



Have Faith... In yourself... In others... In God.



As another term comes to a close, all of the staff at Lancaster Christ Church would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you a very happy Easter break.

We return to school on Monday 13th April 2026.

Goodbye and Good Luck!



Today we say goodbye to **Miss Baker**, our wonderful HLTA, who is leaving Lancaster Christ Church Children to pursue her passion for Forest Schools by embarking on some further study. We would like to thank Miss Baker for her hard work and wish her all the best for her next chapter.



Welcome to Lancaster Christ Church!

After Easter, we are delighted to be welcoming **Mrs Kerry Beck**, who will be joining the team at Lancaster Christ Church as a HLTA, alongside Miss Chappell, who has increased her HLTA hours to cover PPA in Year 1 and Year 2 as well as in Reception.

We hope that Mrs Beck will be very happy in her new role with us!

Easter Bingo



Huge thanks once again to all who were able to support our Easter Bingo event. £700 was raised for school funds.

Our next fundraising event will be a **'Break the Rules'** day which will be held during the first half of the summer term. Further details to follow!

School Worship



This half term, our Collective Worship will focus on the value of **Forgiveness**:

"Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others." **Matthew 6:12**

This week our theme was "Wiping the slate clean." We focussed specifically on the Crucifixion, and how Christian's believe that God gave His only son, Jesus, to forgive the sins of the world. We also thought about how Peter was forgiven, despite his betrayal, and how Jesus loves us, despite our mistakes.

Many thanks to all who were able to join us at our Easter Service in church on Wednesday.

Our value next half term is **Friendship**.

After School Clubs



The following clubs will run for the first half of the Spring term.

Places should be directly using Parent Pay.

Monday (3.15 - 4.15pm): Y1 - Y6: Zumba with Jess (£16 for 4 weeks)

Tuesday: (3.15-5pm): Y2: Forest School with Miss Baker: FULL

Football will run on a Wednesday . Places can be booked directly via Mr Lofthouse.

Lancaster Music Centre will continue to run at Lancaster Christ Church from **3.45pm** on a **Thursday**.

Further details are available here:

<https://www.lancashiremusicclub.co.uk/site/get-involved/lancaster-music-centre-2/>

Christ Church are committed to ensuring that finance does not become a barrier to participation in Sport. If your child would like to take part but you would require financial support, please speak to Miss Simpson.

We are *living our vision!*

Work of the week:

Congratulations to the children whose work was celebrated this week:

Rec: **Jessica:** PE

Year 1: **Iziah:** DT

Year 2: **Casper:** RE

Year 3: **Ivie:** English

Year 4: **Ruairi:** RE

Year 5: **Rowan:** Science

Year 6: **Elysia:** Art

Achievements out of school:

Congratulations to the children whose achievements outside of school were celebrated this week:

Albie K (Rec): Swimming award

Bella Y (Y2): Gymnastics award

Neveah (Y2): Gymnastics award

Hannah: (Y2): Beavers award

Jack (Y2): Swimming award

Veronica (Y2): Gymnastics & Dance awards

Lilly (Y3): Gymnastics award

Charlotte (Y4): Dance award

We are so proud of you all!

Luke 1:37

Year 5/6 Cross County

Our year 5/6 Cross Country team ran their socks off on Monday, in a very tough course at Ellel Primary School.

The children ran a very steep course against 8 other schools and make us all proud of their perseverance.

The year 5 boys team: Rowan, Bruce and Jack finished 2nd overall and our Year 6 girls team: Lark, Laurie and Orla came first, with Orla finishing the race in second place.

Well done to you all!

Congratulations!

The following children have been celebrated in assembly this week:

Rec: Ruby Leah

Year 1: Lillie Isaac T

Year 2: Ada-Grace Amelia

Year 3: Seb R Georgia

Year 4: Adam Ivan

Year 5: Bobby Nancy Noah

Year 6: Ella Rory

House Team of the Week

The winner of the House Cup this week was...



Ashton

Congratulations!

The House Team winners this half term were:



Gregson

Congratulations!

Children in **Gregson** may come to school in non-uniform on **Monday 13th April 2026** as a reward

(please bring trainers if you have PE that day!)





Key dates for your diary:

[Term dates](#) for the 2025 - 2026 academic year are available to view on our school website

Friday 27th March 2026: School closes for Easter

Monday 13th April 2026: School reopens

Thursday 16th April 2026: Parent Drop-in session with Kelly Morgan, School Nurse

Monday 4th May 2026: May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 7th May 2026: INSET day

Thursday 21st May 2026: Parent Drop-in session with Kelly Morgan, School Nurse

Friday 22nd May 2026: School closes for half term

School Nurse Drop-in sessions at Lancaster Christ Church

Our School Nurse, Kelly Morgan, will be in school **between 9 and 10.30am** on the following dates for parents to pop in and discuss any concerns / ask questions relating to their child's development, health and wellbeing:

Thursday 16th April, Thursday 21st May, Thursday 18th June, Thursday 16th July.

No booking necessary - just call in!

Christ Church, Lancaster

A vibrant, inclusive, worshipping community

You're warmly invited to join us for:



Services this Sunday:

- 8.30am Holy Communion (said service)
- 10.15am Palm Procession (starting at Low Moor)
- 10.30am Parish Eucharist
- 6pm Taize Eucharist



Midweek services:

See Holy Week Flyers

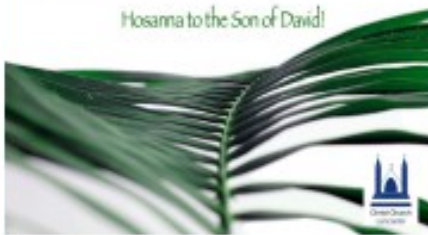
Palm Sunday 29th March

10.15am Palm Procession
Starting from Low Moor
(Junction of Derwent/Quernmore Road)

10.30am Eucharist
to remember Christ's Entry into Jerusalem

6pm Taize Eucharist for Holy Week

Hosanna to the Son of David!



Holy Week at Christ Church

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
7pm Evening Service

Maundy Thursday 2nd April
7.30pm Festival Eucharist and Watch
to remember the Last Supper

Good Friday 3rd April
9.30am Stations of the Cross
10.30am Family Service
12noon Walk of Witness starting from Dalton Square
2pm Good Friday Solemn Liturgy

Holy Saturday 4th April
7.30pm Lighting the Easter Fire with a Vigil service
to bring Christ's light of resurrection into church.

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Lancaster Churches Together

EASTER 2026

Good Friday Walk of Witness
Friday, 3rd April 2026

starting in Dalton Square at 12 noon and
finishing in Market Square at 1pm



Easter Day Sunrise Service
Sunday 5th April 2026

Dalton Square 6:30am



Easter Sunday
at Christ Church



8.30am Holy Communion
10.30 Festal Eucharist

Everyone welcome!

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Sun 26th April
3:00pm
Christ Church
Lancaster LA1 3EA

£15.00 (cash or card) including a free drink. Tickets on
the door. Enquiries: 07857 449724

For enquiries about Christenings, Weddings and Funerals;
and for pastoral and faith support, please contact:

Rev'd Carol Backhouse
Vicar, Christ Church, Lancaster
revcarolbackhouse@gmail.com. 07857 449724

Our Prayer for this week:

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and
love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory. Amen

