



“God with us, lighting the way to love and respect”

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Christian focus: Each half term, we revisit the Christian values of love, respect, forgiveness, compassion, courage, patience.
This half term, we will look at the themes of friendship, love and respect.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Hello

We are counting down to Christmas and the children are very excited about all events planned for the festive season. Please take a look at the attached Christmas calendar of events.

Thank you for your donations last Friday. We are looking forward to our Christmas fair and hopefully a visit from Father Christmas.

This Friday we are asking for donations for our tombola stalls which are always a huge favourite. Please see the list on the festive calendar.

Thank you to everyone who supported International Aid by filling a shoebox. We collected 43 shoeboxes across school. These have now been shipped to Ukraine to bring a little joy to the Ukrainian children. 1H filled 12 shoeboxes and won the tub of Heroes. Well done 1H!

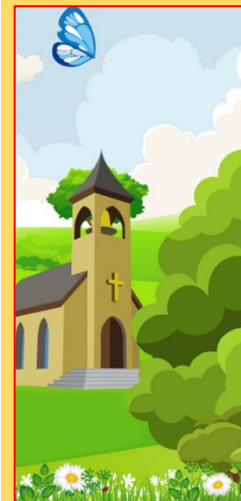
The children thoroughly enjoyed our “Break the Rules day”. In total over these last two events we have raised a whopping £973. Thank you to the children for taking part in this fundraising event. The money is going to be spent on playtime games and equipment that will benefit all the children.

Many thanks to all who sponsored our children in the Readathon – we are thrilled to have raised £511.

We loved seeing lots of spots and Pudsey items for Children in Need. We raised over £270 – thank you for your generosity.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Remembrance Service in Church and to our Year 6 children for leading the service. A big thanks also to our Worship group who led a whole school worship on Diwali last week.

I am delighted to inform parents that Miss Hargreaves has been appointed as our new Staff Governor. Mrs Washington’s term of office has ended and we thank her for her commitment and work with the Governing body.



Please follow us at
[@HorwichParishCE](https://twitter.com/HorwichParishCE) and keep up to date with the class blogs on the website.





Our term dates for 2024/25 are now on the school website and will be formally approved by the Governing body on Thursday 14th December.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful and happy Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards

Mrs Mills

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Our vision is to be a school where everyone can achieve and "let their light shine" both individually and collectively as a community.

Learning to love each other as Jesus has loved us, respecting each other and growing into the people God has called us to be.

PTA

We are always looking for helping hands to support our PTA who work really hard to raise funds for all the children in school. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work".

Over the years the PTA have supported purchasing our school library, Chrome books for IT lessons and more recently, this summer paid for our new bike / scooter canopy.

The School Council enjoys suggesting what they would like to enhance our school. Their latest request is to improve our trim trail on the bottom playground.

The Lighthouse Club at Horwich Parish

Places are available at our before and after school club, The Lighthouse Club.

Before school 7.30am – 8.40am £5.50 per session

After school 3.15/3.20pm – 6pm £11.50 per session

If you are interested, please collect a pack from the school office or email

lighthouse@horwichparish.net

Craig from Commando Joe's will be doing outdoor fun activities e.g. den building with the children in The Lighthouse Club before and after school every Wednesday.



PARENTPAY ITEMS

Lunches

The cost of lunches for the remainder of this half term is £32.11 (4th December – 20th December 2023). Payments need to be paid in advance and we are currently have to chase those accounts going into debt.

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.

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 4pm. Thank you!

Lunch box reminder

We have been pleased to see some very healthy lunchboxes in school so far this term. May we ask that sweet treats (biscuits, chocolate biscuits etc) are limited to ensure children have a range of food to eat and to limit the amount of sugar they may be consuming. As we are a nut free school, items in lunch boxes should contain no nuts.

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

Please could we remind parents that Year 3 - 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.

Volunteers

As always we welcome parents, carers, friends of HP, grandparents etc to come into school to help out. There are always lots of activities that can support and enhance life at HP whether it be hearing readers, supporting in a classroom, helping out in our library, practising times tables with the children, to name just a few ideas. If any volunteer has a particular talent / skill that they are happy to share with the children then please do get in touch.

Year 6 "Snack Shack"

Year 6 will be holding their "snack shack" every Friday at morning break. All healthy snacks are 50p.



Dates for your diary...

