



The Redeemer

Church of England Primary School

Headteacher: Mr M Power

September Monthly Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our third week of the new academic year, we would like to say how incredibly proud we are of all our children—from our new starters in EYFS through to our pupils in Year 6. Everyone has settled in exceptionally well and have made a fantastic first impression on their new teachers.

As Democracy Week draws to a close, we must also recognise the amazing effort shown by children across the school. We have been overwhelmed by the quality of their posters, speeches and presentations; they have been some of the best we have ever seen!

In this month's update, you will find important information about mobile phones, our forthcoming Open Afternoon and the key dates for this academic year.

Have a great weekend!

Luke Devine

Head of School

Open Afternoon

On Wednesday 23rd September, we will be holding our first Open Afternoon for current parents and carers. School will be open from 3:30pm until 5:15pm, providing an opportunity to explore your child's new classroom, view some of their recently completed work and meet their new teacher.

Teachers will deliver two short presentations at 3:30pm and 4:30pm, explaining what pupils will be learning this year, important dates and key information and reminders. The content will be the same during both presentations, so parents and carers only need to attend one.

Mobile Phones

We are aware that many primary schools across Blackburn with Darwen have introduced a complete ban on mobile phones on the school site. At The Redeemer, we will continue to permit children who walk home independently to bring a mobile phone to school.

However, phones must be switched off as soon as children enter through the school gates and handed to their class teacher for safekeeping. Phones will be returned at the end of the school day but must remain switched off until children have left the school site.

We have recently observed several children using their phones outside classroom doors in the morning and on the school grounds after school. I must stress that this is not permitted.

This expectation reflects the Department for Education's statutory guidance, which states that pupils should not have access to mobile phones throughout the school day. We would be grateful if parents and carers could reinforce these expectations with their children.

September 2027 Starters



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Open Afternoon
Wednesday 30th September 2026
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'Believing, loving, caring, sharing,
Everyone growing in the Light of Christ'
Faith | Hope | Love

OPEN AFTERNOON

Is your child due to start school in September 2027 or beyond?
Come and visit The Redeemer and discover what makes our school community special.

Our Open Afternoon is an opportunity to:

- Have a look around our school
- Meet members of our team
- Hear about who we are and how we live out our Christian vision
- Find out more about life and learning at The Redeemer
- Ask questions about our school and the admissions process

WEDNESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER

Session 1: 14:00
Doors open from 13:30

Session 2: 17:00
Doors open from 16:30

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And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love

Key Dates 2026 - 2027

Please note: All dates are subject to change. Where any changes are made, we will endeavour to provide parents and carers with as much notice as possible.

SEPTEMBER 2026

Wed 2 Sep	School reopens for Autumn 1
Fri 4 Sep	Whole School Collective Worship - 9:00am; celebrating Summer birthdays (ages 5-7)
Mon 7-Thu 10 Sep	Year 6 Condoover Hall Residential
Fri 18 Sep	School Democracy Awards Worship - 9:00am
Wed 23 Sep	Open Afternoon / Meet the Teacher - 3:30pm-5:15pm; talks at 3:30pm and 4:45pm
Wed 30 Sep	Open Afternoon / Evening for September 2027 starters; talks at 2:00pm and 5:00pm

OCTOBER 2026

Sun 4 Oct	Harvest Service - 9:30am
Thu 15 Oct	Tempest Individual Photographs
Fri 23 Oct	School closes for half-term - 3:20pm

NOVEMBER 2026

Mon 2 Nov	School reopens for Autumn 2
Mon 2 Nov	Flu vaccinations
Wed 18 Nov	Parents' Evening - 1:00pm-7:00pm

DECEMBER 2026

Tue 8 Dec	EYFS Nativity - 4:00pm
Wed 9 Dec	Year 1 Nativity - 2:00pm & 5:00pm
Thu 10 Dec	Year 2 Nativity - 2:00pm & 5:00pm
Fri 11 Dec	EYFS Nativity - 2:00pm
Wed 16 Dec	Year 3 & Year 4 Pantomime - Empire Theatre
Thu 17 Dec	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Non-Uniform Day
Fri 18 Dec	Christmas Service - 9:00am
Fri 18 Dec	School closes for Christmas holidays - 3:20pm

JANUARY 2027

Tue 5 Jan	School reopens for Spring 1
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FEBRUARY 2027

Sun 7 Feb	Spring Church Service - 9:30am
Wed 10 Feb	Open Afternoon - 3:30pm-5:15pm
Fri 12 Feb	School closes for half term - 3:20pm
Mon 22 Feb	School reopens for Spring 2

MARCH 2027

Thu 4 Mar	World Book Day & Celebration Worship - 9:00am
Thu 25 Mar	Easter Service - 9:00am
Thu 25 Mar	School closes for Easter holidays - 3:20pm

APRIL 2027

Mon 12 Apr	School reopens for Summer 1
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MAY 2027

Tue 4 May	Year 2 Assessment Month commences
Mon 10-Thu 13 May	Year 6 SATs Week
Mon 17 May	Sports Days commence - times/dates TBC, weather permitting
Fri 28 May	School closes for half term - 3:20pm

JUNE 2027

Tue 8 Jun	School reopens for Summer 2
Tue 8 Jun	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check fortnight commences
Mon 14 Jun	Year 1 Phonics Screening week commences
Mon 28 Jun	Tour de France Themed Week commences

JULY 2027

Fri 2 Jul	School Summer Fair - 3:30pm-7:30pm
Sat 3 Jul	Tour de France Stage 2 passes through Blackburn
Fri 9 Jul	Excellence & Endeavour Awards Service - 9:00am
Thu 15 Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Service - 1:30pm
Fri 16 Jul	School closes for Summer - 3:20pm