



Lancaster Christ Church Church of England Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter

23.10.2026

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

School Council Reps

Congratulations to our new School Council Reps:

Year 1: Hannah and Thomas

Year 2: Iziah and Sadie

Year 3: Sam and Hannah

Year 4: Nancy-May and Seb R

Year 5: Oliver and Joey

Year 6: Rex and Reham



Year 5 Young Leaders

Congratulations to the Year 5 children who have completed their Young Leaders training with Mr Wilcock his week and will begin leading games and activities for children in Reception Year 1 and Year 2 at lunchtimes after half term.

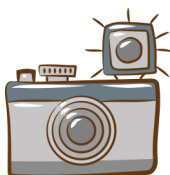


School Photographs

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



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)

Appointments can be booked from 12 noon on Monday 9th October using the School Cloud App:

<http://christchurchlancaster.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



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

Huge thanks to our Worship Team who delivered a fantastic worship to end the half term this afternoon, which was focused on **'Giving thanks in difficult times.'**

Our Christian value next half term is **Trust**.

Year 6 Boys Football Team

Our Year 6 boys travelled to Moorside Primary school this week to play in the Lancaster Small Schools Football competition. They played a against 5 other schools, winning 2, drawing 2 and losing one. Sadly, the boys narrowly lost out on the final by one goal but all represented the school very well, making us very proud. Congratulations **Noah, Bruch, Rex, Jack, Rowan, Leo & Reggie!**



Half Term at The Gregson

Animals! – A fantastic nationally touring theatre show, perfect for families with children aged 7+:

gregson.co.uk/event/animals

SEND Activity Day with Connect, Play, Learn – A special activity day for children and families:

gregson.co.uk/event/woodland-explorers-connect-play-learn-cic

Halloween Fair – A firm favourite with local families, organised by our Gregson Festival Group:

gregson.co.uk/event/halloween



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!*

Peer Awards:

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

Olive (Y6), Lily (Y6)

Achievements out of school:

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

Iziah Y2): Football awards

We are so proud of you all!

Luke 1:37

Calling UK parents and carers of primary school-aged children!

Sleep, Activity, and Daily Spaces – Quick 2 Minute University Research Survey.

Could you help support university research into children's daily routines?

Sharon Johns, a final-year BSc (Hons) Sports Coaching and Performance student at East Lancashire University Centre / Liverpool John Moores University, is researching links between children's sleep patterns, daily physical activity, sitting and screen time, and the local environments where they live and play.

Takes about 5 minutes

Completely anonymous and voluntary
For UK parents and carers of primary school-aged children

Link: [Physical Activity, Sedentary Behaviour and Sleep in UK Primary School-Aged Children – Fill in form](#)

Thank you for supporting student research. Sharing this invitation with other eligible parents and carers would also be greatly appreciated!

Reminder: Half Term

Just a reminder that we reopen on
Monday 2nd November 2026.



House Team of the Week

The winner of the House Cup this was...

Bartlett

Congratulations!

The **House Team winners this half term** were:



Bartlett

Congratulations!

Children in **Bartlett** may come to school in non-uniform on **Monday 2nd November** as a reward (please bring trainers if you have PE that day!).

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.



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 Evening Prayer



Midweek services:

Tuesday 8.45am Morning Celtic Prayer
Wednesday 5.30pm Meditation and
6pm Evening Prayer
Friday 9.30am Eucharist

Year 6 Confirmation

Classes will
continue after half
term

Wishing you all a
lovely half term
break!

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 1ST

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13TH

DROP OFF FOR KS2 IN THE CHURCH HALL

CONTACT INNES FOR MORE INFORMATION
YOUTHMINISTER@CHRISTCHURCHLANC.COM



Halloween Organ Concert

A musical treat for
children of all ages

Saturday 31st October
at 4.15 p.m.

Christ Church, Lancaster
LA1 3EA

All welcome
(especially
young ones!)

