



Lancaster Christ Church Church of England Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter

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

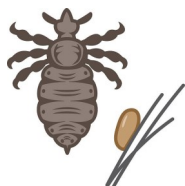
Hustings Week

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.



Headlice

We have been made aware of cases of headlice in school. Please check your child's hair thoroughly.

Information regarding the treatment of headlice can be found on the NHS website: [Head lice and nits - NHS](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice/). You may be eligible for discounted or free treatments via the Minor Alimant Scheme - further information can be obtained from your local pharmacy.

Reminder: Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 15th September - 3.30pm / 4pm.



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.



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.

We are *living our vision!*

Work of the week:

Congratulations to the children whose work was celebrated this week:

Year 1: **Isaac:** RE

Year 2: **Ada F:** Science

Year 3: **Jack:** English

Year 4: **Ivie:** Science

Year 5: **Ivan:** English

Year 6: **Reham:** Art

Peer Awards:

The following children have been recognised by their peers this week:

Ada F (Y2)

Achievements out of school:

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

Albie K (Y1): Football award

Ada (Y1): Rainbows awards

Charlotte (Y5): Dance award

We are so proud of you all!

Luke 1:37

School Photographs

The school photographer will be visiting on **Monday 5th October** to take photographs of individual children and siblings. Parents are welcome to bring pre-school school children to the school hall from 8.30am if they would like photographs to be taken with their school aged sibling(s).



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>.

Congratulations!

The following children have been celebrated in assembly this week:

Year 1: Marnie Albie K

Year 2: Winnie Emma

Year 3: Bella Willow

Year 4: Seb DM Hughie

Year 5: Sarah Oliver

Year 6: Noah Rex

House Team of the Week



The winner of the House Cup this was...

Gregson

Congratulations!

Harvest Service

On **Wednesday 30th September**, we will be holding our annual **Harvest Service** in school.

Parents are warmly welcome to attend.

Information about donations will be shared in next weeks newsletter.



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!



Key dates for your diary:

Term dates for the 2026 - 2027 academic year are available to view on our school website

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



Midweek services:
Wednesday 5.30pm Meditation and
6pm Evening Prayer
Friday 9.30am Eucharist
(Please note, the next Church Choir will be on the 16th October)

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 product to be brought to the Hall by 12noon.
Judging will take place between 2-3pm and the winner's declared.
Wyresdale Road, Lancaster LA1 3EA
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Christ Church Lancaster LA13EA ORGAN RECITAL
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH 2024
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

Fun, Stories, Food, Crafts, KS1&2

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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 Irene (Children's Ministry Leader) 07853 791776
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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 Irene Baron Stamp, Children's Ministry Leader:
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For enquiries about Christenings, Weddings and Funerals; and for pastoral and faith support, please contact:

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Our Prayer for this week:
Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen