



Lancaster Christ Church Church of England Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter

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



Welcome to Lancaster Christ Church!

We were absolutely delighted to welcome Prisca and Emma into Year 2, Joshua into Year 3 and Ivy into Year 5 this week. We hope that they will all be very happy at Lancaster Christ Church!

We currently have a small number of vacant places in school. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining our wonderful school, please invite them to contact the school office to make an appointment to have a look around.

Meet the Teacher

Parents (and children) are invited to attend a **'Meet the Teacher'** session on **Tuesday 15th September** from **3.30 - 4pm** or **4 - 4.30pm**.

No need to book, just turn up!

Autumn Term Parents Evenings

3.30pm - 7pm: Tuesday 17th November (all years)

3.30pm—5.30pm: Wednesday 18th November (Years R, 1, 2, 3 & 6)

3.30pm - 5.30pm: Thursday 19th November (Years 4 & 5)

Details of how to book will be shared at the end of this half term.

Reminder regarding celebrations

Just a reminder that children are very welcome to come to school in non-uniform on their birthday.

In order to ensure the safety of children with food allergy, we kindly request that treats such as cake and sweets are not sent into school for children to share on occasions such as birthdays.



School Worship



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

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever." Psalms 136:1

Christians believe that God loves and cares for them in many different ways in all aspects of their lives.

They know that their response to this provision should be ones of thankfulness and praise.

Important Safety Reminder

Parents and carers are kindly reminded that for health and safety reasons, children are **NOT** permitted to use the playground equipment before or after school. This includes the climbing ramp and traverse wall.

Please take note of the signage that is on the equipment and do not allow children to use.



Unauthorised absences & Holidays in term time

As the new school year begins, we would like to politely remind parents that, in accordance with our school Attendance Policy, requests for holidays in term time will not be authorised.

Our school attendance target this year is 96%, though we encourage all children to strive for 100% attendance where possible.

Attendance is carefully monitored, especially that of children who are at risk of becoming "persistently absent" (missing 10% or more of their schooling across a school year.)

Please speak to Miss Simpson if you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance.

If your child is going to be absent, please inform school as soon as possible and at the latest by 9.15 am by calling the school office.



Non-Uniform Day

We are hosting a **Non-Uniform Day** on **Friday 11th September 2026**.

In exchange for wearing non-uniform children are invited to bring a raffle prize to be used at the **Colour Dash** event on **18th September 2026**:

Reception & Year 1: Gift items

Year 2 & 3: Chocolates, sweets or biscuits

Year 4, 5 & 6: Bottles

Many thanks in advance.



Uniform

We carry a stock of second-hand, good quality uniform, including polo shirts, trousers, skirts, dresses, PE hoodies and t-shirts in school, which is available to all parents in exchange for an optional donation.

Please speak to Miss Fish if there is particular item of uniform that you require.

Please ensure that all uniform is labelled!



Hustings Week

Week Beginning **14th September** will be our annual 'Hustings Week'.

Children in Year 6 are invited to put themselves forward for nomination as 'House Captain'.

Candidates will deliver a speech to the rest of their House on **Thursday 17th September**, explaining why they would make a good House Captain. They may also make and display posters around school for the duration of the week. Following the speeches, voting, by secret ballot, will take place in the hall.

House Captains and Vice Captains will be announced, and their badges presented, during Celebration Assembly on Friday 18th September.



Medical Needs

If your child has **asthma**, please ensure that you have completed an **Asthma Card** and that school has a copy of your child's most up to date **Personalised Asthma Action Plan**, as well as an **in-date inhaler** and **spacer**.

Lancaster Christ Church Colour Run

We are hosting our annual

Colour Dash on Friday 18th September 2026

5pm - 7pm on the school field.

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

 **DJ/Entertainer:** Get ready to dance and groove with our fabulous DJ who will keep the energy high throughout the event!

 **Extra Paint Pouches:** Want to add even more colour to your dash? Extra pouches of powdered paint will be available for purchase on the day. Splash yourself and your friends with vibrant colours!

 **Refreshments & Tuckshop:** Fuel up with refreshments available on-site, along with a tuckshop offering tasty treats.

 **Pocket Money Toy Stall:** Don't forget to check out our toy stall for fun goodies to take home!

 **Tombola:** Try your luck at our tombola for a chance to win fantastic prizes!

 **Ice Cream Van:** Cool down with a refreshing treat from our ice cream van – the perfect way to unwind after your colourful run!

Tickets cost £8 per person / £30 for a family of 4.

All children of school age must have a ticket and be accompanied by an adult.



After School Clubs

The following clubs begin during the second week and will run for the first half of the Autumn term.

Places should be directly using Parent Pay.

Thursday (3.15pm - 4.15pm): Multi Sports with MFC. £28. Years 2 - 6 (max 16 children).

