



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

SIAMS Inspection

On Thursday 20th November, Lancaster Christ Church welcomed Charlotte Tudway to undertake a SIAMS Inspection on behalf of the Church of England. We are pleased to now be able to share our report with you, which is also available via our [school website](#).

We are delighted to report that SIAMS recognised that Lancaster Christ Church ***“is a highly effective Church school.”***

The report was incredibly positive and highlights many of the things that are so proud of as a school, which the inspector gauged from talking to children, parents, staff and governors, as well as looking at a range of written evidence.

Huge thanks to our wonderful children, parents, carers, staff and governors who make Lancaster Christ Church such a special place to be.

Choir Church Visit to Dolphinlee House

Congratulations to our wonderful Choir Church who sang beautifully for the residents at Dolphinlee House on Tuesday afternoon. It was a wonderful experience, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Huge thanks to Mrs Crowe for organising.

Reminder: INSET DAY

Just a reminder that school will be closed to all children on **Friday 5th December** for INSET.



Admission Arrangements: Consultation

We are currently consulting on our admission arrangements for 2027.

Proposed admission arrangements can be found [here](#) on the school website, alongside details of who to contact, should you have any comments to make about the proposed arrangements.



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

This week we began our journey through Advent, lighting the first candle on our Advent wreath and reflecting on the theme of ‘Coming to the Rescue’. We heard the story of the Shepherds, who were told of Jesus’ birth by an angel, as well as learning about what a miracle is, prior to exploring some of the miracles of Jesus in the coming weeks.



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](#).

Many thanks in advance for your support.



Year 6 Athletics League

The athletics team took part in their first LHSSN meet of the season at LMC, competing in lots of running, jumping and throwing events against four other schools. The children were fabulous as they always are, representing the school-we are very proud of them.

Well done Sullivan, Poppy, Mia, Oliver, Zac, Rory, Laurie, Ella and Orla.

Year 3/4 Girls Futsal League

Our 3-4 Girls' Futsal Team played their final fixtures of the year at LMC. The girls had such a great time always playing with huge smiles on their faces every second of the evening. The girls won all their matches and ended up winning their group which topped off a brilliant event!! Well done to all the girls!!!



Spar Lancashire School Games Launch

On Thursday 27th November, we were invited to attend the Spar Lancashire School Games Launch at the Spar Headquarters in Preston.

The children had an inspirational talk from British Champion Pole Vaulter Harry Coppel who explained what it was like to be a British Athlete and represent your country in the Olympic Games. We then enjoyed a tour around the factory (and a lovely lunch!) Thank you to the LHSSN for giving us the opportunity!

Ten Pin Bowling Competition

Huge congratulations to the children in Year 3 and 4 who represented Lancaster Christ Church at the Ten-Pin Bowling Competition at Soul Bowl this afternoon. The children came back smiling and clutching medals. Well done for been fantastic ambassadors for our school!



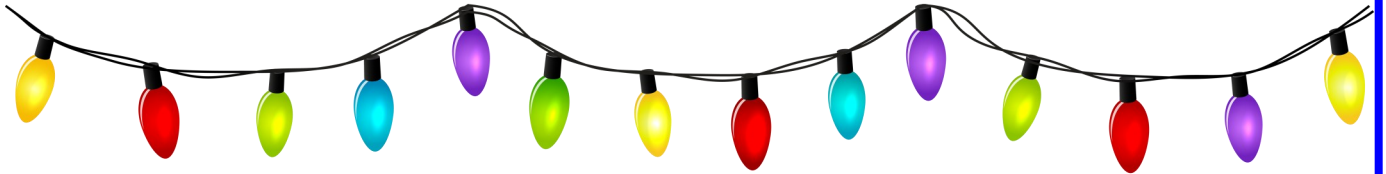


Key dates for your diary:

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



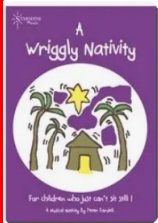
Foundation / KS1 Nativity

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will present 'A Wriggly Nativity' on:

Tuesday 9th December (2pm / 5.30pm) &

Wednesday 10th December (5.30pm)

In the school hall.



Tickets will be available to purchase via Parent Pay from **Monday 1st December**, priced at £1 each and will initially be limited to a **total of 3** due to availability of space.

KS2 Christmas Concert

Children in **Years 3, 4, 5 & 6** will be hosting a **Christmas Concert** for parents / carers on:



Wednesday 10th December at 9.30am

in the school hall.

The Concert will give the children the opportunity to showcase some of the work that they have been doing in music with Mrs Smith.

Coffee and mince pies will be served from 9.15am.

Tickets will be available to purchase via Parent Pay from **Monday 1st December**, priced at £1 each and will initially be limited to **one per key stage 2 family** due to availability of space.

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.

Information about Christmas Lunch will be sent home next week.

Choir Church Eucharist Service



Parents and Carers are warmly welcomed to join us at our final **Eucharist Service** of 2025, led by our wonderful Choir Church Choir on **Friday 12th December at 3.30pm** in the school hall.

An opportunity to reflect and praise, this beautiful service brings together our school and church community and is suitable for all ages.

Reminder: Spring term

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



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 Darkness to Light



Midweek services:

Wednesday 5.30pm Meditation
Wednesday 6pm Evening Prayer
Friday 9.30am Holy Communion
3.15pm Choir Church in School

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!

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9-10.30am every Tuesday

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CHRIST CHURCH, LANCASTER
INVITES YOU TO A
Christmas Tree Festival

FRIDAY 5TH AND SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER
12-8PM

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 12-4PM
WITH A
CANDLELIT ADVENT SERVICE AT 4PM

*Free Admission
Stalls Music Refreshments*

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AND DISTRICT HOMELESS ACTION SERVICE

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)
carolbackhouse@gmail.com
Or Mrs Jayne Crow (Choir Director)
jaynecrow@btinternet.com

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Christingle

on Sunday 14th December
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Sharing the light of Christ
and raising funds for the
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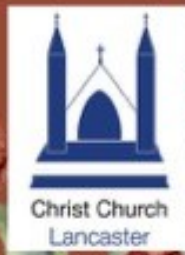
Sunday
7th December
4pm

Everyone welcome!

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

Our Prayer for this week:
Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God. **Amen.**



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Join us this Advent as we
explore Paula Gooder's

Women of the Nativity

Wednesdays: 3, 10
& 17th December at

6.30pm

Sundays: 7, 14 &
21st December at

12.30pm

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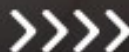
Everyone welcome!

Parents and Carers, tell us about your experience of using childcare in Lancashire



Scan the QR code to
access our short survey

lancashire.gov.uk/childcare





FOR MORE INFO; MIKE@SAMBELLSPORTSCAMPS.CO.UK



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TILL
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**AGE
5-12**

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**22ND
DECEMBER:
GLOW IN THE
DARK SNOWBALL
FIGHT**

**23RD DECEMBER:
CHRISTMAS GAMES DAY**

**BEST CHRISTMAS JUMPER COMPETITION
RUDOLPH DODGEBALL
SANTAS VS THE GRINCH
SANTA'S SLEIGH
SNOWBALL RUN
SANTA'S SACK RELAY
FESTIVE FREEZE
REINDEER TAG.**



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3PM - 6PM | £4.50 PER PERSON
BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

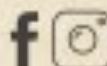


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