



# Christ Church of England Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter

Have Faith...



### World Book Day

It was great to see so many children in their comfy clothes and costumes for World Book Day on Thursday - thank you!

Many thanks to all the children who took part in the **design a book cover** competition, organised by the school council. We really appreciate your efforts! The winners were as follows:

**Iona** (Y6), **Oliver H** (Y5), **Delilah** (Y3), **Ada** (Rec),  
**Nancy** (Y4), **Olive** (Y4), **Anaamta** (Y4).

Our wonderful Librarians also ran a **'Design a bookmark'** competition in school. The entries were superb and we really appreciate the effort that all the children who entered put into their designs. The Librarians selected the following winners:

**Harper** (Rec), **Hannah** (Y1), **Aria** (Y2), **Matilda** (Y4),  
**Mia** (Y5), **Erin** (Y6).

Thank you to the School Council and to the Librarians for organising these fun activities for the school to take part in. We are very proud to have such enthusiastic children.

### School Worship

Our theme for Worship this half term is 

#### Love

*"For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. God gave his Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life."*

**John 3:16**

Our focus this week was **"Jesus loves everyone"**.

We revised two stories from the Bible: Jesus calls Matthew, which demonstrates how Jesus does not limit his love, and loves everyone just the same; and Jesus meets Zacchaeus, which shows how Jesus came to teach those who didn't know about God and His plan for accepting everyone into his family.



### Ash Wednesday Service

Many thanks to the parents / carers who were able to join us at our Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday.

The children did a wonderful job of leading the service.



We're having a great time at Choir Club!  
We'd love you to come and share  
our Choir Church Eucharist service with us!

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

In the School Hall  
on Friday 28th March at 3.15pm,  
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Or Mrs Jayne Crow (Choir Director) [jaynedcrow@btinternet.com](mailto:jaynedcrow@btinternet.com)

### Friends of Lancaster Christ Church

The Friends of Lancaster Christ Church are hosting a **'Break the Rules Day'** on **Thursday 20th March 2025**

*A list of rules that can be broken within school for this day only!*

See attached flyer for more details.

### Easter Bingo

Thursday 3rd April, 5.30pm in the school hall.

Further detail to follow!

### Year 3 / 4 Sports Hall Athletics Intro

On Thursday after school, children from Year 3 and 4 took part in the second half of the LHSS Athletics Intro, competing in a variety of track and field events against other local schools.

All of the children did brilliantly; running, jumping and throwing with huge smiles on their faces!

Well done everyone!



### Year 5 / 6 Sports Hall Athletics League

On Friday after school, it was the final meet for the Year 5 and 6 LHSS Athletics qualifier.

Miss Fish was blown away by the performance of our team, who ran, threw and jumped their way into second place on the day.

Confirmation is still awaited as whether we have qualified for the next round, but regardless of this, we are so proud of the children and how they conducted themselves.



### Girls Biggest Ever Football Session

We took part in the GIRLS BIGGEST EVER FOOTBALL SESSION on Friday.

Children in FS / KS1 enjoyed practicing their goal scoring at break time, whilst KS2 girls enjoyed small sided 'let them play' football games, organised by Miss Fish, at lunchtime.

Huge thanks to the Year 6 girls who lead the sessions - they were inspirational!

#### Reminder...

Girls football takes place for KS2 on Mondays, 3.15-4.15pm with Miss Fish and is **free of charge!**

Sessions for KS1 will begin after Easter.



### Congratulations Dance Squad!

Huge congratulations to our Dance Squad who came 2nd in the Lancaster and Heysham Schools Sports Network Dance Qualifier:

**Elif (Y3), Lottie (Y3), Elsie (Y3), Delilah (Y3), Reggie (Y4), Oliver (Y4), Elysia (Y5), Elise (Y6), Louisa (Y6), Imogen (Y6)**...We are so proud of you all!

Many thanks to Miss Helen for her fantastic choreography and coaching.



