November 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 approaching the middle of November and that Christmas preparations are well underway. It is without doubt my favourite time of year in school. There is something truly special about this season, with excitement building, festive events on the horizon and the wonderful sense of community that shines through in everything we do.

Last week's Parents' Evening was another reminder of just how fortunate we are to be part of such a supportive school family. Thank you to all of you who attended and for the kindness, encouragement and positive feedback you shared with staff. I left the evenings feeling incredibly proud of our children. It was a pleasure to hear so many examples of their hard work, resilience, enthusiasm and kindness being celebrated. As Headteacher, it is always heartening to hear such positive comments about our pupils, who continue to represent our school so well every day.

This week, as a school community, we will take time to reflect and remember. Our Remembrance Service will take place on Wednesday morning, and parents and carers are warmly invited to join us. It is an important opportunity for us to come together, remember those who have served and sacrificed, and reflect on the values of peace, courage and gratitude. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Rund and our Junior Christian Leaders, who have been working hard behind the scenes to prepare this meaningful occasion.

Looking ahead, the Christmas Fair will soon be upon us. We are incredibly grateful for your donations and support, which help to make this such a successful and enjoyable event. Not only is it a lovely opportunity for families to come together, but it also raises valuable funds that directly benefit the children. Our Friends of Singleton School (FOSS) work tirelessly throughout the year, and any support, whether through volunteering a little time, helping at events or simply attending our activities, is always very much appreciated.

We have also been incredibly fortunate to receive such wonderful support from both our governing body and parent community as we continue to improve our school environment. In particular, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mr Kearsley at Partington's and his incredible team, who have generously donated their time, expertise and resources to support our school. The forest areas are looking fantastic, and the new gate to the Quiet Garden has already made such a positive difference. As a small school, support like this is invaluable, and I am deeply grateful for the care and commitment shown towards our children and school community. I look forward to developing these relationships further and working together to continue enhancing the wonderful learning environment we provide for our pupils.

Across school, preparations are also underway for our Nativity performances and Carol Concerts. These events are always among the highlights of the year and provide wonderful opportunities for children to build confidence, showcase their talents and share the joy of the season with their families.

We also have an exciting week ahead as our children take part in the local dance competition. The enthusiasm, commitment and determination shown by the dancers has been fantastic, and I know they will represent Singleton brilliantly. My sincere thanks go to Mrs James and Sian for the time, energy and dedication they have given to preparing the children for this exciting opportunity. I am very much looking forward to cheering them on and seeing all their hard work come to life.

Finally, I would once again like to thank you for the support you continue to show both myself and the school. As I settle further into my role as Headteacher, I am continually reminded of how fortunate we are to have such a caring, supportive and welcoming community. Strong relationships between home and school are incredibly important, and I greatly value the partnership we share. Together, we can continue to ensure that Singleton remains a place where every child feels happy, valued, nurtured and inspired to achieve their very best.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you all a lovely week ahead and look forward to sharing many more special moments with you as we move towards the festive season.

With best wishes,
Mrs Leonie Millward

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)

November 2026	December 2026	January 2027
9th New School Dinner Menu starts today 10th Dance Festival at the Tower Ballroom 10th No Clubs today 12th 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 9th Last extra-curricular afterschool clubs today 10th Junior Carol Concert in Church 6pm 14th Rock Steady last session 14th Prizegiving 8.50am 15th Christmas Dinner and Party Day 18th School Closes 1.30pm	5th - School Opens

Extra-Curricular Clubs this term

	Lower School (FS/Y1/Y2)	Upper School (Y3/4/5/6)
Monday	Multi Skills Y2 / 3	Multi Skills Y2 / 3 Dance Y 4/5/6
Tuesday	Football Y 2 / 3	Football Y 2 /3 Basketball Y4/5/6
Wednesday	Hockey Y 2 / 3	Outdoor Hockey Y 2 / 3 Tennis Y 4/5/6
Thursday	Brass Year 2-6 (lunchtime) Yoga & Mindfulness Y1/2/3	Brass Year 2-6 (lunchtime) Football Y 4/5/6 Yoga and Mindfulness Y1/2/3
Friday	Singing Y1-6 (lunchtime)	Singing Y1-6 (lunchtime)

Just a reminder that there will be **no clubs on the following dates**: **10th November and 3rd December**. Clubs finish for the term on Wednesday 9th December.

