



Christ Church Church of England Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter

Have Faith...

Runners Up: Lancaster School of the Year

On Tuesday 3rd December, Miss Simpson and Miss Fish attended the School Sports Network's annual conference, where they were delighted, not only to meet the guest speaker, Eddie 'The Eagle' Edwards, but to be recognised for the school's commitment to PE and Sport and awarded Runner Up: Lancaster School of the Year for PE and Sport!



KS2 Christmas Concert

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be hosting a Christmas Concert for parents / carers on **Tuesday 17th December at 9.30am** in the school hall.

The Concert will give the children the opportunity to showcase some of the work that they have been doing in music with Miss Dougherty.

Coffee and mince pies will be served from 9.15am.

Tickets will be available to purchase from the school office from Tuesday 10th December, priced at £1 each and will initially be limited to one per key stage 2 family.

Please come along if you can!

Year 6 Carol Singing

We are so proud of our Year 6 children who entertained the local community on Wednesday morning by singing and playing their ocarinas in St. Nicolas Arcade.

Members of the public were very appreciative of the performance, with many stopping to listen.

The children also visited Nazareth House this morning to entertain the residents.



Huge thanks to Miss Dougherty for supporting the children in these events.

School Worship

Our Christian Value this half term is



Patience

"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him..."

Psalm 37:7

We have continued our journey into Advent over the past week, focusing on Moses, Samuel and David and adding symbols of a burning bush, an oil lamp and a harp to our Jesse Tree, which is looking amazing! We are looking forward to continuing our Advent journey through Prayer Spaces this week.

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity

Congratulations to our Foundation and Key stage 1 children for their fantastic nativity 'A Bundle of Joy', which they presented on Tuesday & Wednesday last week. The children spoke, sang and acted brilliantly!



Huge thanks to all the staff for their hard work, and to all who came to watch.

Reminder re. Children's Society Candles

Please return candles to school by **11th December**, so that they can be blessed as part of the Christingle Service at Christ Church.



St. John's Hospice Reindeer Rush

We are delighted to be supporting the work of St. John's Hospice by hosting a 'Reindeer



Rush' in school on **Monday 16th December**.

All children should come to school in their school PE kit on this day

Children have brought home a sponsor forms for the event, or if preferred, you can donate via our [fundraising page](#)

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Your Friends Need You!

Lancaster Christ Church are incredibly grateful for the support of our wonderful school Friends, who in the past year, have raised around £8000 in support of school and local charities.

The school Friends have contributed significant sums to the redevelopment of the FS/KS1 playground, as well as enabling school to upgrade iPads and subsidising the cost of trips. £550 was raised this year for Macmillan, along with £700 for Breast Cancer Now.

In summary, we really couldn't do without them, however... The Friends is currently been run singlehandedly by Sarah, Mum and Elif in Year 3, and this is not sustainable.

The Friends desperately need your help!

We are in need of committee members as well as volunteers who can commit to supporting particular events throughout the school year.

Please contact Sarah:

friends@christhchurch-lancaster.lancs.sch.uk

If you could offer some much needed support to our wonderful Friends.

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Thursday 19th December is our school Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day.



Children may come to school wearing a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper.



Information about Christmas Lunch will be sent home next week.

Upcoming Sporting Events

Sporting opportunities are continuing all the way up to the end of term! Here is what is coming up:

- * Wednesday 11th December: Christmas themed Multi-skills at LMC
- * Tuesday 17th December: Disney Active Literacy and Multiskills at LMC

Children will receive a letter if they have been selected to participate in these events

Friends of Lancaster Christ Church



Wednesday 11th December 2024

Doors open 5:45pm for 6pm start.

Entry £1 (includes a hot drink / juice and biscuits)

Limited numbers – tickets on sale from office from Monday 2nd December

All entries (including school age children) on the night must have a ticket

Bingo books will be on sale on the night.



Friends of Lancaster Christ Church

Christmas Disco

Tuesday 17th December 2024

FS/KS1: 5.30 - 6.30pm / KS2: 6.45 - 7.45pm

Only £3 per child!

Refreshments available to purchased on the night.

Parents are welcome to stay (staffroom available for parent refreshments), or to collect their child at the end.

Please note that **all** children must be collected by an adult at the end of the disco. Children in KS2 will not be permitted to walk home without an adult.



Glow Dodgeball at Lancaster University

On Thursday, a group of our Year 4 children were invited to participate in a 'Glow Dodgeball' event at Lancaster University. The children donned glowsticks and florescent face paint to play dodgeball for the duration of a pop song against a range of other teams. The children demonstrated fantastic

sportsperson-ship and honesty and were a credit to the school.

Well done everyone!



