



Christ Church Church of England Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter

Have Faith...

Lancaster Christ Church is 150 years old!



We have had a brilliant week this week celebrating of wonderful school's 150th birthday.



On **Monday 20th January**, Bishop Joe lead a special **Service of Thanksgiving** for the whole school at Christ Church church. Before the service, the whole school lined the drive to wave flags as Bishop Joe, Rev'd Carol, Archdeacon David Picken and Abi Mills, Mayor of Lancaster, led a procession to church.

On **Wednesday 22nd January**, Dr Matt Cole hosted a talk: **'150 Years of Christ Church: From Moor Lane to Highfield'** at Christ Church Church. The talk provided a fascinating insight into the history of the school. The booklet that Matt produced to accompany the talk is available on the school website.

Throughout the week, Matt has worked with our Year 6 children to prepare an **exhibition** about the history of the school, which was open to parents, carers and alumni of the school. This was well attended by parents and pupils, present and past!

It was wonderful to see the children and staff dressed in their Victorian outfits today - they looked amazing!

We are so grateful for the support of Dr Matt Cole, a local historian who has given hours of his time to exploring and organising the school archive and has been instrumental in the organisation of our birthday week.



School Worship

Our theme for Worship this half term is



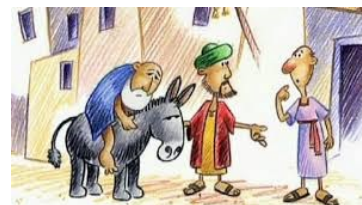
Kindness

"Be kind and compassionate to one another."

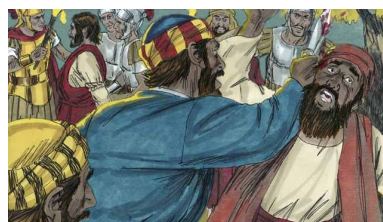
Ephesians 4:32

Our focus this week was **"Showing kindness to your enemies."**

On Monday we revisited the parable of 'The Good Samaritan', which Jesus told to help people understand that it is important to show love to everyone and not just people who we are friends with, or indeed who we like!



On Tuesday, Rev'd Carol shared the story of the 'struck man' (John 18), which demonstrates Jesus' kindness. During Jesus' arrest, Peter, one of Jesus disciples, drew a sword and struck one of the high priest's servants, cutting off his ear. Even though this



man was there to arrest Jesus, Jesus showed kindness by telling Peter to put away his sword, and healing the man.

Our focus for next week is 'showing kindness to those in need.'

Service of Thanksgiving

On **Sunday 26th January at 10.30am**, Rev'd Carol will lead a special Service of Thanksgiving at Christ Church church, following our birthday on 25th January.

It would be fantastic to see as many members of our school family as possible at this event.

Further details can be found on the attached flyer.

Bronze medal winners!

Our girls football team are Lancashire County Schools Bronze medal winners!!

The girls represented the Lancaster District after winning the local tournament in October and travelled to Pool Foot Farm, Fleetwood to compete in the regional tournament. They competed against 18 other teams from all over the county.

The girls played 8 group games finishing third in the group to progress to the knockout stages. They fought so hard all day, narrowly losing 1-0 in the semi-final to eventual winners of the tournament, Fylde.

Congratulations to **Abigail, Erin, Ava, Ellie, Stevie, Laurie and Orla** on being such superstars, representing our school wonderfully both on the football



Year 5 / 6 Athletics League

Congratulations to our Athletics team who represented the school at the Sportshall Athletics Qualifier at Lancaster and Morecambe College last week:

Laurie, Orla, Amy, Erin, Ava, Louisa, Ellie, Stevie, Rory, Edward, Zac, Murray, Thomas, Tom, Tobias, Jude & Timi.



Friends of Miss Whalley's Field

A message from the Friends of Miss Whalley's Field:

A big thank you to all of you who braved a cold winter morning last



Sunday, to help out at the working party on Miss Whalley's Field. This was arranged to follow on from the efficient work the City Council had carried out coppicing the willows.

The 19 enthusiastic volunteers achieved a great deal. Clearing the brambles, ivy and cut vegetation where the willows had been coppiced and barrowing the enormous pile of chipped wood from the willow cutting. These chippings have been put to good use around the new fruit trees at the bottom of the field and the smaller trees at the top of the field to help them thrive. Chippings were also moved and used to improve the muddy access paths in these areas.

