



# Christ Church Church of England Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter

Have Faith...

### Welcome back!

We have had a super start to the Spring term and are delighted to welcome back all of our children and families.



We are also very pleased to welcome two new members of school staff: Miss Hibble (Reception Class Teacher) and Mr Berman (Teaching Assistant) to our wonderful team. We hope that they will be very happy with us at Lancaster Christ Church.

Later this term, we are excited to be interviewing for the post of Assistant Headteacher to expand our school leadership team following Mr Maunder's moving on.

We will keep you up to date!

### PE Days: Spring term 2025

**Reception:** Wed & Friday **Year 1:** Mon & Wednesday

**Year 2:** Wed & Friday **Year 3:** Wed & Thursday

**Year 4:** Tues & Wednesday (swimming)

**Year 5:** Mon & Wednesday **Year 6:** Mon & Tuesday

**Please ensure that children are wearing the correct 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 and trainers.

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

Good quality second hand kit is available - please ask at the office.



### 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: Gift bringers"**.

Monday was the feast of Epiphany, which celebrates how the Wise Men were led by a star to visit Jesus. During our worship, we used a range of props to revisit key elements of the Wise Men's journey, including their encounter with King Herod!

On Tuesday, Rev'd Carol led our worship, which focussed on gifts and the significance of the gold, frankincense and myrrh which were given to Jesus by the Wise Men.



### After School Clubs

The following clubs begin next week and will run for the Spring 1:

Places should be directly using Parent Pay.

**Monday (3.15 - 4.15pm):** Cricket with Lauren. Years 3 - 6 (max 16 children). **No charge.**

**Monday (3.15 - 4.15pm):** Zumba with Jess £24. All year groups (max 20 children)

**Wednesday (3.15pm - 4.15pm):** Musical Theatre with Miss Helen: £24. Years 3 - 6 (max 20 children)

**Football** will run on a Wednesday . Places can be booked directly via Mr Lofthouse.

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

## Lancaster University Confucius Institute

The Confucius Institute at Lancaster University are offering a range of weekly Chinese classes this term for both children and adults:

### Classes for children (5-11 years old):

[Chinese classes for children](#)

Sundays, 10am-12pm

[Chinese folk dance](#) classes for children:

Sundays, 1-2pm

### Classes for adults:

[Chinese Mandarin language classes](#)

– a range of classes available for different levels.

[Ba Duan Jin](#): Thursdays, 12.00-1.00pm

[Chinese dance](#): Sundays, 2.15-3.15pm

[Chinese calligraphy](#): Wednesdays, 6.15-7.45pm

[Tai Chi](#) at [Garstang Arts Centre](#): Fridays, 12.15-1.00pm

To register for these classes, please visit the Lancaster University Confucius Institute website:

[Extracurricular Classes - Lancaster University](#)

**See attached flyer for further information.**

## Lancaster Community Music Centre

This term, Lancaster Community Music Centre will be starting a new group for 4 - 7 year olds, called **Mini Music Makers**.

This group, led by Colette Webb, is for children and parents to sing Nursery Rhymes and make music with Boomwhackers.

### Mini Music Makers 09:30 to 10:00

For 7 to 11 year olds we already have

### Beginners Recorders 09:00 to 09:20

### Junior Choir 10:00 to 10:30

*Beginning Saturday 11th January at Dallas Road Primary School.*

Details of term dates, other groups, policies etc. can be found on our website [www.lcmt.org.uk](http://www.lcmt.org.uk). For detailed enquiries please contact [info@lcmt.org.uk](mailto:info@lcmt.org.uk)

## Lancaster Christ Church turns 150 years old!



We are fast approaching our 150th Birthday and are beginning to firm up plans for our week of celebrations, beginning **Monday 20th January 2025**, alongside Dr Matt Cole and Rev'd Carol Backhouse.

On **Wednesday 22nd January at 7.15pm**, Dr Matt Cole will host a talk '**150 Years of Christ Church: From Moor Lane to Highfield**' at Christ Church Church, and 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 these events. Further details can be found on the attached flyers and details of more events to follow next week!

## Friends of Miss Whalley's Field

### Working Party Sunday 19 Jan 2025 10.30 am - 1 pm

There are several tasks to do, whilst weather allows:

- Moving the large pile of chipped wood to other areas of the field that would benefit from this.
  - Clearing cut vegetation.
- Removing brambles, ivy etc, that had flourished under the trees and saplings.

Please bring useful tools—wheelbarrows to move chipping, rakes, spades to dig up roots, secateurs to cut back brambles etc.

As always, please dress appropriately and wear strong gloves.

Children under adult supervision, are welcome to help move chippings.

