

February 2026 Newsletter

Singleton Church of England Primary School

“Passion for LearningPassion for life”

Christian Value – Friendship

“A true Friend shows love at all times.” Proverbs 17:17

Dear Parents,

January has been a particularly busy and productive month at our school. Our Year Six students have embraced their revision term with great enthusiasm, attending Booster Classes with a positive mindset. Their dedication and hard work are truly commendable, and we are incredibly proud of the effort they are putting into their learning.

Meanwhile, Mrs Millward has begun preparations for our much-anticipated MAD Week, which promises to be an exciting and memorable experience for everyone involved.

In Mathematics, Mrs James has launched the knockout stages of our annual X-Factor competition. She has been highly impressed by the number of participants and the determination our students have shown in mastering their times tables. As we all know, proficiency in times tables is a cornerstone of mathematical understanding, and it is never too early to begin building these essential skills.

I would also like to remind you to make use of the myHappyMind Parent App. It is a really useful tool that supports wellbeing and positive mental health, both at school and at home. Finally, please keep an eye on the diary dates, as we have many exciting events planned over the coming months. We look forward to sharing these experiences with you and celebrating the achievements of our students together.

Opening Times

Monday	7.30 am - 8.40am	3:15 – 5:30 pm
Tuesday	7.30 am - 8.40am	3:15 – 5:30 pm
Wednesday	7.30 am - 8.40am	3:15 – 5:30 pm
Thursday	7.30 am - 8.40am	3:15 – 5:30 pm
Friday	7.30 am - 8.40am	3:15 – 5:30 pm

Booking for Acorns closes at 7 p.m. for the following day. This helps to manage staff and ratios. Without booking the day before, the children will be unable to attend. 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:

Acorns has its own Facebook page – please have a look at all the wonderful activities that they provide. The feedback from our children is that the club is “amazing”. We agree with them!!!

For any further enquiries, contact details are as follows:

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

Current Fees

Before School Breakfast Club	7.30 am - 8.45 am	£5.45 per child (includes breakfast)
After School Club – full session	3.15 pm - 5.30 pm	£10.45 per child (includes snack)
After School Club – early session	3.15 pm - 4.15 pm	£5.45 per child (no snack)
After School Club following an extra-curriculum activity	4.15pm - 5.30 pm	£5.95 per child (includes snack)



School Office

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

Monday 8.00am - 3.45pm

Tuesday 8.00am - 3.45 pm

Wednesday 8.00am - 3.45 pm

Thursday 8.00am - 3.45 pm

Friday 8.00am - 3.15 pm

Tel (01253) 882226

Please note that the office is closed for lunch between

12:00 and 1:00pm (Mon-Thurs)

12:00 and 1:30pm (Fri)

The phone will not be answered at this time as the office staff are not available.

Dinner Money

School Dinners need to be paid for in advance; at the beginning of a School Term.

Dinner money for next term will be

£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 **weeks'** notice as all food is ordered a week in advance.

Absence

If your child is absent from school, each Morning that your child is absent please inform the School Office by **9am. This can be done by leaving a message** on the answerphone or calling into the School Office.



Extra-Curricular Activities

Information about PE and Extra-Curricular Activities

- **Additional Kit:** Please ensure your child has an additional kit for any after-school activity, as their P.E. kit must not be worn.
- **Correct Kit for Sports:** For sports like football and hockey, children must have the correct kit (e.g., football boots, shin pads, waterproof clothing). If unsure, please ask Mrs. James.
- **Club Supervision:** Mr Rawcliffe will oversee the clubs provided by 3rd party providers and ensure children are handed over to parents/carers at the end of the session.
- **Collection Point:** All children attending extracurricular clubs should be collected from Class 1's door.
- **Pick-Up Time:** Please pick up your child promptly at 4:15 pm after clubs.
- **Payment:** Ensure you pay for clubs in advance. If payment is not made, your child will not be booked on the course.
- **Sports Grant:** We will continue to supplement the cost of extracurricular activities with the Sports Grant this year.



