

May 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 and Carers,

The summer term is now in full swing, and school life is as lively as ever. Our Year 6 children are preparing for their SATs, and we kindly ask for your support in helping them maintain excellent attendance during this important period. Excitement is also beginning to build for Panto season, with KS2 auditions set to take place once the SATs are completed. Mrs James and Mrs Millward are already busy preparing for the end of year production and can't wait to get started.

We are also delighted to share the fantastic success of the Christian Leaders' fundraising pyjama day, which raised an impressive £335.40. The Christian Leaders have thoughtfully chosen to donate part of the total to a local charity, supporting those in need within our community. The remaining funds will be used to purchase new playground toys, giving our children even more opportunities for active and imaginative play during break times. Thank you for your continued generosity — it truly makes a difference.

Please keep an eye on the diary dates, as there are plenty of exciting activities and events to look forward to throughout this busy term.

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 £105 - 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 extracurricular 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 April 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

May

2nd Ellie

3rd Lacey

5th Erin

9th Ted

23rd Alice K

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS FROM MONDAY 1ST JUNE TO THURSDAY 9TH JULY 2026

	Lower School (FS/Y1/Y2)	Upper School (Y3/4/5/6)
Monday	Dance FS/Y1/2 £18 Brass Y2 £30	Rounders Y4/5/6 £18 Brass Y3/4/5/6 £30
Tuesday	Rounders Y2 £9	Rounders Y3 £9 Athletics Y4/5/6 £9
Wednesday	Forest School FS/Y1/2 £5	Netball Y4/5/6 £15 Tennis Y4/5/6 £25
Thursday	Singing Y1/2 (lunchtime) £30 Multi-Skills Y1/2 £18	Singing Y3/4/5/6 (Lunchtime) £30 Cricket Y3/4/5/6 £18

Payment Information for Extra-Curricular Clubs

- **Club Information:** The school Office 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.

Important notice

Please note there will be **no Clubs** on the following dates

- **Tuesday 16th June**
- **Tuesday 23rd June**
- **Tuesday 7th July**
- **Wednesday 8th July**

Clubs will finish for this year on Thursday 9th July



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.

Sickness

Is my child well enough to be in school?

Please ensure that your child is 100 percent well enough to be in School and last the school day. Regarding any sickness bugs; our Policy is that you keep your child off for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness. This stops bugs being spread around the school to other Children and Staff. We appreciate your support with this and ask that you please do not send your child in if they are unwell.

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

April 2026

Foundation

Kairos, Zara, Faith

Class 1

Gabriel, Harlow, Wilfy, Fleur, Etta, Freddie

Class 2

Gracie, Thomas

Class 3

Ralph, Luca, Huxley, Aidan



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

April 2026

Foundation

Oliver, Jules

Class 1

Cooper, Ellie, Harvey, Reeva, Harry, Fleur, Etta

Class 2

Lily, Matilda, Olivia, Oliver, Arthur Thomas, James, Sienna

Class 3

Emma, Theo, Ralph, Ted, Luca, Elliott, Imogen

Diary Dates and Holidays

HOLIDAYS 2025 /2026

Autumn Term 2025

Open: Thursday 4th September 2025
 Half Term: Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025
 Closes: Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term 2026

Open: Tuesday 6th January 2026
 Half Term: Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026
 Closes: Friday 27th March 2026

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

Total number of openings – 190 days

HOLIDAYS 2026 /2027

Autumn Term 2026

Open: Friday 4th September 2026
 Half Term: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2026
 Closes: Friday 18th December 2026

Spring Term 2027

Open: Tuesday 5th January 2027
 Half Term: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2027
 Closes: Thursday 25th March 2027

Summer Term 2027

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 Half Term: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2027
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Inset days

1st, 2nd, 3rd September 2025
 5th January 2026
 20th July 2026

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 4th January 2027
 21st July 2027

Dates for your Diary - (3 months in advance)

May 2026

4th - Bank Holiday – School Closed
 5th – Last Y6 English Booster Class
 6th – Class 2 Swimming
 11th – **NO CLUBS** after school this week
 13th – **NO swimming** for Y3/4 this week
 W/B 11th May – KS2 SATs (Mon – Thurs)
 15th – Non uniform day – tombola prize
 19th – Auditions for Panto after school
 20th – Class 2 Swimming
 20th - Induction Evening - New Starters 2025
 (Foundation Class) **Parents Only** at 6pm.
 22nd – School closes 3:15pm