We are *living our vision!*

**Work of the week:**

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

Rec: **Ada:** Understanding the World

Y1: **Rowan:**

Y2: **Juliette:** Art

Y3: **Elsie:** English

Y4: **Jack:** DT

Y5: **Oliver Y:** Geography

Y6: **Ava:** Geography

**Peer awards:**

*The following children were recognised by their peers this week:*

**Aria (Y2), Seb R (Y2), Tia (Y6)**

**Achievements out of school:**

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

**Rose (Rec): Dance award**

**Hannah (Y1): Beavers Badges / Dance award**

**Georgia (Y2): Brownies Badges**

**Clara (Y2): Football award**

**Hazel (Y2): Football award**

**Joseph (Y3): Football award**

**Arya (Y5): Water skills award**

**Louisa (Y6): Dance award**

*We are so proud of you all!*

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received, to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in it's various forms."*

**1 Peter 4:10**

**Reading awards**

Congratulations to **Iona** and **Murray** in Year 6 who have both completed over 100 'reading at home logs' - an amazing achievement!

**Congratulations!**

The following children have been celebrated in assembly this week:

**Rec:** George Ted

**Year 1:** Mashal Dotty

**Year 2:** Kent Nancy S

**Year 3:** Elysia Alfie

**Year 4:** Bella S Bruce

**Year 5:** Jack Arya

**Year 6:** Eadie Ruben



**House Team of the Week**

The winner of the House Cup this week was...

**Gregson**

*Congratulations!*

**Spring term Parents Meetings**

**Tuesday 18th March (3.30pm - 7pm) and**

**Wednesday 19th March (3.30pm - 5pm)**

Parents Meeting appointments will be available to book from 6pm on Monday 10th March via the following link:

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

*Please note that appointments will be held in person at school.*

If you have any difficulties in accessing the link or making your booking, please call Miss Fish in the school office, who will be happy to assist.



## Key dates for your diary:

[Term dates](#) for the 2024 - 2025 academic year are available to view on our school website

**Tuesday 18th March 2025:** 3.30pm - 7pm: Parents Evening

**Wednesday 19th March 2025:** 3.30pm - 5pm: Parents Evening

**Thursday 20th March 2025:** Friends of Lancaster Christ Church 'Break the Rules' Day

**Thursday 20th March 2025:** Reception 'Stay and Play'

**Tuesday 25th March 2025:** Year 2 'Big Sing' rehearsal at Ashton Hal

**Thursday 27th March 2025:** Friends of Lancaster Christ Church 'Non-Uniform' Day in exchange for Easter Bingo prizes

**Friday 28th March 2025:** Year 4 'Big Sing' rehearsal at Ashton Hall

**Friday 28th March 2025:** 3.15pm: Eucharist Service in school

**Wednesday 2nd April 2025:** Reception & Year 1 visit to Greenlands Farm

**Thursday 3rd April 2025:** 5.30pm: Friends of Lancaster Christ Church Easter Bingo

**Friday 4th April 2025:** School closes for Easter

**Monday 21st April 2025:** Easter Monday

**Tuesday 22nd April 2025:** School reopens

**Friday 25th April 2025:** Year 6 History of Morecambe Tour

**Friday 25th April 2025:** Year 5 visit to Lakeland Wildlife Oasis

**Thursday 1st May 2025:** INSET Day

**Monday 5th May 2025:** Bank Holiday

**Friday 23rd May 2025:** School closes for half term

**Monday 2nd June 2025:** School reopens



# **FRIENDS OF LANCASTER CHRIST CHURCH**

## **BREAK THE RULES DAY**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**WE HAVE A LIST OF RULES WHICH CAN BE BROKEN  
IN SCHOOL ON THIS DAY ONLY!!  
HOWEVER, FOR EACH RULE YOU BREAK YOU WILL  
BE FINED 50P**

**WEAR NON-UNIFORM**

**HAVE CRAZY HAIR**

**WEAR MAKE UP or FACE PAINT**

**WEAR FANCY DRESS**

**WEAR YOUR SLIPPERS OR BLANKET HOODIE**

**YOU CAN BREAK AS MANY RULES AS YOU LIKE BUT REMEMBER  
IT IS A 50P FINE FOR EVERY RULE BROKEN!**

# 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
- 12noon Lent Course
- 6pm Evening Prayer



### Midweek services:

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

## Drop-In Lunch

Join us on the second Sunday of each month

12-1pm

in Christ Church Hall, LA1 3EA.

