



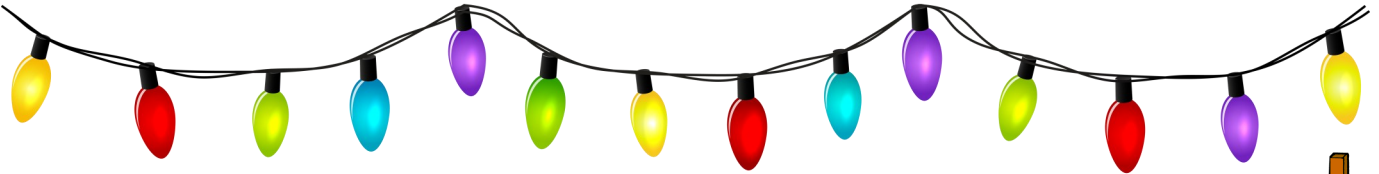
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Weekly Newsletter

12.12.2025

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



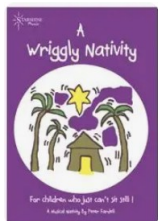
St. John's Hospice Elf Run

We are delighted to be supporting the work of St. John's Hospice by hosting an 'Elf Run' in school on **Monday 15th December.**



All children should come to school in the school PE kit on this day. Elf hats will be provided!

If you are able to support this event, children will be bringing home sponsor forms next week, or if preferred, you can donate via our [fundraising page](#).



Christmas events

Huge thank you to all who were able to attend the Foundation Stage and KS1 production of 'A Wriggly Nativity' on Tuesday / Wednesday this week, and/or the Key stage 2 **Christmas Concert** on Wednesday morning. It was wonderful to have such large audiences and your generous donations raised £166.85 for school funds - thank you!



Carol Singing at Marketgate

We are so proud of our Year 3 & 4 children who entertained the local community on this afternoon by singing in Marketgate Shopping Centre.

There was a large crowd who were very appreciative of the performance!

Huge thanks to Mrs Smith, our music teacher for supporting the children to take part in this event.



School Worship



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

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you."

Colossians 3:12-13

We were delighted to welcome NISCU into school this week for a wonderful puppet show retelling the Christmas story and it's message.



Next week we will continue our advent journey with a 'Countdown to Christmas', beginning with the message from the angels, followed by the journey to Bethlehem and finally, the birth of Jesus. We will end the term with 'Carols by Candlelight' in the school hall.

Friends of Christ Church 100 Club:

The Friends 100 Club has now ceased. Please be aware that if you buy into the 100 club, your direct debit will no longer be taken.



We plan to re-start the 100 Club in January in a slightly different (and more manageable) format.

Cheques have been posted for winners to date.

Reminder: Spring term

School reopens for all children on **Monday 5th January 2026.**



We are *living our vision!*

Work of the week:

Congratulations to the children whose work was celebrated this week:

Rec: **Arlo:** Maths

Year 1: **Olivia:** English

Year 2: **Crystal:** English

Year 3: **Nina:** Maths

Year 4: **Bella:** Maths

Year 5: **Mark:** Art

Year 6: **Lakshanya:** History

Peer awards:

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

Arlo (Rec), Albie C (Rec)

Achievements out of school:

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

Rosa (Y1): Dance & Swimming awards

Jack (Y2): Football award

Eva (Y2): Dance award

Hazel (Y3): Football & swimming awards

Seb R (Year 3): Beavers badge

Luke 1:37

Christmas Multiskills



Ten of our Year 2 children had a great time at a Christmas themed Multiskills event this morning. Many thanks to LMSSN for organising and to Lancaster and Morecambe College for hosting.

Congratulations!

The following children have been celebrated in assembly this week:

Rec: Jesse Indie

Year 1: Isaac-James Ben

Year 2: Anna Casper

Year 3: Seb D-M Juliette

Year 4: Ruairi Matthew

Year 5: Bruce Matilda

Year 6: Zac Richard

House Team of the Week



The winner of the House Cup this was...

Gregson

Congratulations!

Pen Licences

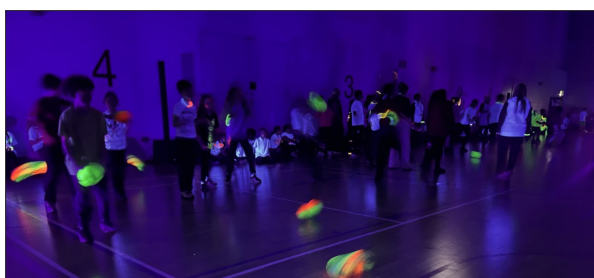
Congratulations to **Ivan, Matthew, Matilda, Elsie & Lucas** in Y4

Who were awarded their Pen Licence this earlier this half term.



Glow Dodgeball

Ten of our Year 6 children thoroughly enjoyed a Glow Dodgeball festival at Lancaster University on Thursday. Thanks to LMSSN for organising.