Friday (3.15pm - 4.15pm): Girls Football with Miss Fish. No charge. Years 3 - 6

Football is continuing to run on a Wednesday with Dan Lofthouse. Places can be booked directly via Mr Lofthouse.

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

PE Days: Autumn term 2026

Reception: Mon & Thur **Year 1:** Mon & Thur

Year 2: Wed & Thur **Year 3:** Tue & Fri

Year 4: Wed & Fri **Year 5:** Mon & Wed

Year 6: Wed (swimming) & Thursday

All children must wear school PE kit on PE days.

School PE comprises:

- A zip up school hoodie;
- A house coloured t-shirt;
- Plain black or navy shorts, joggers or leggings;
- Trainers or pumps.

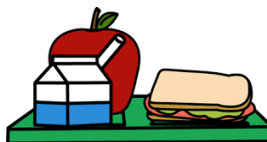
Jewellery of any kind is not permitted for PE and long hair must be tied back.



School milk

Milk is available to children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 via 'Cool Milk.' Children under 5 can access milk free of charge, with the cost for children over 5 being around 25p per day.

Information regarding how to register for 'Cool Milk' can be found in the attached leaflet.



School lunches

For Key Stage 2 pupils (Year 3 to 6) who are not entitled to Free School Meals, school lunches must be paid for in advance using ParentPay at a cost of **£2.90** per day.

This is an increase of 20p per meal on last academic year, which is reflective of increases in direct labour costs, food costs, fuel costs and transport costs.

We endeavour to keep meal prices as low as possible, and are confident that this new charge still represents good value for money.

If you think that you might be entitled to free school meals, please speak to Miss Fish in the school office.

Our current menu is available on the school website, and whilst the kitchen endeavours to stick to the advertised options, occasionally changes or substitutions may be required.

Online Safety

We have recently updated our 'Online Safety: Information for Parents and Carers' page of our school website to include the latest guide to Parental Controls produced by Knowsley City Learning Centres, as well as adding the September 2026 Online Safety Newsletter, which includes information about AI manipulated images, Youtube, Whatsapp and much more: [Lancaster Christ Church C of E Primary School - Online Safety: Information for Parents and Carers](#)

Peripatetic Music Lessons

School are proud to work alongside Lancashire Music Service to offer a range of peripatetic music lessons for children in Years 3 - 6.

This includes: woodwind, brass, strings, guitar, ukulele, singing, percussion, drums, keyboard and piano.

Detailed information can be found [here](#).

Lessons should be booked and paid for online, direct with Lancashire Music Service using the Parent Direct Payment Scheme: [Registration - Cultural Services: Lancashire Music Service](#)

Please speak to Miss Fish in the School Office if you have any questions, or need help to sign up.

We are *living our vision!*

Achievements out of school:

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

Hannah (Y3): Dance award

Seb R (Y4): Swimming awards

Elif (Y5): Dance awards

Hazel (Y3): Football award

Adam (Y5): Football award

We are so proud of you all!

Luke 1:37



Congratulations Hazel & Clara!

Huge congratulations to Hazel and Clara, who were flagbarers at the last Morecambe FC match where they welcomed the players onto the pitch whilst waving their flags.

They have also been selected as captain (Hazel) and vice captain (Clara) for their team Morecambe Girls FC Under 9s, both huge honors!

We are very proud of you both!



Well done Charlotte!

A huge well done to Charlotte in Year 5 who, along with her cousins, raised a fantastic £40 by selling homemade brownies and flapjacks.

Charlotte chose to donate the money that was raised to St. John's Hospice in order to support the wonderful work that they do for our community.

We are very proud of you, Charlotte!

Children's Commissioner Survey

Children across the county are being invited by Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England, to take part in a national survey, The Big Future.

The survey can be completed here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

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 17th September 9-10am

Thursday 22nd October 9-10am

Thursday 19th November 9-10am

Wednesday 16th December 9-10am

No booking necessary - just call in!

Young Writers Award

Congratulations to the following children who have obtained a Young Writers Award:

Joseph (Y3)

Neveah (Y3)

Eddison (Y3)

Ada S (Y3)

Tayo (Y3)

Poppy (Y6)

School Games GOLD Award

We are delighted to announce that for the 4th year running, Lancaster Christ Church have been awarded the School Games GOLD award for commitment to PE and Sport across the school during the 2025 - 2026 academic year.



Well done everyone!