The overall attendance for **January** was

96%

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
February

2nd – Aidan
3rd – Thomas C
10th – Seb L
10th – Violet
12th – Ava B
15th – Ezra U-R
15th Matilda G
18th – Margot
19th – Faith
19th – Joshua
20th – Annabelle L
23rd – Emma
27th – Darcey

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

FROM MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY – THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 2026

	Lower School (FS/Y1/Y2)	Upper School (Y3/4/5/6)
Monday	Brass (Lunchtime) Y2 £25 Speed Stacking Y2 £15	Brass (Lunchtime) Y3/4/5/6 £25 Speed Stacking Y3 £15 Dance Y3/4/5 £15 Numeracy Booster Class Y6
Tuesday	TAG Rugby (Outdoor) Y2 £12 STEM Science Club FS/Y1/Y2 £4	TAG Rugby (Outdoor) Y3 £12 Multi Skills (Outdoor) Y3/4/5 £12 Literacy Booster Class Y6
Wednesday	Tennis Y2 £15	Tennis Y3 £15 Outdoor Rounders Y4/5/6 £9 Forest School Y3/4/5/6 £3
Thursday	Singing (Lunchtime) Y1/2 £25 Dodgeball Y2 £9	Singing (Lunchtime) Y3-Y6 £25 Dodgeball Y3 £9 TAG Rugby (Outdoor) Y4/5/6 £9

NO CLUBS ON THE FOLLOWING DATES

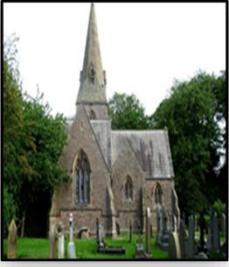
Tuesday 3rd March, Thursday 5th March, Wednesday 11th March, Thursday 12th March, Wednesday 25th March.

Payment Information for Extra-Curricular Clubs

- **Club Information:** Ms. Stansfield will inform parents about the available clubs before the new term. Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Sporting clubs are provided by third-party providers.
- **Payment System:** All payments are now made via the 'Parent Pay' system.
- **Advance Payment:** Clubs must be paid for in advance as per our payment policy.
- **Non-Refundable:** Payments are non-refundable. If a child is absent due to illness or a behavioural incident, no refund will be given as coaches still need to be paid.
- **Refunds for Cancellations:** If a coach cancels a session, a full refund will be provided as we are not charged in such instances.



Parish and Community links



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)

StChads@5 - a new monthly service, held at St Chad's Church in Poulton on the third Sunday of the month. The service is aimed at young people and families, with contemporary music and an informal feel, and provides an alternative time for those who find Sunday mornings difficult. You are invited for drinks and cake from 4:30 pm with a 45-minute service beginning at 5:00 pm. We would love to see you!"

Children are both welcomed and encouraged at all our services.

Lost Property

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We seem to have a lot of lost property already in school this term. Please ensure that all your child's uniform (this includes coats and Extra-Curricular sport kits) is 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 in reception.

Y6 Booster Classes

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

The key stage 2 tests are timetabled from Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2026.

Key Stage 2 SATs Timetable 2026:

- **Monday, 11 May 2026:** English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (Papers 1 & 2).
- **Tuesday, 12 May 2026:** English Reading.
- **Wednesday, 13 May 2026:** Mathematics (Paper 1: Arithmetic & Paper 2: Reasoning).
- **Thursday, 14 May 2026:** Mathematics (Paper 3: Reasoning).

We will be running Booster classes from January in Literacy and Numeracy every Monday and Tuesday. 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>

CARE AWARDS

January 2026

Foundation

Jules, Atticus,
Hallie, Faith.

Class 1

Ruby, Etta,
Ezra, Jack,
Roman, Harvey W,
Sophia, Martha.

Class 2

Milana, Malayka,
Elijah, Joshua,
Arthur, Alexia.

Class 3

Theo, Autumn,
Harry, Seb L,
Annabel, Charlie,



These are awarded to children for working hard in class and demonstrating good behaviour.

January 2026

Foundation

Atticus

Class 1

Cece, Alice

Class 2

Ralphy, Gracie,

Class 3

Tehya-Mae, Charlotte,

Diary Dates and Holidays

HOLIDAYS 2025 /2026	HOLIDAYS 2026 /2027
<p>Autumn Term 2025 Open: Thursday 4th September 2025 Half Term: Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025 Closes: Friday 19th December 2025</p> <p>Spring Term 2026 Open: Tuesday 6th January 2026 Half Term: Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026 Closes: Friday 27th March 2026</p> <p>Summer Term 2026 Open: Monday 13th April 2026 May Day: Monday 4th May 2026 Half Term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026 Closes: Friday 17th July 2026</p> <p>Total number of openings – 190 days</p>	<p>Autumn Term 2026 Open: Friday 4th September 2026 Half Term: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2026 Closes: Friday 18th December 2026</p> <p>Spring Term 2027 Open: Tuesday 5th January 2027 Half Term: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2027 Closes: Friday 26th March 2027</p> <p>Summer Term 2027 Open: Monday 12th April 2027 May Day: Monday 3th May 2027 Half Term: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2027 Closes: Tuesday 20th July 2027</p> <p>Total number of openings – 190 days</p>
<p>Inset days 1st, 2nd, 3rd September 2025 5th January 2026 20th July 2026</p>	<p>Inset days 1st, 2nd, 3rd September 2026 4th January 2027 21st July 2027</p>