June 2026

1st – School Opens
 W/B 1st - Y4 Multiplication Checks start this week
 3rd – Class 2 Swimming
 5th - **Foundation Stage** Induction Morning
 W/B 8th – Phonics Screening for Y1 this week
 10th – Class 2 Swimming
 12th - **Foundation Induction** Morning
 16th -Sports Day 1:15pm – **NO CLUBS** today
 19th – **FOSS** Non-Uniform Day: Chocolate and sweet donations
 19th – Learning Mentor Parent Drop-in session
 2:15pm – **All Welcome.**
 23rd – Reserve Sports Day – **NO CLUBS** today
 24th – Class 2 Swimming

July 2026

1st – Class 2 Swimming – last lesson
 2nd – 9:15am Whole School Visit to Church – **All Welcome.**
 7th – KS2 Panto 2pm
 7th – **NO CLUBS** today
 8th – KS2 Panto 6pm
 8th – **NO CLUBS** today
 W/B 13th – **NO CLUBS THIS WEEK**
 16th - Prize Giving 8:50 am
 17th – Leavers Service 10:30 am followed by lunch
 17th – School closes 1:30pm

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 day -Tombola prize	Friday 15 th May
Non-uniform day - Sweets and Chocolate raffle	Friday 19 th June



FOSS will be running the **Annual BBQ on Friday 10th July**

All members of the school community are invited. More information will follow nearer to the event, but FOSS, the staff and the JLT will run a few stalls and a BBQ/refreshment.

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

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

If you can help FOSS in any way, please email hannah.reed2304@outlook.com

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FOSS FUNDRAISING – SCHOOL'S WISH LIST

- **Cabins for Schools** – outdoor sensory spaces and for quieter break time options
- **IPADs**
- **Outdoor Sheds** for the Playtime toys



The Easter Egg raffle was a great success, the total amount raised was £466. Thank you to all our wonderful families for your ongoing support.



Upcoming Parent Drop-In Session

We are excited to invite you to a special drop-in session with Miss Manns on **Friday, 19th June 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.

Next drop-in session Friday 19th June

Please let the office know if you can attend.



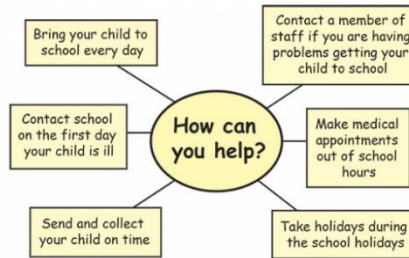
The Importance of Good Attendance

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....**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.

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 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.

We kindly ask that you remember **our staff members** who contact you / send out letters regarding penalty notices are simply following protocol. They **are not responsible for making the rules**. Please treat them with respect and understanding. Thank you for your cooperation.



Pantomime



It is that time of year again pantomime season. The excitement is beginning to mount. Mrs. James is practicing her singing; Miss Natasha is devising dance routines and Mrs. Millward is dusting off her 'Directors Chair'

Please be aware that Mrs Millward, Miss Natasha and Mrs James put a massive amount of effort into the Pantomime and it is very frustrating when children with significant parts do not turn up to the evening performance. When this happens, it has implications for all the children in the show.

Children in Class 3 are invited to audition for a main part in the pantomime. **Auditions will take place after school on Tuesday 19th May.**

On Friday 15th May, children will come home with a copy of the script and a list of the main characters

If your child would like to audition, they should stay after school on Tuesday 19th May and will need to be collected from the classroom door at 4:15pm.

Children wishing to audition will need to prepare and practise a short snippet of the script that best showcases their talents. We kindly ask that you support and encourage your child as they prepare for this exciting opportunity.

Please note that Year 6 pupils will be offered the main roles first, should they wish to take part and have successfully auditioned, with Year 5 pupils filling further supporting main roles.

Roles will be allocated and shared with the children before the half-term break.

