



Lancaster Christ Church Church of England Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter

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

WELCOME

Welcome to Lancaster Christ Church!

We were absolutely delighted to welcome Ben, Grace and Sadie into Year 1 and Disal and Tobi into Year 5 this week. We hope that they will all be very happy at Lancaster Christ Church!

We currently have a small number of vacancies in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6: If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining our wonderful school, please invite them to contact the school office to make an appointment to have a look around.

Zumba Day



On Monday we will be welcoming the fabulous Jess back to Lancaster Christ Church for a whole school Zumba Day. Each class will enjoy a 40 minute Zumba session led by Jess in the school hall.

All children are welcome to come to school in their PE kit 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.

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.

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

Generosity is the quality of being kind and unselfish, especially as it pertains to sharing money and other valuables with others. The Bible has a lot to say about generosity as a desirable character trait. Proverbs 22:9 says, "The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." God is generous, and He expects us to follow His example.

God's generosity is evidenced all around us. God created this planet that is specially suited to sustain us and provide for our needs and pleasures. He supplies us with color, light, sound, air, and the ability to taste and enjoy, hear and appreciate, touch and be satisfied. Above all, God demonstrated His generosity when He offered His Son as a sacrifice to atone for our sin. In the face of such generosity, we can only say, "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15). The gift of Jesus to sinful mankind was the ultimate act of generosity.

In our generosity, we are not to expect repayment in kind. Our reward will come from the Lord, in His way and in His time.

Reminder: INSET DAY

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





After School Clubs

The following clubs begin during the second week and will run for the first half of the Autumn term.

Places should be directly using Parent Pay.

Monday (3.15pm - 4.15pm): Zumba with Jess: £24.
Years 1 - 6 (max 20 children).

Wednesday (3.15pm - 4.15pm): Musical Theatre with Miss Helen: £24. Years 1 - 6 (max 20 children).

Thursday (3.15pm - 4.15pm): Multi Sports with Miss Fish. No charge. Years 1 - 3 (max 16 children).

Football is continuing to run on a Wednesday with Dan Lofthouse. Places can be booked directly via Mr Lofthouse.

Christ Church are committed to ensuring that finance does not become a barrier to participation in extra curricular activities. If your child would like to take part but you would require financial support, please speak to Miss Simpson.

School milk

Milk is available to children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 via 'Cool Milk.' Children under 5 can access milk free of charge, with the cost for children over 5 being around 25p per day.

Information regarding how to register for 'Cool Milk' can be found in the attached leaflet.



Meet the Teacher

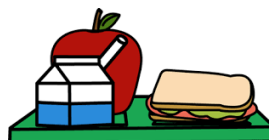
Parents (and children) are invited to attend a 'Meet the Teacher' session on **Wednesday 17th September** from **3.30 - 4pm** or **4 - 4.30pm**.

No need to book, just turn up!

Important Safety Reminder

Parents and carers are kindly reminded that for health and safety reasons, children are **NOT** permitted to use the playground equipment before or after school. This includes the climbing ramp and traverse wall.

Please take note of the signage that is on the equipment and do not allow children to use.



School lunches

For Key Stage 2 pupils (Year 3 to 6) who are not entitled to Free School Meals, school lunches must be paid for in advance using ParentPay at a cost of **£2.90** per day.

This is an increase of 20p per meal on last academic year, which is reflective of increases in direct labour costs, food costs, fuel costs and transport costs.

We endeavour to keep meal prices as low as possible, and are confident that this new charge still represents good value for money.

If you think that you might be entitled to free school meals, please speak to Miss Fish in the school office.

Our current menu is available on the school website, and whilst the kitchen endeavours to stick to the advertised options, occasionally changes or substitutions may be required.

PE Days: Autumn term 2025

Reception: Mon & Fri **Year 1:** Mon & Tue

Year 2: Wed & Fri **Year 3:** Mon & Thurs

Year 4: Tues & Thurs **Year 5:** Wed & Thurs

Year 6: Wed (swimming) & Friday

All children must wear school PE kit on PE days.

School PE comprises:

- A zip up school hoodie;
- A house coloured t-shirt;
- Plain black or navy shorts, joggers or leggings;
- Trainers or pumps.



Jewellery of any kind is not permitted for PE and long hair must be tied back.

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 at the end of this half term.