Dates for your Diary - (3 months in advance)

February 2026	March 2026	April 2026
9 th – Year 6 Maths Booster Class 3.15-4.15pm. 10 th – Year 6 English Booster Class 3.15-4.15pm. 12 th – Worship in Church: 9am – All Parents Welcome. 13 th – School Closes at 3.15pm. 23 rd – School Opens. 23 rd – Year 6 Maths Booster Class 3.15-4.15pm. 24 th – Year 6 English Booster Class 3.15-4.15pm. 27 th – FOSS Non-Uniform Day – Easter Egg / Chocolate donation.	<p>W/B 02/03/26 – MAD Week 2nd – Class 1 Worship – Parents Welcome 8.50am. 2nd – Year 6 Maths Booster Class 3.15-4.15pm. 3rd – Author Visit – Dan Worsley – Book signing after School at 3.15pm. 3rd – Year 6 English Booster Class 3.15-4.15pm. 5th – World Book Day: Dress up as a Book Character. 9th – Year 6 Maths Booster Class 3.15-4.15pm. 10th – Year 6 English Booster Class 3.15-4.15pm. 11th – Parents Evening in School – from 3.30pm. 12th – Parents Evening in School – from 3.30pm. 16th – Foundation Worship – Parents Welcome 8.50am 16th – Year 6 Maths Booster Class 3.15-4.15pm. 17th – Year 6 English Booster Class 3.15-4.15p.m. 18th – JLT Sponsored Event. 23rd – Year 6 Maths Booster Class 3.15-4.15pm. 24th – Year 6 English Booster Class 3.15-4.15pm. 25th – Easter Open Afternoon – All Welcome. 26th – Worship in Church: 9am – All Welcome. 27th – Prize Giving 8:50 am. 27th – School Closes at 1.30pm.</p>	13 th – School Opens 13 th – Year 6 Maths Booster Class 3.15-4.15pm. 14 th – Year 6 English Booster Class 3.15-4.15pm. 15 th – Swimming Starts: Class 2. 20 th – Year 6 Maths Booster Class 3.15-4.15pm. 21 st – Year 6 English Booster Class 3.15-4.15pm. 27 th – Year 6 Maths Booster Class 3.15-4.15pm. 28 th – Year 6 English Booster Class 3.15-4.15pm.

Please note that 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 quite clearly indicated in the monthly newsletter which gives up to 3 months' notice. Miss Stansfield usually does try to send out reminder texts/Facebook notices as additional support to parents, but this may not always happen during busy periods.



FOSS (Friends of Singleton School) Updates



Up and coming events	
Event	Date and time
Non-Uniform Days	Friday 27th February 2026 – Easter Egg / Chocolate donation for Easter raffle
Easter Egg Raffle	Tickets will be on sale via ParentPay – FOSS will send out detailed information nearer the time.

FOSS will be running the very popular **Easter Egg raffle** for the children once again this year. Each class will have a range of Chocolate hamper Prizes.

- Friday 27th February – Non-Uniform Day – Easter Egg / Chocolate donation.
- Monday 2nd March – Raffle tickets will go on sale via ParentPay.
- Friday 27th March – The raffle will be drawn.

If you can help in any way with FOSS, please email friendsofingleton@outlook.com

Facebook link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1451922088447440>

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Upcoming Parent Drop-In Session

We are excited to invite you to a special drop-in session with Miss Manns on **Friday, 1st May at 2:15pm**. This session is designed to be a supportive and informal gathering where you can enjoy tea, coffee, and a chat with Miss Manns and other parents.

What to Expect:

- Complimentary tea and biscuits
- Resources and information on various topics including:
 - Behaviour
 - Resilience
 - Stress
 - Anxiety
 - Early Help
 - SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)

Everyone is welcome! If there is a specific topic you would like more information on or need support with, please let us know. We aim to make this workshop as responsive to your needs as possible.

We look forward to seeing you there and working together to support our children.

Please let the office know if you can attend.

