



Lancaster Christ Church Church of England Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter

16.10.2026

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



Life Education Visits

This week, we welcomed Katy from Coram Life Education back into school for our annual Life Education Workshops. Coram are the providers of SCARF, which is the scheme that we use for teaching PHSE across school.

More information about Coram and SCARF can be found on their website: <https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/family-scarf> or on our school website: <https://www.christchurch-lancaster.lancs.sch.uk/pshe-rse/>.

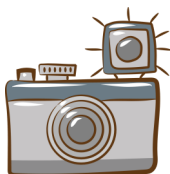


School Photographs

Just a reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** of school photographs is **Sunday 25th October 2026**.

Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit: www.tempest-orders.co.uk.

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest at customerservice@htempest.co.uk



Secondary School Applications

Just a reminder that the closing date for Secondary School Applications for current Year 6 children is **31st October 2026**.

Applications should be made online via the Lancashire County Council School Admissions webpage.

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 (Yrs 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

On Monday we heard the Parable of the Master and the Servant (Luke 17: 7-10) which teaches us that we should undertake service to God with humility and without seeking reward, recognition or personal gain.

On Wednesday, we learnt how Paul remained thankful during difficult times (Acts 27:1—38), as even in the midst of a storm, when the ship he was travelling aboard was about to be wrecked, Paul took bread, gave thanks, broke and distributed it to all on board, none of whom had eaten for 14 days.



Choir Church Eucharist

It was fantastic to welcome so many children and families to our Eucharist service after school today. Children from Choir Church did a brilliant job of leading the service, alongside Rev'd Carol, and the singing was absolutely beautiful - huge thanks to Jayne, our Choral Director.

Our next service is Evening Prayer on **Friday 11th December at 3.15pm** in the school hall.
All welcome!

Reminder: Half Term

Just a reminder that school closed for all pupils on **Friday 23rd October 2026** for the half term break.

We reopen on **Monday 2nd November 2026**.





Mayor of Lancaster Christmas Card Competition

The Mayor of Lancaster is inviting primary school children from across the district to get creative and design his official Christmas card.

Councillor Colin Hartley JP is looking for a colourful and festive design that captures the spirit of Christmas.

The winning entry will become the Mayor's official card and will be sent to a number of important recipients on behalf of Lancaster City Council, including His Majesty the King.

Councillor Hartley said: *"One of the joys of being Mayor is celebrating the many talents of people across our district and this competition is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the creativity of our young people. I'm sure choosing a winner will be no easy task, but I very much looking forward to seeing all of the entries."*

Children wishing to enter should make sure their design:

- Is created on a piece of A4 paper of any colour
 - Uses strong, bright colours
 - Does not include glitter
- Does not have anything stuck onto it, as these elements do not reproduce well
- Has the child's name, age, address and telephone number clearly written on the back

Entries should be sent to: Mayor's Office, Town Hall, Lancaster, LA1 1PJ.

The closing date for entries is Wednesday 18th November.

The winning young artist will be invited to Lancaster Town Hall to meet the Mayor, accompanied by up to

Marketgate Shopping Centre Kids Club

Marketgate Shopping Centre are inviting children to design a logo for their new monthly Kids Club, which will be held on the last Saturday of every month.

A shortlist of logo designs will be put to a public vote, with the winning design included on all Kids Club event posters and promotional materials going forward. The winning entry will receive a goody bag for all their class, presented by the Marketgate Team.

A template is attached to this newsletter - please return all entries to school by **Monday 2nd November**.

Lancashire Teaching Agency and Reed Christmas Card Competition

We're delighted to invite your pupils to take part in our 2026 Christmas Card Design Competition!

This festive competition is open to all primary-aged children and gives young artists the opportunity to showcase their creativity while spreading some Christmas cheer.

How to Enter:

Pupils are invited to design a Christmas card using any medium, including drawing, painting, collage or digital artwork.

Prizes:

1st Place: £50 Smiggle voucher, a framed copy of their design, and the title of "Official Designer of the Reed Education Christmas Card 2026."

2nd Place: £30 Smiggle voucher and a framed copy of their design.

