



Lancaster Christ Church Church of England Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter

10.07.2026

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

Staffing for the 2026 - 2027 academic year

Many thanks for your patience - information about staffing for the next academic year will be shared early next week once all timetables have been finalised, with children having a chance to meet their class teacher and support staff on Tuesday morning during a transition time.

Important Information regarding Free School Meals

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Lancaster Christ Church has Talent!

Huge congratulations to all the children who took part in our Talent Show today - what a wonderful range of talents they were!

Special congratulations to **Elliott** in Reception who was crowned the winner with his fantastic rendition of 'We Will Rock You.'

Huge thanks to **Anna-Rae**, **Lilly** and **Hazel** in Year 3, who took full responsibility for the organisation and running of the Talent Show, as well as opening and closing it with a specially choreographed dance routine. They did an incredible job!

School Worship



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



"Do to others what you would have them do to you." **Matthew 7:12**

A huge thanks to all who joined our Eucharist Service last Friday afternoon, and congratulations to **Max** (Y2), **Arthur** (Y2), **Maisie** (Y2) and **Bella** (Y5) who were admitted to Conformation during the Eucharist



Non-Uniform Day

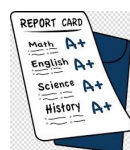


Many thanks to all who were able to support our collection for Mountain Rescue today. **£160** was raised.

Annual Reports

Teaching staff are currently busy finalising end of year reports for all children.

These will be sent home with children on **Monday 13th July.**



If you require more than one copy of your child's report, please contact Miss Fish in the school office via phone or email.

Year 6 Production

Huge congratulations to our Year 6 children for their fantastic performances on Tuesday and Wednesday of their Leavers Production:

The Next Big Step

The casting was perfect, the costumes were amazing and the singing was fabulous... All in all, a top class performance!

Well done Year 6 and special thanks to Mrs Dewar, Miss Nelson and Mr Berman for their hard work.



We are *living our vision!*

Work of the week:

*Congratulations to the children
whose work was celebrated this week:*

Rec: Ruby: Multi-Faith Week

Y1: Gavin: Multi-Faith Week

Y2: Ada S: Multi-Faith Week

Y3: Anna-Rae: Multi-Faith Week

Y4: Oliver: Multi-Faith Week

Y5: Reggie: Multi-Faith Week

Y6: All of Year 6

Achievements out of school:

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

Hazel (Y3): Swimming award

Hughie (Y3): Swimming awards

We are so proud of you all!

Luke 1:37



Bikeability: Learn To Ride Level 1

Congratulations to our Year 3 & 4 children
who completed their Bikeability Learn to Ride
Level 1 training with Go Velo in school last

Congratulations Leo!

Huge congratulations to Leo in Year 5 who
performed in the Dukes Youth Theatre
version of Shakespeare's MacBeth last
week. Well done Leo!



Lost Property

We currently have huge amounts of lost property in
school. Miss Fish will be setting this out in the
playground / hall (weather dependent)
from 3pm on **Monday 13th July**.
Any unclaimed property after this date
will be recycled.



Congratulations!

The following children have been
celebrated in assembly this week:

Rec: Rory Freddie

Year 1: Sadie Rory-Jay

Year 2: Arthur Casper

Year 3: Georgia Amelia

Year 4: Matthew Elsie Daniel Brigid

Year 5: Leo Bruce

Year 6: All of Year 6

House Team of the Week

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



Ashton

Congratulations!

Year 6 End of term events

Parents of children in Year 6 are warmly welcome
to attend the **Leavers Service** at Christ Church
church on **Wednesday 15th July** at 1.45pm, as
well as the **Leavers Assembly** in school on **Fri-
day 17th July** at 9.30am.

Year 6 parents are also invited to congregate at
the bottom of the school drive at **2.45pm** on **Fri-
day 17th July** when the
rest of the school will
bid farewell to our year
6 leavers.



Reminder: Summer term (2)

The 2025 - 2026 academic year
finishes on **Friday 17th July** at **3.15pm**.





Key dates for your diary:

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

Monday 13th July 2026: Year 6 'History of Morecambe' Tour

Wednesday 15th July 2026: 1.45pm Year 6 Leavers Service at Christ Church

Thursday 16th July 2026: Year 5 & 6 'Primary Futures' Workshop

Thursday 16th July 2026: Year 3 visit to Ribchester Roman Museum

Friday 17th July 2026: 9.30am: Year 6 Leavers Assembly in school

Friday 17th July 2026: 3.15pm: School closes for the end of the 2025/2026 academic year

Lancaster Christ Church Colour Run

We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting our annual **Colour Run**, with the support of the wonderful Sarah Gosgu, when we return to school in the new academic year.

As well as the actual Colour Run event, there will be:

- * Party Time with DJ
- * Rainbow-themed raffle
- * Refreshments
- * And more!

All welcome!

Further detail can be found on the attached flyer, and will be updates as dates are finalised.

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 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*)
10.30am Parish Eucharist
6pm Evening Prayer



Midweek services:

Wednesday 13.45 Leavers Service
(refreshments for parents from 1.15pm)
5.30pm Meditation and 6pm Evening Prayer
Friday 9.30am Eucharist

Pet Blessing

26th July 4pm
All creatures great and small welcome!
(with their owners!)

Please bring your pet on a lead or in a cage, or bring your photo.

Let us know if you are bringing anything larger than a Great Dane!