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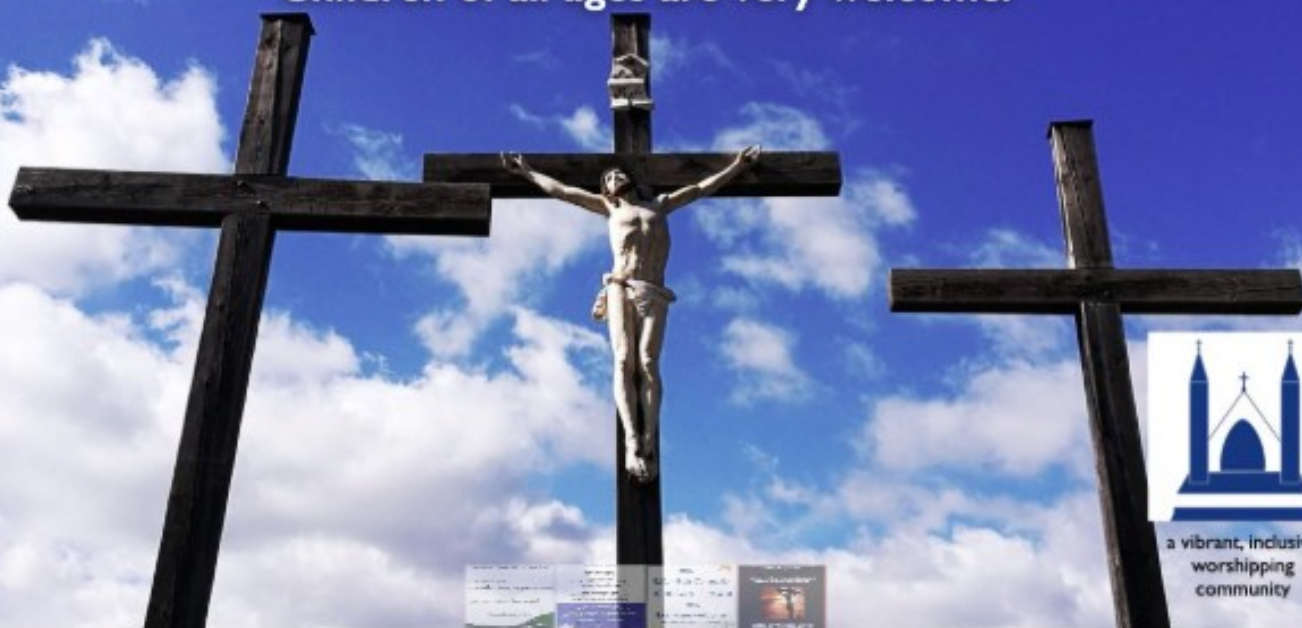
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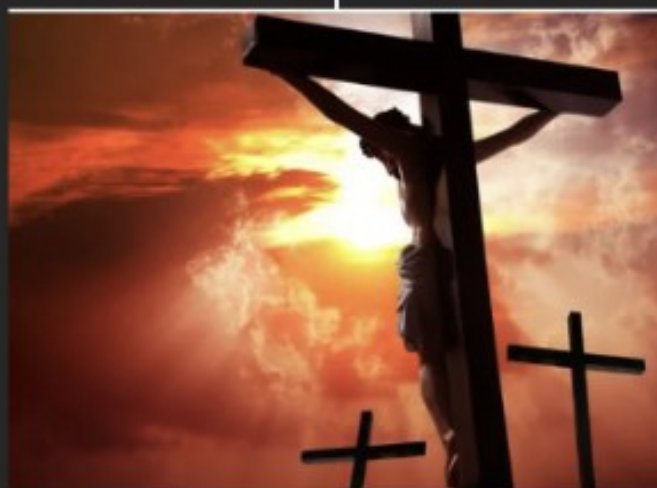
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BBC iPlayer for Kids

Children under the age of 13 can have their own iPlayer profile, which includes content from CBBC, CBeebies and other suitable BBC programmes.

You can download the iPlayer app and then find out how to create a profile here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/help/questions/about-the-childrens-experience/iplayer-child-experience>

Going on a long journey? The BBC have also compiled a list of shows and films as well as games and quizzes to make the journey go quicker:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/best-films-games-and-quizzes-to-keep-kids-entertained-on-long-journeys>



Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleycitycs.org.uk/april-2026-primary/>

Age ratings in games

Age ratings exist to help protect your child as they show whether content is suitable for your child's age. Make sure you check the age rating of any game your child is playing.