An article will be added to our website soon with more photos of the hard work the volunteers carried out.

Anyone is welcome to go along when they have some spare time to cut and clear more ivy, brambles and vegetation around the felled willows to keep the area clear. Vegetation can be thrown into the areas across from the 'woodland walk' path (now covered in chippings). Please be careful, it is still muddy, and wear appropriate clothes, footwear and strong gloves.

Does anyone recognise this Spear & Jackson spade that was left behind?

With grateful thanks from Miss Whalley's Committee.

*Regards
Paul Wiggins
(Chair of FMWF)*



We are *living our vision!*

Work of the week:

Congratulations to the children whose work was celebrated this week:

Rec: Ted: Art

Y1: Elle: RE

Y2: Clara: Handwriting

Y3: Ivan: English

Y4: Poppy: Worship

Y5: Lucas: French

Y6: Iona: History

Peer awards:

The following children were recognised by their peers this week:

Rose (Rec), Arna (Y1), David (Y2)

Achievements out of school:

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

Hazel (Y2): Football award

Georgia (Y2): Girlguiding badge

Ivie (Y3): Swimming award

Elsie (Y3): Swimming & Dance award

Oliver H (Y5): Swimming award

Millie-Mae (Y6): Swimming 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

Community Wellbeing Collage Competition

We are delighted that one (or more!) of our entries into this years collage competition has been shortlisted and will be on display in the White Gallery, The Storey, Lancaster from 9am - 5pm on 13th & 15th February.

See attached flyer for details.

Congratulations!

The following children have been celebrated in assembly this week:

Rec: Sophia Rocco

Year 1: David Izzy

Year 2: Alfie Bella Y

Year 3: Elif Brigid

Year 4: Rowan Bella S

Year 5: Poppy Zac

Year 6: Tobias Amy

House Team of the Week

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

TBC

Congratulations!

Stagecoach Theatre School

Stagecoach Theatre School in Lancaster is a safe place for every child to act, sing, dance and make friends. We ignite passion for the performing arts and help children develop life skills and creative courage. Our Saturday schools are Ofsted registered and we offer classes for children aged 4-18 years. We are friendly and welcoming and our doors are always to new starters!

See attached flyer for details of two-week trail offer.





Key dates for your diary:

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

Thursday 30th January 2025: Year 5 'Holistic Persons Journey'

Friday 14th February 2025: Finish for half term

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025: Half term week

Monday 24th February 2025: School reopens after half 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 School Celebration Eucharist
4pm Messy Church
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: **9th February**



Everyone welcome

More info from Rev'd Carol
01524 942105 Facebook: @christchurchlancaster

Next meets
in the Church Hall
at 4pm on the:

26th January KS1&2

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Wyresdale Road, Lancaster, LA1 3EA
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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



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All former staff, pupils, and families
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More info from Rev'd Carol 01542 942105



Our Prayer for this week:

God of all mercy, your Son
proclaimed good news to the
poor, release to the captives, and
freedom to the oppressed: anoint
us with your Holy Spirit and set
all your people free to praise you
in 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
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Fun

Stories

Messy[®] Church

Food

Crafts

Next meets
in the Church Hall
at 4pm on the:

4th Sunday
of each month

KS1&2

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BINGO EVENING

Join us for a fun evening
of games and prizes
for all the family

£5 per person or £10 per family
Includes drinks and snacks

Christ Church Hall,
Wyresdale Road

Saturday 15th February
from 5.30pm

LANCASTER INTEGRATED CARE COMMUNITY

presents its 6th annual

**COMMUNITY
WELLBEING**

**COLLAGE
EXHIBITION**

**The White Gallery, First Floor,
Storey Institute, Lancaster**

**13th & 14th
February 2025**

9am - 5pm

Free Entry

NHS

Lancashire and
South Cumbria
Integrated Care Board

**THE BAY
HEALTH FESTIVALS**

REDISCOVER THE LOST ART OF LIVING

Enrolments now open!

STAGE
COACH

Early Stages

Ages: 6-7 years

Times: 9:45-11:15

Ages: 4-5 years

Times: 11:15-12:45

Ages: 4-7 years

Times: 12:45-14:15

Main Stages

Ages: 7-15 years

Times: 10:00-13:00 / 14:00-17:00

Ages: 15-18 years

Times: 13:00-16:00

Saturday classes at the University of
Cumbria, Lancaster.

BOOK A TWO WEEK TRIAL



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