



Lancaster Christ Church of England Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter

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



### House Captain Elections

This week in school has been our annual 'Hustings Week'.

On Thursday afternoon, House Teams got together to listen to the speeches made by their potential House Captains. It was clear that a lot of effort had gone into preparing these speeches, and they were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The classrooms have also been adorned with an array of carefully produced posters throughout the week, encouraging children to vote for their House Captain. They were incredibly creative and really demonstrated why we are so proud of all of our children.

The votes have now been counted and we are delighted to announce the Captain and Vice Captain of each House as follows:

#### Rec/KS1 Captains: Ella & Poppy R

**Gregson:** Laurie (Captain)

Oliver & Arya (Vice Captains)

**Ashton:** Orla (Captain)

Peggy & Ruairi (Vice Captains)

**Garbett:** Nurayn (Captain)

Richard & Poppy K (Vice Captains)

**Bartlett** Sullivan (Captain)

Rory & Dalton (Vice Captains)

We really appreciate all the effort that the children have gone to in preparing for the House Captain Elections. Thank you so much!

#### Reminder: INSET DAY

Just a reminder that school will be closed to all children on **Monday 29th September** for staff training.



### School Worship



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



*"Some people give much but get back even more. But others don't give what they should, and they end up poor. A person who gives to others will get richer. Whoever helps others will himself be helped."*

#### **Proverbs 11: 24-25**

This week our theme was 'The attitude of gratitude.' We heard the story of 'The Generous Widow' (Luke 21: 1 - 4) who, despite not having much, gave all that she could.

On Wednesday Rev'd Carol led our Worship based on 1 Chronicles 29: 1 - 13, where King David showed gratitude for God's goodness towards him by tasking his son, Solomon to build a temple where people could worship.

### Packed Lunches

As we start the new school year, we would like to encourage parents to review children's packed



lunches to ensure that they contain a healthy balance of foods. There is some excellent guidance available at [Healthy lunch ideas - Healthier Families - NHS](https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/healthy-lunch-ideas).

#### **Important request regarding celebrations**

Due to an increasing number of children with food allergies and intolerances, we kindly request that treats such as cake and sweets are no longer sent in for children to share on occasions such as birthdays. Children are very welcome to come to school in non-uniform on their birthday.



We really appreciate parents previous generosity and thank you for your understanding.

We are *living our vision!*

**Work of the week:**

*Congratulations to the children whose work was celebrated this week:*

Year 1: **Winnie:** Handwriting

Year 2: **Rowan:** History

Year 3: **Harley:** English / Art

Year 4: **Henry:** Science

Year 5: **Disal:** English

Year 6: **Sullivan:** English

**Achievements out of school:**

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

**Alfie (Y2): Football award**

**Ada-Grace (Y2): Dance award**

**Nancy (Y3): Dance award**

**Ernie (Y3): Swimming award**

**Georgia (Y3): Brownies awards**

**Clara (Y3): Football award**

**Seb R (Y4): Skiing award**

*We are so proud of you all!*

**Luke 1:37**

**Pen Licences**

Congratulations to **Poppy, Isabelle, Ronnie** and **Xianchen** in Year 5 who were awarded their Pen Licences this week.



**Zumba Day**

Huge thanks to Jess who led a fantastic Zumba Day for the whole school on Monday.



From week beginning 15th September, Jess will be offering a Zumba Club after school on a Monday, 3.15—4.15pm. Places are available to book via ParentPay.

**Congratulations!**

The following children have been celebrated in assembly this week:

**Rec:** All of Reception

**Year 1:** Carlton Isaac-James

**Year 2:** Eddison Andy

**Year 3:** Seb D-M Tommy-Lee

**Year 4:** Alicia Archie

**Year 5:** Isla Reggie

**Year 6:** Dalton Poppy R

**House Team of the Week**

The winner of the House Cup this was...



**Gregson**

*Congratulations!*

**Meet the Teacher**

Parents (and children) are invited to attend a 'Meet the Teacher' session on **Wednesday 17th September** from **3.30 - 4pm** or **4 - 4.30pm**.

No need to book, just turn up!