Why should I check?

Not all games will be appropriate for your child. Some may appear child friendly due to fun or cartoon style graphics but still include unsuitable content. Age ratings consider factors such as violence, frightening content, bad language and/or in app purchases.



How can I check?

Most games are rated by PEGI (Pan European Game Information), who not only state the age you should be to play the game but also provide further content descriptors to give you an indication of the type of content that your child might encounter. Apps are rated by the App store/Google Play.

How can I stop my child from accessing a game they are not old enough to play?

You can set up **parental controls** to restrict access to games or apps that your child is not old enough to play and set restrictions so any downloads/purchases must be approved by you. For example:

- Nintendo – restrict software by age so if you restrict to 10+, games with that rating or above cannot be played by your child.
- Xbox / PlayStation – set an age limit so anything that exceeds that age rating must be approved.
- Apple / Google (Family Link) – restrict your child from installing apps, allowing you to review before approving all purchases.

What else do I need to do?

- Review any additional content descriptors, read reviews and check if the game includes any form of communication or in app purchases. This will help inform your decision as to whether the game is suitable for your child.
- For any game your child plays, set up appropriate parental controls.
- If you decide a game is not appropriate, explain to your child why. We know your child might feel peer pressure to play certain games, but explaining your reasoning will help them understand your decision.

Further information

- <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>

Fake or Real? Know the Deal

Essex Police have launched a groundbreaking AI Safety Campaign in partnership with BT and EE to tackle the growing risks posed by artificial intelligence (AI) misuse and deepfake technology. This is the first time a UK police force is working directly with a global technology firm to provide practical advice to parents, guardians and young people.

AI technology offers incredible opportunities, but it also introduces serious risks when misused. Deepfake content – highly convincing, fabricated images or videos – can be used to exploit young people, sometimes without their knowledge. Artificially generated Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) is one of the fastest-emerging crimes Essex Police is actively investigating.

The campaign is designed to help you understand:

- What deepfakes are and why they matter
- How to protect children from online harm
- What to do if an image is misused

Further information

Find out more here, including advice on how to protect your child:
<https://eephonesmart.co.uk/fake-or-real>

What is the Manosphere?

Have you seen the new Netflix documentary 'Louis Theroux: Inside the Manosphere' in which Louis Theroux interviews several 'influencers' that promote extreme / disturbing ideologies online. It is a shocking watch but prompts the importance of ensuring our children are protected from this content. In essence, the manosphere is against the empowerment of women and certain people promote these views and other harmful misinformation online via social media etc.

What should I do?

We need to develop critical thinking in our children and have age-appropriate conversations with them as explained in these two articles:

- <https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/feelings-behaviour/talking-about-feelings/talk-to-your-child-gender-equality/>
- <https://www.brook.org.uk/blog/4-ways-to-tackle-misogyny-among-young-people/>

Further information

- <https://www.unwomen.org/en/articles/explainer/what-is-the-manosphere-and-why-should-we-care>

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How to set up parental controls on ChatGPT

Internet Matters have published an article detailing how you can link your own account to your child's account (they must be logged in) to set parental controls on ChatGPT.

You can read the article here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/chatgpt-parental-controls/>

WhatsApp update: Parent-Managed Accounts

WhatsApp have announced that they are rolling out the option of Parent-Managed accounts for those under the age of 13. The settings will include allowing you to choose who can contact your child and ensuring only you can add them to groups. Find out more here:

<https://faq.whatsapp.com/894871699629864>

Whilst, these features could be useful, it is important to emphasise that just because the option now exists, WhatsApp may still not be an appropriate platform for your child to be on. We often receive reports of issues, particularly with group chats on WhatsApp. Wayne Denner (online safety trainer) explains more here: <https://www.waynedenner.com/whatsapp-parent-managed-accounts-what-parents-need-to-know/>

AI and homework

AI can be a useful tool for helping children with homework both in understanding a topic and for research. However, please remember that it should not be used to complete tasks as this would constitute plagiarism.