Donations of old towels/blankets or tins of dog food or treats for Wolfwood also welcome

Christ Church Wyresdale Road Lancaster LA1 3EA

MIDDAY RECITAL 12.00

TUESDAY JULY 21ST, 2026 12 NOON

Organ music by Widor, Lefebvre, Wely and Franck

FREE admission refreshments in church hall

Organist Graham Toft

SAVE THE DATE!

CHRIST CHURCH SUMMER CLUB RETURNS! ALL AGES ALL WELCOME
WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE DETAILS SOON

Mondays 1:00pm-5:00pm	Wednesdays 1:00pm-5:00pm
27 th July	29 th July
3 rd August	5 th August
10 th August	12 th August
17 th August	19 th August
	26 th August

Saturday 22nd August 5:00pm
Overnight Camp at Church
Leading into Sunday 23rd 10:30am service

FOR QUERIES AND BOOKINGS CONTACT INNA, CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEADER 07853 791776
YOUTHMINISTER.CHURCH@GMAIL.COM

CHRIST CHURCH LANCASTER BVM (BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

BBQ

SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST
— after the 10.30 service —
FAMILY DAY!
GAMES • ACTIVITIES • FUN for all ages

NO CHARGE - DONATIONS ACCEPTED
All donations go towards supporting our church community

COMMUNITY EVENT
Come along and meet us!

FAITH | FAMILY | FRIENDSHIP | COMMUNITY

Christ Church, Lancaster

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Bible stories, prayer, faith, and fun for primary-age children!

MEETING DURING THE 10.30AM SERVICE SUNDAYS IN TERM-TIME

MORE INFO

Please contact Inna (Children's Ministry Leader) 07853 791776
children@christchurchlanaster.org.uk

Little Seedlings

Baby and Toddler Group

Christ Church Hall Wyresdale Road LA1 3EA

Toys, Stories, Friendship, Singing, Snacks, Faith

Free

Come Grow with us
ALL are welcome EVERY Tuesday 9-10:30am

For more information, contact Inna Maron Stamp, Children's Ministry Leader:
children@christchurchlanaster.org.uk

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:
Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Free School Meals – Who is Entitled?

Important Information for Families.

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What this means for you

- If your household income is lower, your child may now be entitled to free school meals at school
- Schools receive additional funding (known as Pupil Premium) for every eligible child, which is used to support learning, resources and enrichment opportunities
- Even if your child prefers a packed lunch, applying can still bring valuable benefits to both your child and the school

What you need to do

- If you think you may now be eligible, we strongly encourage you to submit an application before the start of the academic year.
- Applications are quick, confidential and securely processed
- If your child is already receiving Free School Meals, you **do not need to reapply**

Why it's important to apply

- Ensures your child receives all the support they are entitled to
- Helps the school access additional funding to support pupils
- May provide access to further support, such as help with trips or activities

If you would like further information or support with your application, please contact the school office.

We encourage all families to take a few minutes to check their eligibility — this support can make a real difference.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

COLOUR DASH 2026

WE KNOW YOU'VE BEEN WONDERING...

WHY HAVEN'T WE HAD A COLOUR DASH THIS YEAR?

GOOD NEWS!

WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE
THAT THE COLOUR DASH IS BACK!

JOIN US IN SEPTEMBER 2026 FOR A
FUN-FILLED SPLASH OF COLOUR AND EXCITEMENT!



STAY TUNED FOR
MORE UPDATES!

WATCH THIS SPACE!

GET READY
TO RUN, LAUGH,
AND GET
COLOURFUL!



COLOUR DASH

MORE COLOURS. MORE SMILES. MORE MEMORIES!

Local Schools Offer



FREE Mini Golf

FREE Donkey Rides

FAIRGROUND RIDES

GREAT ECCLESTON & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

A Great Eccleston Family Day Out!

18th & 19th July 2026

A field full of fun for all ages at Great Eccleston Agricultural Show

NW TRACTOR PULLING

FREE CIRCUS SKILLS WORKSHOP

THE KANGAROO KID Stunt Show

*Free Donkey Rides & Mini Golf
Animals to see up close
Companion Dog & Horse Shows
Fairground Rides
Pedal tractors
Arts & Crafts
Vale of Lune Hound Parade
Variety of Children's classes
Concours d'elegance
The National Falconry School
and so much more...*

Blackpool Circus School

Advance discounted rate of £40 for a
Family Pass 2 adults, 3 children
available online now at www.greatecclestonshow.co.uk

Or as a special offer to local school children
present this poster (digital/printed) at the pay booth
to receive the advance family pass rate of £40 on the day.



**NEW
Location!**
Caton Primary
School


Indigo
Arts & Crafts

Inspiring
Young Minds
CREATIVELY!

★ AWARD WINNING ★

ART AND CRAFT
SUMMER
holiday Club
2026

MON 20TH JULY - FRI 14TH AUG
9AM - 4PM

CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Broadacre, Caton, Lancaster, LA2 9NH



ARTS & CRAFTS



FOREST SKILLS



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ADVENTURE PLAY

making things
making friends
making memories!

£25 PER DAY | £115 PER WEEK

HALF DAY PLACES AVAILABLE FOR 4-YEAR-OLDS

Paper craft | Fabric design | Pottery | Water Fun
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Canvas painting | Scavenger Hunts | Nature Art
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Sibling
discounts
& Extended
times
available!

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for Education

Lancashire
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Council 

LANCASTER
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**HAF Funded
places available**

Caton Primary School
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