



# Christ Church Church of England Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter

Have Faith...



**We have reached the end of what has felt like a long, but brilliant term!**

The run up to Christmas has been very enjoyable, packed with festivities and we have been delighted that parents and families have been able to join us for various events.

Children have today brought home a copy of the Bible Society's Christmas Story as a gift from school.

All of the staff at Christ Church would like to thank you once again for your continued support and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**We return to school on Monday 6th January 2025.**



### Goodbye and Good Luck!

Today we say a very sad goodbye to **Mr Maunder**, who is leaving Lancaster Christ Church after 10 years to begin a new role as

Families, Children and Youth Worker for the Western Dales Mission Community.

Mr Maunder will be missed by all and we hope that he will continue to call and see us regularly!

Yesterday, we wished **Mrs Patterson** a very happy retirement as she left Lancaster Christ Church after 23 years! Mrs Patterson has been a very valuable member of our school team and we wish her all the very best as she embarks on new adventures with her family.

We also say goodbye to **Sarah-Jane** from our school kitchen today, who leaves to begin a new role in a secondary school. Many thanks for all your hard work, Sarah-Jane! We'll miss you!

Huge thanks for the generous donations made towards staff leaving collections –it was very kind.

### A Christmas Celebration

Thank you to all who were able to join our Christmas Celebration at Christ Church Church yesterday. It was lovely to be joined by children's families as we drew together the themes of our Jesse Tree and the story of Jesus' birth.

Thanks to Rev'd Carol for leading the service, along with children in years 3, 5, 5 & 6.



### KS2 Christmas Concert

Huge thanks to all who were able to join us for the Key stage 2 Concert on Tuesday; the children did an incredible job!

Thanks as always to Miss Dougherty for her ongoing hard work and commitment to ensuring that the children at Lancaster Christ Church have a superb music experience.



### St. John's Hospice Reindeer Rush

A huge well done to all of our children for participating in the Reindeer Rush on Monday in support of St. John's Hospice.

Donations can still be made via our [fundraising page](#)

Please return all sponsor money by **Friday 10th January** so that it can be forwarded on to the Hospice as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your support.

### Christmas Lunch

A huge THANK YOU to all of our wonderful kitchen staff who served a delicious Christmas Lunch on Thursday for children and staff.

The children looked fantastic in their Christmas jumpers and enjoyed having their lunch served to them by school staff.



We are *living our vision!*

### Peer awards:

The following children were recognised by their peers this week:

**Romeo (Rec), Gavin (Rec), Logan (Y5),  
Freddie (Y5)**

### Achievements out of school:

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

**Ada (Rec): Cheerleading award**

**Alfie (Y1): Football award**

**Anna-Rae(Y2): Dance award**

**Finn (Y2): Football award**

**Hazel (Y2): Football award**

**David (Y2): Football award**

**Lilly (Y2): Rainbows badge**

**Isla (Y4): Cheerleading 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**

### **PE Days: Autumn term 2024**

**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

**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 and trainers.

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



### **A message from Mr Maunder**

Thank you very much for all the kind words, cards, gifts and wishes I have received over the past few days. I have been overwhelmed by the kindness you have shown.

I have loved my ten years and one term at Christ Church and I am very grateful for all the wonderful children, families and staff I have had the pleasure to work with over the years. You all hold a special place in my hearts and I will miss you all very much.

Hope you all have a lovely Christmas!

Mr Maunder

### **Children's Society Collection**

A combined total of **£282.44** was collected in the candles for the Children's Society by school and church. Many thanks for your support!



### **Friends of Christ Church 100 Club Winners:**

#### November:

**£60:** 39      **£30:** 46      **£10:** 11

#### December:

**£60:** 14      **£30:** 18      **£10:** 42



### **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)

**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.

*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.*





## Key dates for your diary:

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

**Monday 23rd December 2024 - Friday 3rd January 2025:** Christmas holidays

**Thursday 9th January 2025:** Year 2 ChildSafe / Year 6 RoadSense (Lancaster Fire & Rescue)

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

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

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

# 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 Advent Eucharist  
*with Children's Church*  
4pm Carol Service



*We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy new year*

### Our Prayer for this week:

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Christmas at Christ Church**  
*Join us for:*

**Crib Service**  
Christmas Eve - 4pm

Come and play your part in the greatest story ever told!  
Meet for a rehearsal and costumes in church from 2pm - all ages welcome!

**Midnight Mass**  
Christmas Eve - 11.30pm

**Christmas Day**  
Said Eucharist - 8.30am  
Festal Eucharist - 10.30am

Sunday 29th December  
Sung Eucharist  
At 10.30am only

Help needed to sing carols for the residents of our local care homes!

Please join us on Monday 23rd December  
- 2pm at Moorside Hall (Wyresdale Road)  
- 3.30pm at Dolphinlee House (Patterdale Road)

Song sheets provided - please contact Rev'd Carol for more info!



For enquiries about Christenings, Weddings and Funerals; and for pastoral and faith support, please contact:  
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*Traditional Christmas  
Carol Service*

*Sunday 22nd December 4pm*

*Everyone welcome!*