We are *living our vision!*

Work of the week:

Congratulations to the children whose work was celebrated this week:

Year 1: **Harper:** Music

Year 2: **Maisie:** English

Year 3: **Kent:** English

Year 4: **Neve:** RE

Year 5: **Rex:** English

Year 6: **Orla:** Science

Achievements out of school:

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

Ada (Y1): Dance award

David (Y3): Skiing award

Hazel (Y3): Football award

Adam (Y4): Sailing & Swimming awards

Isla (Y5): Cheerleading award

We are so proud of you all!

Luke 1:37

Peripatetic Music Lessons

School are proud to work alongside Lancashire Music Service to offer a range of peripatetic music lessons for children in Years 3 - 6.

This includes: woodwind, brass, strings, guitar, ukulele, singing, percussion, drums, keyboard and piano.

Detailed information can be found [here](#).

Lessons should be booked and paid for online, direct with Lancashire Music Service using the Parent Direct Payment Scheme: [Registration - Cultural Services: Lancashire Music Service](#)

Please speak to Miss Fish in the School Office if you have any questions, or need help to sign up.

Congratulations!

The following children have been celebrated in assembly this week:

Year 1: Ted Leighton

Year 2: Alfie Hannah

Year 3: Wyatt Nancy-May

Year 4: Jacob Marnie

Year 5: Tobi Noah

Year 6: Orla Laurie

House Team of the Week

The winner of the House Cup this was...

Ashton

Congratulations!



Pen Licences

Congratulations to **Tobi, Lily S, Rex and Disal** in Year 5 who were awarded their Pen Licences this week.



School Games GOLD Award

We are delighted to announce that for the 3rd year in a row, Lancaster Christ Church have been awarded the School Games GOLD award for commitment to PE and Sport across the school during the 2024 - 2025 academic year.

We will definitely be going for gold again this year.

Well done everyone!





Key dates for your diary:

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

Monday 1st September 2025: School re-opens for the 2025/2026 academic year

Monday 8th September - Thursday 11th September 2025: Hustings week

Monday 8th September 2025: Whole school Zumba Day

Thursday 11th September 2025: House Captains Speeches and Voting

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 Parish Eucharist with *Children's Church*
6pm Taize Eucharist



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
LA1 3EA

Tickets in advance
or on the door
£10/family or £4/individual
Snacks provided
Bring your own Drinks

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we will be planting bulbs
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to provide a source of early nectar
for insects in the spring.

Come along to help after 10.30am
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Trowels will be provided.

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Tours of the church, including a talk on its history
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Saturdays 13th and 20th September
at 11am and 2pm each day

Everyone Welcome!

World class stained glass
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LUMOS

A Coldplay Candlelight Experience

an unforgettable evening of music in an enchanting
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Christ Church, Wyresdale Rd,
Lancaster LA1 3EA
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2 Settings: 7-8pm & 9-10pm

Book tickets now!
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SATURDAY 20TH
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BYO apples for juicing.
Competition entries for best apple-based baked
product to be brought to the Hall by 12noon
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and the winner's declared
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TAIZÉ

6pm Eucharist

5th January, 2nd February, 2nd March,
13th April, 1st June, 6th July
7th September, 5th October, 2nd November

at Christ Church, LA1 3EA

Everyone welcome for a peaceful service of prayers,
song and stillness
in the style of the Taizé community of France

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. 01524 942105

Our Prayer for this week:
God of constant mercy, who sent your
Son to save us: remind us of your
goodness, increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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Our Lady's Catholic College Open Evening



try interactive workshops

tour our fabulous school

meet our brilliant staff

Wednesday 24th September
from 5 - 7pm

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under 5?

Every child under the age of five
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or via email at
registrations@coolmilk.com

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LANCASTER MUSIC CENTRE

SIGN UP!



THURSDAYS
3:40-7PM

CHRIST CHURCH C OF E
PRIMARY SCHOOL
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LANCASTER LA1 3ES

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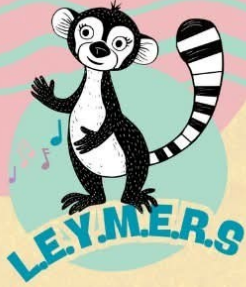
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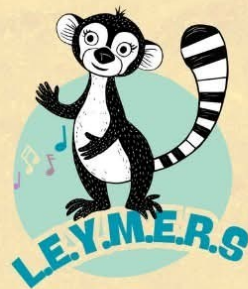
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Music Group



0-4 YEARS
£4 per session
MONDAYS | 10-11:15AM

**LANCASTER METHODIST CHURCH,
SCOTFORTH ROAD, LA1 4TE**



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