**Autumn Term Parents Evenings**

**3.30pm - 5pm: Tuesday 11th November** (Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6)

**3.30pm - 7pm: Wednesday 12th November** (all years)

**3.30pm - 5pm: Thursday 13th November** (Year 5)

*Details of how to book will be shared via email at the end of this half term.*

*Meetings will be held in person.*





## Key dates for your diary:

[Term dates](#) for the 2025 - 2026 academic year are available to view on our school website

**Wednesday 17th September 2025:** 3.30 - 4pm / 4pm - 4.30pm: Meet the Teacher

**Thursday 23rd September 2025:** Year 5/6 Girls Football Qualifier at LMC

*(Children will receive a letter if they have been selected to represent school at this event)*

**Monday 29th September 2025:** INSET Day

**Tuesday 30th September 2025:** Year 5/6 Mixed Football at LMC

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**Friday 3rd October 2025:** Year 4 Food Hygiene Training

**Monday 6th October 2025:** Individual Photographs

**Monday 13th October - Wednesday 15th October 2025:** Book Fair

**Wednesday 15th October & Thursday 16th October 2025:** Life Education Sessions

**Friday 17th October 2025:** 3.30pm: Choir Church Eucharist Service in school

**Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th October 2025:** Year 5 Young Leaders Training

**Friday 24th October 2025:** School closes for half term

**Monday 3rd November 2025:** School reopens

**Tuesday 11th November 2025:** 3.30pm - 5pm: Parents Evening (Rec, Years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6)

**Wednesday 12th November 2025:** 3.30pm - 7pm: Parents Evening (all year groups)

**Thursday 13th November 2025:** 3.30pm - 5pm: Parents Evening (Year 5)

**Wednesday 19th November - Friday 21st November 2025:** Year 6 Residential

**Friday 6th December 2025:** INSET Day

**Friday 12th December 2025:** Choir Church Eucharist Service in school

**Friday 19th December 2025:** Last day of Autumn term

**Monday 5th January 2026:** 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 All Together Eucharist  
6pm Evening Prayer



## Midweek services:

Wednesday 5.30pm Meditation  
Wednesday 6pm Evening Prayer  
Friday 9.30am Holy Communion

## Quiz Night

Fun for all the Family

Friday 12th September  
6.30pm in the Church Hall  
LAI 3EA

Tickets in advance  
or on the door

£10/family or £4/individual  
Snacks provided  
Bring your own Drinks

## Christ Church Apple Festival

SATURDAY 20th  
SEPTEMBER  
12-4PM

Apple jacking, Bialls, Music,  
Refreshments, Children's activities,  
Competitions and more!  
Everyone welcome!

BYO apples for jacking.  
Competition entries for best apple-based baked  
product to be brought to the Hall by 12noon  
Judging will take place between 3-4 pm  
and the winners declared

Wyresdale Road, Lancaster LA1 3BA  
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## Christ Church, Lancaster are taking part in the Heritage Open Days 2025

Tours of the church, including a talk on it's history  
will take place on:

Saturdays 13th and 20th September  
at 11am and 2pm each day

Everyone Welcome!

World class stained glass  
windows by Lancaster's  
Shirley and Hunt workshop  
Architecture by local firm  
Poley and Axter

## LIMOS

### A Coldplay Candlelight Experience

an unforgettable evening of music in an enchanting  
candle setting

Christ Church, Wyresdale Rd,  
Lancaster LA1 3BA  
Friday 25th September  
2 settings: 7-9pm & 9-10pm

Book tickets now!  
[www.limos-experiences.com](http://www.limos-experiences.com)

## DROP-IN LUNCH

12-1PM

JOIN US FOR A SIMPLE  
HOME-MADE MEAL  
ON SUNDAY

14th September

IN CHRIST CHURCH HALL,  
LAI 3EA

EVERYONE WELCOME  
PAY AS YOU FEEL

## Christ Church, Lancaster LA1 3EA

# harvest FESTIVAL

21st SEPTEMBER

10.30am Eucharist - All Welcome  
Guest Speaker: Graham Rand from  
The Olive Branch

WITH A COLLECTION OF  
TINS AND LONG-LIFE FOOD  
FOR THE OLIVE BRANCH  
FOOD BANK

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](mailto:revcarolbackhouse@gmail.com). 01524 942105

**Our Prayer for this week:**  
Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;



# *Quiz Night*

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Judging will take place between 2-3pm  
and the winner/s declared**

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Friday 26th September  
2 Sitings: 7-8pm | 9-10pm



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# Heritage Open Days Weekend at Judges' Lodgings Museum

**Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September**

**FREE ENTRY!**



Celebrate our 400<sup>th</sup> birthday with a weekend of exciting activities between 11am and 4pm.