Key dates for your diary:

[Term dates](#) for the 2026 - 2027 academic year are available to view on our school website

Wednesday 9th September 2026: Year 4 Food Hygiene Training

Friday 11th September 2026: Non-Uniform Day (in exchange for raffle prizes)

Monday 14th September - Thursday 17th September 2026: Hustings week

Tuesday 15th September 2026: 3.30 - 4pm / 4pm - 4.30pm: Meet the Teacher

Thursday 17th September 2026: House Captains Speeches and Voting

Thursday 17th September 2026: School Nurse Drop-in

Friday 18th September 2026: Colour Dash

Monday 5th October 2026: Individual Photographs

Thursday 8th October 2026: Primary Futures 'Employer Encounter' event (KS2)

Tuesday 13th October & Wednesday 14th October 2026: Life Education Sessions

Friday 16th October 2026: 3.30pm: Choir Church Eucharist Service in school

Thursday 22nd October 2026: School Nurse Drop-in

Friday 23rd October 2026: School closes for half term

Monday 2nd November 2026: School reopens

Wednesday 11th November - Friday 13th November 2026: Year 6 Residential

Tuesday 17th November 2026: 3.30pm - 7pm: Parents Evening (all year groups)

Wednesday 18th November 2026: 3.30pm - 5pm: Parents Evening (Rec, Years 1, 2, 3 & 6)

Thursday 19th November 2026: School Nurse Drop-in

Thursday 19th November 2026: 3.30pm - 5pm: Parents Evening (Years 4 & 5)

Friday 11th December 2026: 3.30pm: Choir Church Evening Prayer in school

Wednesday 16th December 2026: School Nurse Drop-in

Thursday 17th December 2026: Last day of Autumn term

Friday 18th December 2026: INSET Day

Monday 4th January 2027: INSET Day

Tuesday 5th January 2027: School reopens for Spring term

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



(Please note, the next Church Choir will be on the 16th October)

Midweek services:

Wednesday 5.30pm Meditation and
6pm Evening Prayer
Friday 9.30am Eucharist

Christ Church Apple Festival
SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 11AM-3PM

Apple juicing, Stalls, Music, Refreshments, Children's activities, Competitions and more!
Everyone welcome!
BYO apples for juicing.
Competition entries for best apple-based baked products to be brought to the Hall by 11am.
Judging will take place between 2-3pm and the winner/s declared.
Wyresdale Road, Lancaster LA1 3EA
www.christchurchlancaster.org.uk

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ORGAN RECITAL

TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 13TH 2023
12.00

Famous organ transcriptions
Vaughan Williams, Bach, Dvorak, Rossini and others
FREE admission
retiring collection

Organist
Graham Toft

Christ Church, Lancaster are taking part in the Heritage Open Days 2026

Tours of the church, including a talk on its history will take place on
Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September at 2pm
Open for visiting Sunday 13th and 20th September
All are welcome!

World class stained glass windows by Lancaster's Shrigley and Hunt workshop
Architecture by local firm Paley and Austin

Messy Church

Next meets in the Church Hall at 4pm on the:
4th Sunday of each month

Facebook @ChristChurchLancaster www.christchurchlancaster.org.uk
Wyresdale Road, Lancaster, LA1 3EA
More details please contact Innes (Children's Ministry Leader)
07853 791776 children@christchurchlancaster.org.uk

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 Innes (Children's Ministry Leader) 07853 791776
children@christchurchlancaster.org.uk

Little Seedlings
Baby and Toddler Group

Christ Church Hall, Wyresdale Road, LA1 3EA
Toys, Stories, Friendship, Singing, Snacks, Faith

Free

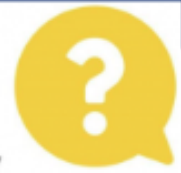
Come Grow with us
ALL are welcome EVERY Tuesday 9-10:30am
For more information, contact Innes Heron-Stamp, Children's Ministry Leader:
children@christchurchlancaster.org.uk
Tel. 07853 791776

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

Rev'd Carol Backhouse
Vicar, Christ Church, Lancaster
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Our Prayer for this week:

O God and Father of all that was, is and ever shall be, help us to be thankful for all that is made at the hands of your Son and through the wisdom of your Spirit, that we may care in heart and in deed for the life of our world, to the praise and glory of your holy name.
Amen



CHOOSING & APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL



Are you looking for the right school for your child or young person? Our in person parent training will give you information and advice around how to find the right school based on needs, and the application and timeline process.

This session is suitable for parents and carers of young people with or without an EHCP, looking for an appropriate school.

DATE AND TIME



15TH SEPTEMBER 2026



09:30AM – 11:30AM



IN PERSON PARENT TRAINING

LOCATION



Poulton Family Hub

Clark Street, Morecombe,
Lancashire. LA4 5HT



- Use this link to book onto the training:
- ● <https://forms.office.com/e/reS4kW5tbp>

Is your child entitled to FREE milk?



Every child under the age of five is entitled to FREE school milk.



Register your child online for FREE school milk today.



Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised price of around £18 per term.



Register online now and you can pay straight away!

Register your child for school milk today.

Sign them up in a few clicks...



Go online and quickly register your child for school milk at www.coolmilk.com



Need help? Contact our Customer Service team on [0800 321 3248](tel:08003213248) or via email at registrations@coolmilk.com

The UK government continues to support school milk. Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.

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