Please make a note of when the performances are as there is an expectation that if your child auditions for a part in the show that they **attend BOTH** performances.

- **Tuesday 7th July – KS2 Panto 2pm**
- **Wednesday 8th July – KS2 Panto 6pm**

Swimming 2026

Swimming – Summer Term

Swimming resumes this term for our **Year 3 and Year 4** children, with lessons beginning after the Easter holiday. Sessions will take place **every Wednesday morning**, during the first half of the morning before break.

The first session will be on Wednesday 15th April 2026. Please note there will be no swimming on Wednesday 13th May (KS2 - SATS week)

To ensure children are fully prepared, please make sure they bring:

- A suitable swimming costume or trunks (*Please note: no long swimming shorts, as they hold too much water, and no bikinis.*)
- A swimming hat for children with longer hair (*A little talc inside the hat can make it easier to put on.*)
- A towel
- Goggles (optional, but these require a signed consent form)

Mrs James will also be contacting Year 6 parents separately. As part of the national curriculum requirement, pupils should be able to swim 25m by the end of Year 6. Parents will be asked to confirm whether their child can already swim this distance, and any pupils who need additional support will be offered extra swimming sessions during the latter half of the summer term.



Statutory Assessment information for parents

Statutory Assessments – Key Dates for Parents

We have several important national assessments taking place this term. Please see the summary below to help you plan ahead.

- **Year 6 – KS2 SATs** These will take place from **Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2026**. During this week, Year 6 children will complete tests in reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling, and maths. We ask that all pupils arrive on time and are well-rested so they can do their very best.
- **Year 1 – Phonics Screening Check** This will take place during the week beginning **Monday 8th June 2026**. Each child will read a series of words (real and pseudo-words) with their class teacher in a calm, one-to-one setting. This helps us assess their early reading skills.
- **Year 4 – Multiplication Tables Check** This will be administered during a two-week window starting **Monday 1st June 2026**. Children will complete a short online check to assess their recall of multiplication facts up to 12×12 .

We will share further information with the relevant year groups closer to the time, but we hope this overview helps families feel prepared for the term ahead.

Singleton Gala

CHANGES TO THE DATE!

The Singleton Gala Committee is delighted to announce that this year's Gala will take place on the new date of

Sunday 28th June.

The event will once again be held in the marquee on the field behind the Village Hall, providing a wonderful setting for this much-loved community celebration. As always, the day will begin with the traditional procession, which will include children from our school. We know how much the pupils enjoy taking part, and it is always a highlight to see them proudly representing the school.

As well as the Gala Day itself, there will also be a fabulous party night on Friday 26th June, tickets are available to buy in advance. Please see the notice board for further details.



New to Foundation Induction

Parents will receive confirmation of their child's school place this month. For those who have been offered a place at **Singleton School**, we are delighted to welcome you to our school community. Below is a helpful overview of the key dates for our induction programme.

Important Dates at a Glance

Induction Evening (Parents Only)

Wednesday 20th May 2026 at 6:00pm This session provides an opportunity to meet the staff, learn more about school routines, and receive important information to help your child make a confident and happy start in September.

Induction Mornings for the Children

These sessions allow the children to spend time in their new classroom, meet their teacher, and begin forming friendships with their classmates.

- **Friday 5th June 2026 — 9:00am to 11:30am**
- **Friday 12th June 2026 — 9:00am to 11:30am**

Further information, including welcome packs and details about starting school in September, will be shared with families at the Induction Evening.

We look forward to meeting all our new families and supporting your children as they begin their exciting journey with us at Singleton School.



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

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

This week we are providing links for the 'NSPCC – **Preventing Online Harm and Abuse** – as this is making headline news currently. There is some excellent information that is well worth a read.

The online world offers amazing opportunities but also brings elements of potential risk and for Parents & Carers, making sense of the online world can appear to be an enormous challenge. Unlike previous generations, the online environment is an integral part of children's lives and therefore we can no longer consider their wellbeing or safety without also considering their relationship to technology. However, staying safe online is fundamentally about behaviours rather than the technology itself and if approached from this perspective, we can begin to gain confidence to support our children.



Please click on the link below

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety/preventing-online-abuse-and-harm>



Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