Look forward to seeing lots of you at the willow copse (towards the top, Borrowdale Rd side of the field).

Many thanks,

Margaret (Secretary)

On behalf of the FMWF Team

We are *living our vision!*

### Work of the week:

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

Rec: **Olivia:** Writing

Y1: **Alfie:** Science

Y2: **Emiline:** English

Y3: **Alicia:** Maths

Y4: **Rex:** RE

Y5: **Laurie:** Art

Y6: **Murray:** Geography

### Peer awards:

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

**Lily S (Y4), Eadie (Y6)**

### Achievements out of school:

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

**Bella (Y1): Football award**

**Georgia (Y2): Brownies award**

**Lucas (Y3): Beavers award**

**Daniel (Y3): Football, swimming and climbing awards**

**Louisa (Y6): Dance award**

**Erin (Y6): Cross County 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**

### **Pen Licences**

Congratulations to **Rowan, Henry Matilda** in Year 4 who were awarded their 'Pen Licences' this week. We are very proud of you!



### **Congratulations Erin!**

Huge congratulations to Erin in Year 6 who recently completed in the Lancashire Cross Country Championships, coming in first place after running a fantastic race. We are so proud of you!

### **Congratulations!**

The following children have been celebrated in assembly this week:

**Rec:** Gavin George

**Year 1:** Hannah Eva

**Year 2:** Nina Georgia Kent

**Year 3:** Lottie Bella

**Year 4:** Matilda Isabelle Olive Rex

**Year 5:** Alica Mia

**Year 6:** Evelyn Eadie

### **House Team of the Week**

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



**Garbett**

*Congratulations!*

The **House Team winners this half term** were:

**Gregson**

*Congratulations!*



Children in Gregson may come to school in non-uniform on **Friday 17th January 2025** as a reward (please bring trainers if you have PE that day!).



## Key dates for your diary:

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

**Tuesday 14th January 2025:** NYLG Session 2

**Thursday 16th January 2025:** Year 5 / 6 Sportshall Athletics Qualifier @ LMC

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

**Friday 17th January 2025:** Girls Football @ Blackpool

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

**20th—24th January 2025:** Lancaster Christ Church Primary School's 150th Birthday Celebrations

**Monday 20th January 2025:** Bishop Joe visit

**Wednesday 22nd January 2025:** 7.15pm: Talk by Dr Matt Cole at Christ Church Church: '150 Years of Christ Church: From Moor Lane to Highfield'.

**Sunday 26th January 2025:** 10.30am: Service of Thanksgiving at Christ Church church to celebrate the school's 150th birthday.

**Friday 24th January 2025:** Sportshall Athletics League @ LMC

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**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 Parish Eucharist  
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: **19th January**



Everyone welcome

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

Fun Stories  
**Messy Church**  
Food Crafts  
Next meets  
in the Church Hall  
at 4pm on the:  
**26th January**  
KS1&2  
Facebook: @ChristChurchLancaster www.christchurchlancaster.org.uk  
Wyresdale Road, Lancaster, LA1 3EA  
More details please contact Carol (Children's Ministry Leader)  
01524 942105 children@christchurchlancaster.org.uk



**150 years of  
Christ Church School  
From Moor Gate to Highfield**

A talk by Dr Matt Cole  
Associate of the Lancaster University  
Regional Heritage Centre.

7.15pm  
Wednesday 22nd January 2025  
At Christ Church, Wyresdale Road



## Our Prayer for this week:

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you  
revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognize him as our  
Lord and know ourselves to be  
your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**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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# **Christ Church Primary School celebrates 150 years!**

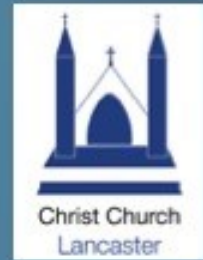
Join us for a special service of  
thanksgiving at 10.30am on  
Sunday 26th January  
in Christ Church,  
Wyresdale Road.

*All former staff, pupils, and families  
especially welcome.*

More info from Rev'd Carol 01542 942105



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Fun

Stories

# Messy<sup>®</sup> Church

Food

Crafts

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in the Church Hall  
at 4pm on the:

4th Sunday  
of each month

KS1&2

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# Lancaster University Confucius Institute 兰卡斯特大学孔子学院



## Part-time Mandarin language classes

- Open to students, staff and members of public
- The Mandarin language classes run three times a year commencing October, January and April

## Part-time Chinese cultural classes

- Open to students, staff and members of public
- Taichi, Calligraphy, Dance and Painting
- The cultural classes are subject to teacher availability

## Classes for children (5-11 years old)

- Lancaster Chinese weekend classes for children
- Chinese dance classes

**For information and to book please visit our webpage:**

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