School Office

Overall attendance for September 2026 was 96%

As it is such a busy term, please could I ask that wherever possible you either phone or call into the office to speak to me, instead of emailing. I receive so many emails and it is much quicker just to speak to me directly.

Please remember everything should be paid in advance (dinners and clubs).

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).

November Birthdays

A very Happy Birthday to the following Children

William
George
Sophia T
George
Etta
Harry

FOSS – Friends of Singleton School

The next FOSS event will be the FOSS Own Clothes Day on **12th November** – please bring chocolate or sweets for the Christmas fair.

Please note the change of date!

A huge well done to FOSS who raised a fantastic £232 on Movie night. A big thanks to FOSS for giving up their time to put on this event and to the teaching staff for their support.

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

CARE and Headteacher Awards

C A R E
AWARDS

<u>September and October</u>

Foundation

George, Chloe, Louis, Seb

Class 1

Cece, Ezmay,

Class 2

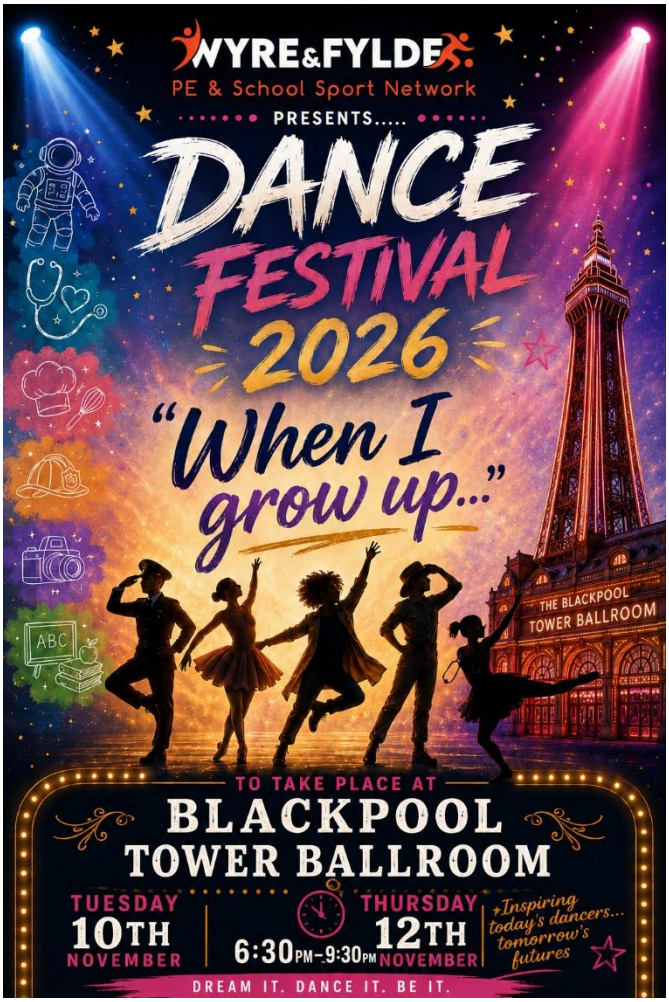
Harriet, Phoebe

Class 3

Ralphy, Ava B, Thomas

A huge congratulations to one of our Year 6 students who has recently competed in the Commonwealth Karate championships in Glasgow - earning her a gold medal. We are incredibly proud of your hard work, dedication and achievement.





Last night, our children took part in the Dance Festival 2026 at Blackpool Tower, and what an incredible evening it was! The children were absolutely outstanding, performing with such confidence, energy and enthusiasm, and they made us all incredibly proud. A huge thank you must go to Sian for choreographing and teaching the routine, giving up extra time for rehearsals and always going above and beyond for our children. Thank you also to Mrs James for organising the opportunity and completing all the necessary preparations, alongside Mrs Reeves and Mrs Warner for their support and chaperoning, including first aid responsibilities on the evening. We were especially touched to receive a personal thank you from the event organiser for our children's participation and enthusiasm. Finally, thank you to all our parents for your continued support. Our staff truly went above and beyond to make this experience possible. It was a fantastic evening and one we will all remember.

Here's to next year!