Victorian pop-up tearoom 12 – 3pm on both days



A garden fete with traditional games, including a coconut shy, splat the rat, hook a duck and more!



Parcapella 12 – 1pm on Saturday  
Bay Singers 3 – 4pm on Saturday  
Priory Choir 2 – 3pm on Sunday



Meet the Servants over the weekend. Who might you encounter, will it be the school master, the maid or the butler?



See behind the scenes in the museum on one of our exclusive guided tours at 11:15, 12:00, 12:45, 1:30, 2:15 or 3:00.

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# Get advice and support

Someone to talk to  
Problems at  
home/school  
Jobs and training  
Apprenticeships  
Staying safe  
online  
Sex and health  
Relationships

Mental Health  
Self Harm  
Bullying  
Drugs and  
alcohol  
Things to do  
Housing, rights  
and money  
What age can I?

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You can contact us 365 days a year

**2pm to 10pm**



**Text 07786 51 11 11**

**Talk online** [lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone](https://lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone)

**Call 0800 51 11 11**



## Age 0-19

(up to 25 for young  
people with learning  
difficulties or disabilities)

[lancashire.gov.uk](https://lancashire.gov.uk)



**Lancashire**  
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Council 

0800 51 11 11

# Ridge Junior Football

Calling all **7-11** years old  
Boys & Girls! Do You Like Football?

Starts 2nd of September

Every Other Tuesday, 5-6pm

Venue

Multi-Use Game Area  
Ridge Estate, Lancaster

**And You Are All Welcome! Any Standard.**

- We Practice Some Skills,
- Play 5 A Side Footy
- Have A Penalty Prize!

Parents are required to sign a consent form before their children can be allowed to fully participate

**We Share A 5 Minute Bible Story.**

The Session Is Taken By Mike Robinson,  
Who Is Fully CRB Checked & Has Run Many  
Childrens Football Sessions Over The Years.

**If You Need Any Further  
Information, Please  
Ring Mike On 07791 555431.**



Lancaster

# Giants



**ACCREDITED**  
PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL



**SIGN UP TODAY!**

## **GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSIONS**

- START YOUR FOOTBALL JOURNEY

### WHAT WE OFFER:

- ⚽ Girls Football
- 😊 Fun Sessions
- 👧 All Abilities Welcome
- ★ First three sessions are FREE!
- ⚽ £3 a session

GIRLS IN  
**RECEPTION TO YEAR 6**

🕒 **Saturdays**  
9.30 AM – 10.30 AM

**Contact:**  
**Ben 07943 279054**  
**John 07903 222453**



**LANCASTER GIANTS FC**



**RYELANDS PARK**  
**LANCASTER**

# MUSIC SESSIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



## MONDAYS

**UNIQUE BEATZ** - 4pm-5pm - musicmaking with disabled 14-25 year olds - FREE  
**ECO COLLECTIVE** - 6pm-8pm - young producers group for 14-21 year olds, learn about creative careers - £3



## TUESDAYS

**BAYBEAT STREETBAND** - 6.15pm and 7.30pm - Join our vibrant samba streetband, open to all ages from 8 years and up - £3



## WEDNESDAYS

**VOCAL LAB/SING IT OUT** - 5pm-7pm - Singing, beatbox and rap for 11-18 years - £3  
**BAY YOUTH VOICES** - 5pm-6pm - Singing group for 6-11 year olds - £3



## THURSDAYS

**STAGES** - 6pm-8pm - Band and songwriting night for 11-18 year olds, learn to record and perform - £3



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