FOSS FUNDRAISING – SCHOOL'S WISH LIST

- Cabins for Schools
- IPADs
- Outdoor Sheds for the Playtime toys

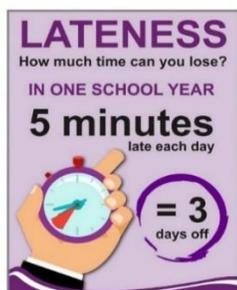


The Importance of Good Attendance

Attendance during one school year	Equals absent days	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 175 visit pupils trips, your



are 38 weeks in the year when schools are and 14 weeks days) when families can family overseas; go on holiday; travel; can work, take educational attend non urgent medical appointments....Is 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.

A Polite Reminder About Drop-Off and Collection Times:

- Parents are expected to drop off and collect their children (or arrange for this to happen) punctually. If parents are late, children will be placed in Acorns Club, and a charge will apply. Please ensure you collect your child promptly at 3:15 pm (or 4:15 pm if your child participates in an extracurricular activity).
- Late drop-off and collection are monitored by Miss Manns, our Family Learning Mentor.

Please Note: -

Lancashire County Council's policy states that:

- **Penalty notices** are issued for unauthorised absences of 5 days (10 sessions) or more.
- If a child accumulates **15 days or more** of unauthorised leave, the case is **reviewed individually** and may lead to **prosecution under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996**, especially if previous fines have been issued or ignored.
- After **two penalty notices** within a 3-year period, further unauthorised absences will not result in another fine but may lead to **court proceedings**

Note from the Governing Body:

Our school is required to comply with the new DfE guidance, which includes the use of fines for unauthorised absences. Although we have always indicated that fines may be issued, this will now become more of a reality. Each case will be considered individually. Regular attendance is crucial for your child's education and development. Extended absences can significantly affect academic progress and social integration.



Sponsored Event 2026

Ms. Rund and the Junior Leadership Team (JLT) will organize this year's 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 Ms. 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 18th March 2026

Pupil Progress Meetings 2026

Booking Information for Pupil Progress Meetings

- **Booking Time Slots:** Time slots will be available to book, and detailed information will be sent out closer to the date. Each slot is limited to a 5-minute progress chat with your child's class teacher. **If you have any concerns or worries, please do not wait until parents' evening as we have an open-door policy.** The focus of these 'Formal Progress Meetings' is to discuss your child's progress and next steps in their learning.
- **Individual Education Plans (IEP):** If your child has an IEP, you will have already had your meeting with the class teacher for this term and you do not need to book a slot.
- **Co-Parenting Arrangements:**
 - If both parents plan to attend the same meeting, please indicate that you only need to book one slot and that both parents will be attending.
 - If you require separate appointments, please indicate this and we will try to accommodate this.
- **Viewing Books:** Some books will be available in the classrooms for parents to review. Please plan an additional 10 minutes into your schedule for this. Note that classrooms will be closed for cleaning from **6:15 pm** onwards. If you book a later slot, please review the books before meeting with the teacher to avoid disappointment. **Children are not allowed to attend this event.**

Full details to book slots will be sent out nearer the time. **Please note that alternative dates and times will not be offered,** so mark these dates in your diaries:

- **Wednesday, 11th March:** Pupil Progress Consultation Evening from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm
- **Thursday, 12th March:** Pupil Progress Evening from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm



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

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

Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership

Each month we will provide some links or publications to download that will cover a wide range of current Safeguarding information for parents taken from the Children's. Safeguarding Assurance Partnership Website.

This month we have focused on a general overview of safeguarding – see below for the 'Safeguarding' Parents handbook and a link to the NSPCC website that focus's on having the more difficult conversations with our children.



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dbook.pdf

<https://clickweb.lancashire.gov.uk/?siteid=3028&pageid=6618&e=e>

The NSPCC provide a wealth of information for parents on a range of topics to help you keep your children safe. Sometimes as parents we have to have more difficult conversations on more challenging topics. Please click on the link below for advice and support around having those conversations about 'difficult subjects that you may need to have to keep your children safe.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/>



Applying to Secondary Schools

Important dates

The arrangements for the transfer of pupils to secondary schools in September 2026 will, as far as possible, conform to the following timetable.

1 September 2025 - Apply from this date

- School places are not allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. All applications received up to the closing date are given equal priority, but if you miss the deadline, a late application may reduce your chance of getting your preference of school.

31 October 2025 - National closing date for secondary applications (statutory).

- During this period all applications are processed and all preferences are considered against the published admissions policy. Where there are more applications than places available, decisions are made as to which children should be offered the available places. We will liaise and exchange information with all other admission authorities including neighbouring local authorities. The allocation and offer of a secondary school place are finalised.