Join us for a fun-filled
organ concert with
favourite music, surprising
sounds and a few
musical treats!

All Hallows Family event Family Fun



Costumes, Prizes, Games & Food

Saturday 31st of October
Join us for some festive Organ music from 4.15pm in
Church, followed by a party in the Church Hall
8pm-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

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

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

Scotforth After School Club



OCTOBER HALF TERM PLAYSCHEME

26TH TO 30TH OCTOBER

WELCOMING CHILDREN FROM ALL SCHOOLS AGES

3 - 12 YEARS

OPEN 8AM TILL 6PM

26TH - AUTUMN HEALTHY TREAT MAKING

27TH - ENCHANTED STORIES & NATURE

28TH - AUTUMN PAINTS, CRAFTS & ARTS

29TH - LIGHT-UP LANTERNS & LEAF ART

30TH - THEMED GAMES & FILM

OUR STAFF AND SUPPORT:

- > STAFF QUALIFIED IN EARLY YEARS, TEACHING & YOUTH WORK
- > YOU CAN BE REASSURED THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE WELL LOOKED AFTER AND HAVE A GREAT TIME IN OUR CARE

FULL & HALF DAY
SESSIONS BOOK
ONLINE

Register & Book through our website

www.scotforthplayschemes.co.uk or call Marie
07796569719

Scotforth St Paul's School,

Lancaster

admin@scotforthplayschemes.co.uk



A young child with dark hair, wearing an orange and grey long-sleeved shirt, is focused on playing two colorful maracas. The background is a soft-focus blue and purple, suggesting a stage or performance space. The text is overlaid on a red, paint-splatter-like shape in the top left corner.

29 & 30
October
10am | 12pm
2pm

MAGIC ISLANDS OF MUSIC

Magical first encounters with music, an
immersive space for under 3s and their adults
Book at moremusic.org.uk

More Music



theharris.org.uk

Market Square, Preston, PR1 2PP

Family Fun

at The Harris

this October



Preston
City Council



Autism Workshop

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

FREE



Wednesday 11th November
At Lune Park Family Hub
12pm - 2pm

In association with



To book

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/HEJH>

For more details contact

Kay 0788993126

Lauren 07900343541





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INTO EXTRA CASH!

- ♥ Pre-loved clothes, shoes & accessories
- ♥ Homeware & gifts
- ♥ Toys & more

TABLES ARE JUST
£5!



**MESSAGE US NOW
TO BOOK YOUR TABLE!**

Spaces are limited, so don't miss out!



Buying?

COME AND GRAB A BARGAIN!

- ♥ Branded & quality items
- ♥ Unique finds
- ♥ Great deals
- ♥ Something for everyone!

ENTRY IS FREE!



Enjoy a complimentary
glass of Prosecco
while you browse!
(subject to availability)



**SUNDAY
1ST NOVEMBER**



**RIDGE
COMMUNITY CENTRE**



11AM – 3PM



Come along, support, shop, sell and enjoy a lovely day!





YOUR VOICE MATTERS
COME & JOIN US, HAVE YOUR SAY!

Tea
and cake
provided



Lets chat over a brew!
What do you love
about our centres, services
and groups?
Share your ideas of things you
would benefit from.



Children welcome with
exciting activities
provided and friendly
staff to support play.



Wednesday (12-1pm):
4th November 2026
2nd December 2026
6th January 2027

Lune Park Family Hub
Owen Road
Lancaster
LA1 2LN

**FREE
EVENT**

WARM Matters Morecambe



Friday 20th November



11am - 3pm



**The Rainbow Centre, Clarence Street,
Morecambe, LA4 5EX**

We've got FREE:

- ★ **Hot Drinks**
- ★ **Hot Soup**
- ★ **Prize Draw**
- ★ **Giveaways**
- ★ **Support & Advice**

**Local organisations supporting you to
stay safe, warm and well this winter**

Drop-in for free. No booking needed.

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IN LANCASHIRE

www.chil.uk.com

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