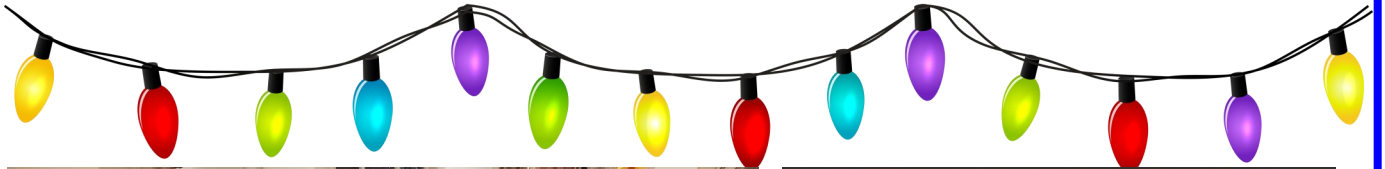


Key dates for your diary:

Term dates for the 2025 - 2026 academic year are available to view on our school website

Friday 19th December 2025: Last day of Autumn term

Monday 5th January 2026: School reopens for Spring term



Christ Church Advent Service

Congratulations to our Choir Church who sang beautifully (as always!) at the Advent Service to mark the end of the Christmas Tree Festival at Christ Church on Sunday. It was a wonderful turn out.

Eucharist Service



Huge thanks also to all who were able to join us to celebrate Eucharist with our Choir Church this afternoon. It was lovely to be joined by families as well as members of the Christ Church congregation.

Thanks as always to Mrs Crowe, Rev'd Carol and Innes for all their hard work which has made the first year of Choir Church such a success. Choir Church will resume in the New Year.

Christmas Service

Parents and Carers are warmly welcomed to join our **Christmas Service** at Christ Church Church on **Wednesday 17th December** at **1.45pm**, during which we will draw the term to a close with a celebration of Jesus' as 'The Light of the World'.



Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Thursday 18th December is our school **Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day**.

Children may come to school wearing a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper.

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 with Children's Church
4pm Christingle



Midweek services:
Wednesday 5.30pm Meditation
Wednesday 6pm Evening Prayer

No Friday Communion

Toy Service

14th December 10.30am

During the service, we will take a collection of toys for local families.

Please bring unwrapped new, or good condition pre-loved toys to the service for blessing.



Please note - no soft toys!

Do you have admin skills?
Are you looking for a 14h/week paid post?

If so, Christ Church are looking for a Parish Administrator to help Rev'd Carol and the church with admin and comms.

For an informal chat, please contact Rev'd Carol

More details, and the application form are available at:

<https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/general-vacancies>

Deadline: 16th January

CHRISTMAS
at Christ Church Lancaster

JOIN US TO SHARE IN GOD'S JOY, HOPE AND PEACE IN THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

CHRISTMAS EVE 4PM CRIB SERVICE FOR ALL THE FAMILY	CHRISTMAS DAY 8.30AM SAID EUCHARIST
11.30PM MIDNIGHT MASS	10.30AM EUCHARIST WITH CAROLS
	BOXING DAY 9.30AM SAID EUCHARIST
	SUNDAY 28TH 10.30AM SERVICE ONLY

FOR MORE INFO GO TO
www.christchurchlancaster.org.uk @christchurchlancaster

We hope you can join us for our next Choir Church Eucharist in the School Hall at 3.15pm on

Friday 12th December

Beautiful music, food for the soul, time to reflect and pray.

Choir Club meets every Tuesday Lunchtime in the Shared Area - everyone welcome, bring your water bottle!

Like more info?
Contact Rev'd Carol (Vicar)
rcvicol@backhouse@gmail.com
Or Mrs Jayne Orrer (Choir Director)
jayneorrer@btinternet.com



Join us for
Christingle
on Sunday 14th December at 4pm

Sharing the light of Christ and raising funds for the Children's Society this Christmas



Traditional Christmas Carol Service
Sunday 21st December 4pm
Everyone welcome!

Our Prayer for this week:

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

Join us for



Christingle

A large, stylized illustration of a Christingle character. It has a round, orange body with a red horizontal band around its middle. The body is decorated with small, brown, twig-like protrusions. The character is smiling, with a white, crescent-shaped mouth. The word "Christingle" is written in a large, white, cursive font, with the character's body integrated into the letter 'i'.

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at 4pm*

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A VIBRANT, INCLUSIVE,
WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE

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A stay and play baby and toddler group
9-10.30am every Tuesday



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with proper coffee and chat for
grown ups.

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FOR MORE DETAILS, CONTACT REV'D KAARINA: 07749 489623

DUE TO OUR HALL KITCHEN
REFURBISHMENT, THERE WILL BE
NO LITTLE SEEDLINGS BETWEEN
23RD DECEMBER AND 6TH
JANUARY.

RE-STARTING 13TH JANUARY!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

9-10AM: STAY AND PLAY.

10-10.30AM: SINGING, SNACKS AND STORIES.

No cost, but donations
welcome



**SAT 27
DEC 2025**

LMAC 
Lancaster & Morecambe AC

4K FESTIVE FUN RUN



**Scan
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**START
11AM**

Lancaster & Morecambe AC is organising its popular Christmas 4k Festive Fun Run from Salt Ayre Leisure Centre (LA1 5 JS). Entry Fee £7 before Day £10 on the day