2 March 2026 - Offers issued to parents

(The national offer date is 1 March, if this date falls on a weekend or a bank holiday, offers are sent the next working day.)

If you are not happy with an initial offer the appeals period starts from your receipt of the offer. [Appeal information](#) will be issued later as this allows some time for reserve lists to operate.

Appeals that we receive after the deadline will be slotted into the schedule where possible. We cannot guarantee this, however, and late appeals may have to be heard after the agreed date at a second round of hearings. The schedule is subject to change depending upon the availability of appeal panel members, clerks, venue, etc.

Applying to Primary Schools

Important dates

The arrangements for the admission of pupils to primary schools in September 2026 will, as far as possible, conform to the following timetable.

1 September 2025 - Apply from this date

- School places are not allocated on a first come, first served basis. All applications received up to the closing date are given equal priority, but if you miss the deadline, a late application may reduce your chance of getting your preference of school.

15 January 2026 - National closing date for primary applications (statutory).

- During this period all applications are processed and all preferences are considered against the published admissions policy. Where there are more applications than places available, decisions are made as to which children should be offered the available places. We will liaise and exchange information with all other admission authorities including neighbouring local authorities. The allocation and offer of a primary school place is finalised.

16 April 2026 - Offers issued to parents

(The national offer date is 16 April, if this date falls on a weekend or a bank holiday, offers are sent the next working day.)

If you are not happy with an initial offer, the appeals period starts from your receipt of the offer. [Appeal information](#) will be issued later as this allows some time for reserve lists to operate.

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World Book Day / MAD week

Mrs. Millward is once again organizing 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 activities planned over the next few weeks.

MAD week will take place during the week beginning **2nd March**.

World Book Day is on **Thursday 5th March**. For our new parents: - on World Book Day the children can come dressed as one of their favourite book characters and bring the book with them to share with their class.

Singleton Trust

The Richard Dumbreck Singleton Trust – Our Lifeline Partner

As many of you know, we are incredibly fortunate to have the ongoing support of the Richard Dumbreck Singleton Trust. Over the years, the Trust has provided significant financial assistance to our school, enabling us to carry out essential building works and improvements. In addition, they generously match fund any money that we raise, allowing us to purchase wonderful resources that directly benefit our children.

This academic year, their support has been absolutely crucial in helping us replace our school boiler. While we were successful in securing a grant for the project, Church of England schools are required to contribute 10% of the cost of all capital building projects. Unlike community schools, which receive 100% funded grants, we must always find this contribution ourselves. For a small school like ours, this is a huge challenge—our budgets simply do not stretch to cover such costs. Without the Trust's intervention, projects of this scale would be impossible.

The Trust stepped in to provide the 10% contribution, ensuring that our boiler replacement could go ahead. This is not the first time they have safeguarded the future of our school in this way. In the past, they have funded the 10% contributions for toilet refurbishments, a new roof, complete electrical rewiring, secure entrance systems, and fencing. Quite simply, they have ensured the viability of our school and allowed us to continue providing a safe, warm, and inspiring environment for our children.

About the Trust

The Richard Dumbreck Singleton Trust was established in 2003 following the death of Richard Dumbreck, a wealthy landowner whose deep affection for Singleton and its community led him to leave his estate in trust for the benefit of the village. Today, the Trust owns much of the heart of Great Singleton, together with farmland and woods, and is responsible for maintaining this extensive estate, which includes over 30 homes, a farm, and 580 acres of land.

Achievements of the Trust

- **Residential Property:** Over 30 homes in the centre of Great Singleton are provided and maintained by the Trust, rented primarily to local people at below-market rates. Between 2015 and 2020, over £700,000 was invested in renovations and maintenance.
- **Permissive Footpaths:** In 2015, the Trust opened up Singleton Park and adjoining farmland with new footpaths, giving residents and visitors access to the local heritage and natural environment.
- **Peace Garden:** Created in 2018 to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War, this tranquil space offers a place for reflection.
- **Singleton Church:** In 2017, the Trust funded a new heating system for the church, ensuring its continued role at the heart of the community.
- **Singleton Primary School:** Since 2011, the Trust has been instrumental in supporting our school, from funding the new hall to contributing towards heating, rewiring, reroofing, toilets, fencing, and more. Their match funding of our fundraising efforts continues to make a huge difference.

We are truly blessed to have such a supportive partner in the Richard Dumbreck Singleton Trust. Their generosity has not only transformed our facilities but has also secured the long-term sustainability of our school. We look forward to continuing this invaluable partnership for the benefit of our children and the wider Singleton community.