Everyone welcome  
Pay as you feel



Experience a story...  
Space to wonder...  
Spiritual growth...

## Godly Play



For primary-age children  
(must be accompanied by an adult)

Third Sunday of every month at 4pm  
Next on: **16th March**

Everyone welcome

More info from: Faith Care  
01524 942108 Facebook: @christchurchlan

Fun Stories  
Food Crafts  
Next meets in the Church Hall at 4pm on the:  
**23rd March**

Facebook: @ChristChurchLancaster  
www.christchurchlan.lancaster.org.uk  
01524 942108

## The Sacraments

Responding to God's Loving Invitation

A new Lent Course starts on Sunday 9th March

Meeting in the Church Hall  
Every Sunday after the 10.30am Service  
For 5 weeks

Everyone warmly welcome!



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Like most Lent  
Feast Lent Book (A4) [carolbackhouse@gmail.com](mailto:carolbackhouse@gmail.com)  
Or to sign up for Choir Practice! [carolbackhouse@gmail.com](mailto:carolbackhouse@gmail.com)



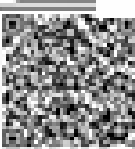
## HEAR OUR PRAYER

daily lent devotional

Access for free on the App



- Watch or listen to the Lent Devotionals
- Read or listen to the integrated Bible passage
- Access bonus devotional content



**Our Prayer for this week:**  
Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in 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](mailto:revcarolbackhouse@gmail.com). 01524 942108



Christ Church  
Lancaster

# CHOIR + CHURCH

Choir Church starts on February 7th  
Tuesdays 12.15pm - 1pm  
in the KS1  
Shared Area



Music, fun, and faith  
with friends from Christ Church  
Everyone in years 1-6 welcome!

Free to join -  
please bring your water bottle

Half-termly Eucharist in School  
Sharing musical excellence,  
spiritual growth and social justice.

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# Bread from the Desert?

A Lent Quiet Morning,  
reflecting on our care for creation.

Saturday 15th March 2025  
9.30am-1pm

£10 suggested donation  
includes refreshments and lunch.

Led by the Revd Canon Professor John Rodwell

Christ Church, Wyresdale Road, LA1 3EA.

For more details or to book a place,  
Contact Rev'd Carol (Vicar)  
[revcarolbackhouse@gmail.com](mailto:revcarolbackhouse@gmail.com)  
01524 942105



# Join CancerCare's Sunflower Challenge

**Have some fun growing your own  
sunflower this spring.**

**For just £2 you will receive your own  
easy sunflower growing pack, diary and  
certificate!**



**Sunflower  
seeds**



**Soil**



**Biodegradable pot**

## Will you win our tallest sunflower prize?

**Please email [fundraising@cancercare.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@cancercare.org.uk)  
for more information and to receive your pack**

**CancerCare**

Registered Charity Number: 1120048



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**FUNDRAISING  
REGULATOR**

Dear parent/caregiver



**Invitation to take part in a research project on children's picture description**

I am a researcher in the Psychology department at Lancaster University studying young children's language development. As part of our research on children's sentence development, we are carrying out a study in the school your child attends and we would like to invite you and your child to participate.

In the study, we will ask your child to play a short game of snap with the experimenter and to describe the pictures on the cards as they turn them over. They will also do a quick vocabulary game naming pictures. We will audio-record each session so that we can see how your child describes the pictures. There are no right or wrong answers, we are just interested in the kinds of descriptions that they use and whether they are influenced by the kinds of descriptions the researcher uses, this tells us about how they learn language from what they are hearing.

The session will take about 20 minutes during your child's normal school day, and your child will be free to stop playing at any point if he/she wishes to. Please continue on to the next page for further details.

If you agree to your child taking part in this study, I would be grateful if you could complete the attached form: [https://lancasteruni.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_73W82Oxpr4FhGx8](https://lancasteruni.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_73W82Oxpr4FhGx8)

Please do not hesitate to contact the principal researcher via email (K.Messenger@lancaster.ac.uk) if you would like any further details about this study.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Kate Messenger

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