



# St. Gabriel's C.E. Primary School

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**September 2024**

Welcome to the new school year and a special welcome to all of our new children in the Reception class and the families new to St. Gabriel's C.E. Primary School.



**School Rabbits—** Following the sad loss of Buddy, we would like to welcome our two new school rabbits, Blossom and Bluebell, to the St. Gabriel's family.

**PE—** All children should come to school in PE track pants or shorts, PE T-shirts, school jumpers and trainers their PE day. See this half-term's PE days below:

**Reception Y1/Y2 :** Tuesday      **Y3/Y4:** Wednesday      **Y5/Y6:** Friday



**Attendance and Late Arrivals—** Attendance and the number of late arrivals is monitored closely in school. Our school's target attendance is 95% and above. When attendance falls below 90% this is officially classed as a 'cause for concern'.

Parents taking holidays during term time will be unauthorised and fined (in accordance with our Absence Policy). **Unauthorised absence is not only due to holidays, it also accounts for late arrivals after registration closes (past 9.30am).**

Please make every effort to ensure your child has good attendance and is on time in order to maximise every day in school.

**MOMENTS  
MATTER.  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

**School Dinners—** For those who pay, the price is now £2.30 per meal. Please note, dinners should be paid via our SchoolMoney system at the end of each week or if preferred, in advance. Where payment is in arrears for 2 weeks (£23.00), parents will be advised school lunches will not be provided until the debt is cleared.

**Requesting changes to meal choices—** We have provided a four week grace period for parents requesting changes to children's meal choices.

However, **from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September, all meal choice options will be fixed until the end of the Autumn term**, unless requests for changes are for dietary/medical needs. A second grace period at the end of the Autumn term will be provided for any requests to change meal options for the Spring term.

Unfortunately, the administrative time required to keep amending meals options is not sustainable. Please be assured that we would inform you if we had any concerns that a child was not eating sufficiently.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



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**Essential Information for Parents—** I would like to take this opportunity, at the beginning of the new school year, to clarify a number of school policies and procedures, many of which relate to the health and safety issues which are becoming increasingly important. **Please see the 'Essential Information for Parents' document that has been uploaded to our website under 'Information'.**

Important Information



**Class Information for Parents—** Class Information for all parents has been sent via email and is available to view on the website for each class under 'Classes'. It contains information specific to each class detailing topics of work covered this term, along with details of homework and P.E. days.

**Music Lessons—** have now started back up in school. Please remember to send your child to school with their instrument on the day of their lesson.

**Violin—** Tuesday or Wednesday **Woodwind—** Wednesday **Brass—** Friday



**Medication—** All children who have declared their child needs medication in school must have in date medication in school at all times. If your child needs temporary medication this must be brought to the office and a form must be filled out before it can be administered in school.



**Infant Milk —** Please can you ensure milk money is paid for your child as soon as possible via the SchoolMoney app. If your child doesn't want to have milk then please inform the office as soon as possible.



**Admissions—** Primary School Applications are open between 3rd September 2024 and 15th January 2025. Secondary School Applications are open between 3rd September and 31st October 2024. Go online [www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions) or call 01252 666605 for advice.



**Parking around School—** Wilworth crescent has an unofficial one-way system during school hours. We ask that parents do not stop in the road to drop children off, pull up on the zig zag lines or block residents' driveways. Concerns can be reported to: [BlackburnNE.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:BlackburnNE.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk).



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## Regular Activities during and after school

<b>Monday—</b>	Y4 Class Ukulele Lesson
<b>Tuesday—</b>	Reception, Y1 and Y2 PE After School Gymnastics 3.30—4.30pm
<b>Wednesday—</b>	Y3 + Y4 PE Newspaper Club 3.30—4.15pm Orchestra 3.30—4.30pm
<b>Thursday—</b>	Choir 3.30—4.30pm
<b>Friday—</b>	Y5 + Y6 PE Y5/Y6 Lunchtime Football (alternate weeks)

## *Dates for Diaries...*

Wed 25th Sept	Reception Parents' Meeting @ 3.40pm
Thu 26th Sept	Y6 Robinwood + Admissions meeting @ 3.30pm
Fri 1st October	Flu Vaccinations @ 9am
Thurs 10th Oct	Y1 Harvest Assembly 9.05am (Y1 parents invited)
Tues 15th Oct	Parents' Evening (details to follow) <b>NO AFTER SCHOOL GYM</b>
Wed 16th Oct	<b>NO VIOLIN LESSONS or ORCHESTRA</b>
Thurs 17th Oct	Parents' Evening (details to follow) <b>NO CHOIR</b>
Fri 18th Oct	<b>School closes @ 3.30 pm for Half Term</b>
Mon 28th Oct	<b>School Closed—Inset Day</b>
Tue 29th Oct	<b><u>School re-opens as normal</u></b>
Wed 30th Oct	<b>NO VIOLIN MUSIC LESSONS or ORCHESTRA</b>

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