences of other children in our world. Having focused, intentional discussions with children about charity increases the likelihood that they will give or think of others. Charity builds empathy, which is a critical social and emotional skill.

The JLT also then are given a budget and the responsibility of picking equipment and resources to encourage exercise and fitness and creative play at playtimes. Again, this is such a valuable life skill for our older children.

Once the children have made their plans they will send out more information. The sponsored event will be launched in March.

Sponsored Event Wednesday 20th March 2024



World Book Day / MAD week

Mrs. Millward is once again organising a Fabulous MAD (Music Art and Drama) week which will encompass the 'World Book Day' celebration for our children. She is going to send out full information about the week and the activities over the next few weeks.

MAD week will take place during the week beginning Monday 4th March.

World Book Day is on **Thursday 7th March**. For our new Parents:- on World Book Day the children can come dressed as one of their favourite book characters and bring a book (clearly named) with them, to share with their class.



X Factor Winners 2024

X Factor Winners

Well Done to all the children that took part. We are very proud of you all. Congratulations to our winners

Year 1 – Milana-Rose

Year 2 – Alice Y

Year 3 – Arianna

Year 4 – Luca and Aidan

Year 5 – Oliver H

Year 6 – Will



KS2 SATS

PowerPoint for Parents –KS2 SATs



KS2 SATS

Information for Parents

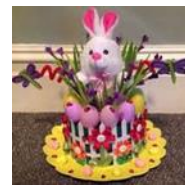
Year 6 SATs REVISION - USEFUL WEBSITES

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn> - BBC Bitesize Revision Activities
- <http://www.emaths.co.uk/> Past papers and extra advice included.
- http://www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children_sats.htm
- <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/revision/index.html>
- https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/interactive_ks2_english
- <http://spellingframe.co.uk> great for Y3,4,5 & 6 key frequency words
- <http://nrich.maths.org/frontpage> - great for more able mathematicians and anyone who wants to attack applying and problem solving in maths.
- <http://www.topmarks.co.uk>
- <https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/english/> English Quizzes
- <https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/maths/> Maths Quizzes
- Video link to SATs info video (or google M Tidd 2020 KS2 Tests):- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2H2D1U14piE>

Easter Open Afternoon

We are holding an Easter Crafts Open Afternoon on Wednesday **20th** March –commencing at **1.30 p.m.** Throughout the afternoon, the children will be completing some fun Easter craft activities.

Foundation and Class One will be making Easter Bonnets. Please could you provide your children with all the bits and bobs they need to make them. You will make the bonnets with your children during the open afternoon.



Class Two and Three will be creating (with your help!!!) an 'Eggstravaganza' which is an egg in a box scene. For example – 'The Eggs-terminator', 'Egg-man & Robin', 'Egg White' (Snow White) The EGG Factor etc. It is entirely up to the children; they can be as creative as they like. Their design must have a name with the word EGG in it. More information has been emailed out to Parents/Carers.



The Importance of good attendance



Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which is this is the number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

Your children get 14 weeks holiday a year!

There are **38 weeks** in the year when schools are open, and **14 weeks (175 days)** when families can visit family overseas; go on holiday; travel; pupils can work, take educational trips, attend non urgent medical appointments.....**So is your request for leave exceptional?**

When a Child Arrives Late:

- It interrupts concentration
- It wastes valuable learning time
- The teacher repeats information / instructions whilst others have to wait
- The late child is at an immediate disadvantage because they may have missed important teaching points, missed discussions where ideas are shared and will be generally unsettled
- Children feel stressed and anxious about having to walk into their lessons late, some children find being late very distressing.
- **Please note school starts at 8:40 and the expectation is that all pupils enter school at this time.**



A polite reminder about drop off and collecting on time before / after school and after clubs.

- Parents will drop off / collect children (or arrange for this to happen) punctually – if parents are late then the children will be placed in Acorns Club and there will be a charge. Please note there is an expectation that you collect promptly at 3:15pm (or 4:15pm if your child participates in an extra – curricular activity)
- Late drop off and collection is monitored by Miss Manns – Family Learning Mentor



Safeguarding information for parents

Singleton Safeguarding team

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL)

- **Amanda Clayton** (Head) – Lead DSL
- **Leonie Millward** (SENCO) – DSL
- **Kate James** (Online / PREVENT) – DSL
- **Susan Manns** - DSL

Governors with Responsibility for Safeguarding

- **Alec Davies** – Chair of the Governing Body / safer recruitment
- **Keith Walker** – Chair of the SHE committee / Safer recruitment

Safeguarding DBS lead

- **Rachel Reeves** (Office Manager)
 - Rachel keeps and maintains a log of all staff and volunteers who have DBS clearance to work with children and the Governors review, and general safeguarding in school monthly.

Prevent Lead

- **Kate James** (Y5/6 Teacher)
- **Alec Davies** (Governor)

Useful information / Publications for parents

Each month we will provide some links or publications to download that will cover a wide range of current Safeguarding information for parents.

This month we have focused on a 'Grandparents' Guide to online safety. The guide covers the following: -

Five quick tips	Live streaming – What is it all about?
Screen time – How much time are they spending online?	Inappropriate content – Managing what they see
Parental controls – Create a safe place for children to explore	Cyberbullying
Online gaming – Playing safely	Sexting – What you need to know
Managing money online	Peer pressure – Effect on behaviour

Please click on the link below

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/grandparents-guide-to-online-safety/>

**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**



We are proud to be part of the **Preston Primary and Secondary Alliance**. This is a group of over 40 local primary and secondary schools who work together to improve standards and the overall quality of education for all our children. One key aspect of our work is the recruitment and training of the teachers of tomorrow via our trainee teacher programme. Working in partnership with the University of Cumbria, the training provides graduates with a direct route into teaching. All of the training is completed in schools and is led by highly experienced practitioners who are teaching children on a daily basis. At the end of the one-year course, successful participants are awarded a Postgraduate Certificate of Education (PGCE) with Qualified Teacher Status.

We are recruiting now for 2024-2025 in the following subjects:

Primary: General Primary and Early Year Foundation.

Secondary: Art, Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Design Technology, Drama, English, Geography, History, Languages, Maths, Music, PE, Physics and RE.

There are extremely generous bursaries available for anyone interested in pursuing this profession.

**If you are, or know of someone, with a degree or who will have a degree by Summer 2024,
NOW is the time to apply.**

We only have a very limited number of places and they are taken extremely quickly.

Anybody who is interested or has any questions,
please contact our administrator, Karen Eastham on tel: 01772 867210

easthamk@broughtonhigh.co.uk



We are rightly proud of our history of success and many of our teachers chose the Preston Primary and Secondary Alliance programme as their training route into the profession.