December

For further details, please see our Horwich Parish Festive Calendar of Events on the next page

Monday 4th Festival of Hanukah

Thursday 7th Christmas Jumper Day - Save the children (£1 donation)

Thursday 7th Christmas Fair 3.30-5.30pm

Friday 8th Non uniform - donations for Tea with Santa

Tuesday 12th Reception / KS1 Nativity Performance at 2pm in Church

Wednesday 13th Reception / KS1 Nativity Performance at 9.30am in Church

Wednesday 13th KS2 Carol service at 2pm & 6pm in Church

Tickets are required for entry to the performances due to limited numbers in Church - these can be purchased through your child's ParentPay account

Thursday 14th Christmas Dinner day

Thursday 14th HP Got Talent (parents invited) at 9am in Church

Friday 15th End of term school report home to parents

Friday 15th Tea with Santa day

Monday 18th Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas Party Afternoon

Tuesday 19th End of term celebration & awards in Church

Tuesday 19th Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party Afternoon

Wednesday 20th Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party Afternoon







Wednesday 20th School closes for Christmas at the usual time

School reopens Monday 8th January 2024



Horwich Parish Festive Calendar of Events 2023



Date	Year/Class	Event or Activity
24 th November 	Whole School	Non-uniform day for Raffle prizes for the Christmas fair Reception and Year 1 – Toiletries 2W, 2/3C and 3B – Green Items Years 4 – Red Items Year 5 – Silver Items Year 6 – Gold Items
1 st December 	Whole School	Non-uniform day for Tombola Prizes for the Christmas fair Reception and Year 1 – Selection Boxes 2W, 2/3C and 3B – Chocolates and/or Sweets Years 4, 5 and 6 - Bottles
7 th December 	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day Children may wear a Christmas jumper with school trousers or school skirt/dress. Donations welcome to Save the Children
7 th December	Whole School	School Christmas Fair 3.30pm – 5.30pm
8 th December	Whole School	Non-uniform – donations for Tea with Santa Reception - marshmallows 1H, 1/2W, 2/3C and 3B – cakes and/or biscuits Year 4 – Napkins Year 5 – Paper cups Year 6 – Paper plates
11 th December	Rec and KS1	Dress rehearsal for Nativity Performance
12 th December 	Reception and KS1	2pm Nativity Performance , tickets will be available on ParentPay from 15/11/2023 PTA will be selling raffle tickets £1 per strip on all performance days to win hampers
13 th December 	Rec and KS1 KS2	9.30am Nativity Performance, 2pm & 6pm KS2 Carol service tickets will be available on ParentPay from 15/11/2023 PTA will be selling raffle tickets £1 per strip on all performance days to win hampers
14 th December	All Children on School Meals	Christmas Dinner Day , for all children on school meals, unfortunately this cannot be offered out to those on packed lunches
14 th December	Whole School	HP Got Talent , held in Church 9am, parents invited to sit in the balcony
15 th December 	Whole School	Tea with Santa , Tickets will be available on ParentPay from 15/11/2023

18 th December	Years Reception and KS1	Christmas Party Afternoon please send in a festive afternoon snack eg. Drink, crisps, cake or biscuit, this can be on a paper plate or in a bag, this is separate to normal lunch
18 th December	KS2 Singers	Singers visit Horwich Evangelical Church Christmas party for the elderly.
19 th December	Year 3 and 4	Christmas Party Afternoon please send in a festive afternoon snack eg. Drink, crisps, cake or biscuit, this can be on a paper plate or in a bag, this is separate to normal lunch
20 th December	Years 5 and 6	Christmas Party Afternoon please send in a festive afternoon snack eg. Drink, crisps, cake or biscuit, this can be on a paper plate or in a bag, this is separate to normal lunch



"It takes a community to raise a child"

The Horwich and Blackrod Learning Community are planning this exciting event for all the pupils and families in Horwich and Blackrod. It is going to take place on Wednesday 18th September 2024. We know that this is a long way off but we are looking for your input and thoughts as well as support from the local community.

The aim of the event is for our community to nurture and nourish our children and young people, to raise their hopes and aspirations and enable them to flourish. We are planning to invite an exciting and motivational speaker, for there to be workshops and a marketplace for local support networks and agencies to showcase how they can help our children and young people, parents and families and our community.

What would we like from you?

- Please save the date
- Please give us any suggestions for areas of support or information which we can include in the workshops or presentations
- Please let us know the names of any organisations or networks who could be invited to showcase in the marketplace
- Please share this information with your community
- If you know any local businesses or organisations that could support us with funding, sponsorship or raffle prizes we would love to hear about them.