October 2026 Newsletter

Singleton Church of England Primary School

"Passion for Learning .....Passion for life"
Christian Value – Respect
Luke 6:31 "And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them."

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot quite believe that we are already in October. I genuinely do not know where the time has gone! The first half term has flown by, and it has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled into their new classes and routines. School is a busy and vibrant place, full of enthusiasm, laughter and learning.

Our new Foundation Stage children have made an excellent start to their school journey. They have settled beautifully into school life, showing confidence, curiosity and a real love of learning. I would also like to thank our Year 5 Buddies, who have once again demonstrated kindness, responsibility and care in helping our youngest pupils feel welcome and supported.

Class 3 recently returned from their residential visit to Tower Wood and by all accounts had an absolutely fantastic time. The children embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and resilience, creating memories and experiences that will stay with them for many years to come. We are very proud of how they represented our school throughout the visit.

STEM Week is now well underway, and I would like to thank Mrs Warner for planning an incredible range of opportunities for the children. From Lego engineering challenges and visits from BAE Systems to exciting science investigations with local high school staff, the week has inspired curiosity, creativity and problem-solving across the school. It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic about their learning.

As we move through this special season of the year, we also take time to celebrate Harvest. It is an important opportunity for us to reflect, give thanks for all that we have, and think about those in our wider community who may need additional support. Thank you to everyone who has kindly contributed to our Harvest celebrations and collections.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support during my first few weeks as Headteacher. Your kindness, encouragement and partnership are greatly appreciated. Together, we will continue to ensure that Singleton remains a place where every child is valued, nurtured and encouraged to flourish.

Please continue to keep an eye on diary dates and school communications, as there are many exciting events and opportunities still to come this term.

With best wishes,
Mrs Leonie Millward

Parents Evening in School

Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th November in the School Hall

This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. We will send home a booking sheet with your child – please return this to the office by Thursday 22nd October at the latest

Diary Dates and Holidays

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
Open: Monday 12th April 2027
May Day: Monday 3th May 2027
Half Term: Monday 31th May – Friday 4th June 2027
Closes: Tuesday 20th July 2027

Total number of openings – 190 days

HOLIDAYS 2027/ 2028

Holidays will be published in the near future.

Inset days

1st, 2nd, 3rd September 2026
4th January 2027
21st July 2027

Dates for your Diary - (3 months in advance)

October 2026	November 2026	December 2026
12th STEM WEEK 14th STEM Open Afternoon – 1:45pm – All Welcome **14th No extra-curricular clubs today** 15th 9am Whole School Visit to Church (Harvest) – everyone welcome 20th Class 1 Worship Assembly everyone welcome **22nd No extra-curricular clubs today – apart from Brass** 22nd FOSS Movie Night 23rd FOSS Non uniform day – bring a tombola prize 23rd School closes 3:15pm	2nd School Opens 2nd New School Dinner Menu starts today 4th & 5th Parents Evening in school – No clubs today 10th Dance Festival at the Tower Ballroom 10th No Clubs today 13th FOSS Own Clothes Day – bring a chocolate donation 17th Class 2 Worship Assembly 8.50am Parents welcome 27th FOSS Christmas Fair in School 3.15pm	1st Foundation Class Worship Assembly 8.50am Parents welcome 2nd Infant Nativity – 2.15pm 3rd Infant Nativity – 6pm 9th Junior Carol Concert in Church 2pm 10th Junior Carol Concert in Church 6pm 14th Rock Steady last session 15th Prizegiving 8.50am 16th Christmas Dinner and Party Day 18th School Closes 1.30pm

Extra-Curricular Clubs next term

	Lower School (FS/Y1/Y2)	Upper School (Y3/4/5/6)
Monday	Multi Skills Y 2 & 3 £18	Dance Y4/5/6 £18 Dance festival club up to 9th November then other children are welcome to join – please speak to Mrs Reeves
Tuesday	Football Y2 / 3 £15 Mrs Warners Science Club Y 1/2 £5	Basketball Y4/5/6 £15
Wednesday	Outdoor Hockey Y 2 / 3 £15	Tennis Y 4/5/6 £25
Thursday	Brass Y 2-6 (lunchtime) £30 Yoga and Mindfulness Y 1-3 £9	Brass Y 2-6 (lunchtime) £30 Football Y 4/5/6 £9
Friday	Singing Y1-6 (lunchtime) £30	Singing Y1-6 (lunchtime) £30

There will be **no clubs on the following dates**: **4th and 5th November, 10th November, 3rd December**. Clubs finish for the term on Wednesday 9th December. Mr Rawcliffe will oversee the smooth running of the clubs and ensure that children are passed over to parents/ carers at the end of the session. Please pick up your child promptly at **4.15 pm after clubs**.

School Office

Overall attendance for September 2026 was 97 %

It is that time of year again when we will be having a new school dinner menu. The aim is to start the meals from the first week back after half term – Monday 2nd November. I will send home a paper copy of the menu for you to make your child's choices, please can these be returned to me by **Wednesday 21st October**. For those children who have a school dinner in Key Stage 2, can parents please ensure that the payments are settled on ParentPay as soon as possible.

Just a reminder that the school office is open each day from 8am to 3.45pm and 8am to 12noon on a Friday (we are closed during lunchtime from 12-1pm).

School Photographs

Have you ordered your child's school **individual** photo yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 18th October 2026. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link that was emailed to you, or if you have received paper order forms visit** www.tempest-orders.co.uk If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest at **customerservice@htempest.co.uk**

October Birthdays

A very Happy Birthday to the following Children

Alice Y
Roman
Ruby
Alexia
Layla S
Harris
Harriet
Autumn
Martha

FOSS – Friends of Singleton School

The next FOSS event will be the FOSS Movie Night on Thursday 22nd October. The price per child includes access to the film, a drink and a snack. Two films will run - one for Foundation and KS1 and the other for KS2. They will run straight after school and will finish at 4:45 - parents should collect their child from the playground at 4:45 from their class teacher.

Please purchase tickets via ParentPay – for children in Foundation, please speak to Mrs Reeves in the office to book your child onto the event.



On Friday 23rd October we have the FOSS non uniform day – please can children bring in a tombola prize.

Everyone is welcome to become part of the FOSS team and they are always looking for support. If you would like to get involved or give your support in any way please contact Hannah (Hannah.reed2304@outlook.com)

Parish and Church 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

Singleton Safeguarding team

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL)

- Leonie Millward (Head) – Lead DSL
- Kate James (Online / PREVENT) – DSL

Governors with Responsibility for Safeguarding

- Alec Davies – Chair of the Governing Body / Safer recruitment