3rd Place: £20 Smiggle voucher and a framed copy of their design.

The winning design will be featured on our official Christmas card, which will be distributed to schools, candidates, and partners across the region.

Competition Details:

Open to all pupils from Reception to Year 6.

One entry per pupil.

Deadline for submissions: 24th November 2026

Winning entries will be announced in early December.

Please send all entries to:

Reed.ChristmasCard@reed.com

We look forward to seeing your wonderful designs and celebrating your creativity this Christmas.



We are *living our vision!*

Work of the week:

Congratulations to the children whose work was celebrated this week:

Rec: **Alanah:** Writing

Year 1: **TBC**

Year 2: **Rory-Jay:** English

Year 3: **Casper:** English

Year 4: **Georgia:** English

Year 5: **Elsie:** DT

Year 6: **Reggie:** English

Peer Awards:

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

Ivy (Rec), Ayda G (Rec), Sophie (Rec)

Achievements out of school:

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

Ivy (Rec): Brownies award

Thomas (Y1): Rugby award

Charlotte (Y3): Brownies award

Hannah (Y3): Cubs award

Hazel (Y4): Football award

Clara (Y4): Football award

We are so proud of you all!

Luke 1:37

Futsal Taster Session

Congratulations to our Year 4 girls who have participated in the Futsal taster sessions at LMC over the past two weeks. Miss Fish reports that the girls had lots of fun playing against other local schools and demonstrated great sports-personship!

Well done to **Izzy, Anna-Rae, Emilline, Hazel, Clara and Nancy-May.**



Congratulations!

The following children have been celebrated in assembly this week:

Rec: Anaya D Indiana

Year 1: Ollie Albie K Ada D

Year 2: Lillie Carlton

Year 3: Ada S Crystal

Year 4: Izzy Aria

Year 5: William Matthew

Year 6: Olive Mark



House Team of the Week

The winner of the House Cup this was...

Bartlett

Congratulations!





Key dates for your diary:

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

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

School Nurse Drop-in sessions

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 22nd October 9-10am

Thursday 19th November 9-10am

Wednesday 16th December 9-10am

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 Taizé



Midweek services:

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

Year 6 Confirmation

Classes will
continue to be held
on Wednesday
Lunchtimes

FRIDAY SERVICE

Come for the service, stay for a brew!



Children's storytime and activities after the service!

9.30 am @ Christ Church, Wyresdale Rd, Lancaster, LA1 3EA



All Saints

Memorial Service *for the recently departed*

Prayer, quiet reflection
and candle-lighting
to remember loved ones who have died.

Sunday 1st November 6pm



Christ Church,
Wyresdale Road

JOIN THE CREATIVE COLLECTIVE!

CREATE COMICS, ART, DELICIOUS FOOD,

TRINKETS, BUILD MODELS

JOIN US 12-1PM ON:
SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11TH
SUNDAY DECEMBER 12TH

DROP OFF FOR KS2 IN THE CHURCH HALL

CONTACT INNES FOR MORE INFORMATION
YOUTHMINISTER@CHRISTCHURCH.LANCASHIRE.NHS.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

All Hallows Family event Family Fun



Costumes, Prizes, Games & Food

Saturday 31st of October
Join us for some festive Organ music from 4-5pm in
Church, followed by a party in the Church Hall
6pm-8pm

Prizes if you come in costume!
This is a free event but donations welcome
Contact Innes for details or bookings
youthminister.christchurch@gmail.com

Prayer for this week:

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives, that we may
see your goodness in the land of
the living, and looking on your
beauty may be changed into the
likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
SECONDARY**

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
31 October 2026

lancashire.gov.uk



School transport



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.



Lancashire
County Council



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IT'S COMPETITION TIME! DESIGN MARKETGATE'S KIDS CLUB LOGO

YOUR NAME: _____ AGE: _____

SCHOOL NAME: _____

WHAT CLASS ARE YOU IN: _____

The details collected will **only** be used to contact you should you win the competition. All data will be securely destroyed after the winner has been contacted. Visit centre website for full details of Marketgate Shopping Centre's privacy policy.