We are *living our vision!*

Work of the week:

Congratulations to the children whose work was celebrated this week:

Rec: Romeo: Understanding the World

Y1: George: Maths

Y2: Tommy-Lee: Science

Y3: Adam: History

Y4: Evelyne: RE

Y5: Keaton: Art

Y6: Erin: Maths

Peer awards:

The following children were recognised by their peers this week:

Max (Y1), Willow (Y1)

Achievements out of school:

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

David (Y2): Swimming award

Ivy—Ann (Y3): Gymnastics award

Rose (Y3): Swimming award

Lucas (Y3): Swimming award

Reggie (Y4): Gymnastics award

Elysia (Y5): Swimming award

Oliver H (Y5): Swimming awards

Tia (Y6): Dance awards

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

Congratulations!

The following children have been celebrated in assembly this week:

Reception: All of Reception

Year 1: All of Year 1

Year 2: All of Year 2 Seb D-M

Year 3: Joseph Elysia

Year 4: Billie-Jean Nancy

Year 5: Summer Rory

Year 6: Ruben Holly

House Team of the Week

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

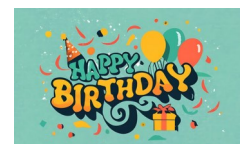
Gregson

Congratulations!

Reminder re. Breakfast Club

Could all parents please ensure that children arriving for Breakfast Club are escorted to the hall door and handed over to a member of school staff. Thank you.

Lancaster Christ Church turns 150 years old!



Lancaster Christ Church are delighted to be working in collaboration with Dr Matt Cole, a local historian, to prepare for the celebration of Lancaster Christ Church school’s 150th birthday in January 2025.

If you, or any family members, have photographs or memorabilia associated with the school, we would be delighted to see them! Items can be emailed or dropped into the school office.



Key dates for your diary:

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

Monday 9th December 2024: Year 6 Carol Singing at Nazareth House

Monday 9th December 2024: Year 3 Christmas Dodgeball with Mr Wilcock

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th December: Advent Prayer Spaces

Wednesday 11th December 2024: Year 2 Christmas Multiskills @ LMC

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

Wednesday 11th December 2024: Friends Christmas Bingo

Thursday 12th December 2024: Year 4 Christmas Dodgeball with Mr Wilcock

Monday 16th December 2024: Reindeer Rush in support of St. John's Hospice

All children in PE kit please!

Tuesday 17th December 2024: KS2 Christmas Concert for Parents (9.30am)

Tuesday 17th December 2024: Year 3 / 4 Disney Active Literacy and Multiskills @ LMC

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Tuesday 17th December 2024: Friends Christmas Discos (5.30pm / 6.45pm)

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 Darkness to Light Service

Midweek services:



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

Christ Church, Wyresdale Road, LA1 3EA

Christmas Tree Festival

All trees sponsored and decorated by local community groups and businesses

6th December 12noon - 6pm
7th December 10am-4pm
8th December 12noon-4pm
Candlelit Advent Service at 4pm

Music Refreshments Free Admission

Funds raised will be shared with Lancaster and District Homeless Action Service

Facebook: @ChristChurchLancaster
01524 942105 or webmaster@christchurchlancaster.org.uk

Darkness to Light

Candlelit music, readings and prayers for Advent, concluding the Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday
8th December
4pm

Everyone welcome!

Christmas Memorial Service

Christ Church, Lancaster
Tuesday 10th December 2024
at 7.00 pm

Sunday 15th December
10.30am Toy Service
We'll be collecting new, and good-quality second hand toys for Morecambe Salvation Army to share with local families in need this Christmas. Please bring your gift to the service, or let Rev'd Carol know to arrange collection.

Join us for

Christingle

on Sunday 15th December
at 4pm

Sharing the light of Christ
and raising funds for the
Children's Society
this Christmas

Christmas Craft Sale

Saturday 14th December
9.30am-1pm
in the Church Hall
Festive Refreshments

Gifts, handbags, crafts
and craft-making
equipment

Tables available for £50
for other crafters
to share their wares
Contact Julie
01524 37229

Our Prayer for this week:
Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.
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. 01524 942105

Advent At Christ Church
A season of watching and waiting for
Christ, the Light of the World.



Sunday 1st December 4pm

Choral Evensong for Advent

Friday 6th 12noon- 6pm
Saturday 7th 10am-4pm
Sunday 12noon-4pm

Christ Church
Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 8th December 4pm

Darkness to Light Service,
candlelit among the trees.

Tuesday 10th December 7pm

Memorial Service to remember loved ones
at Christmas

Sunday 15th December 4pm

Christingle Service
for all the family

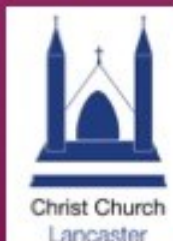
Sunday 22nd December 4pm

Christmas Carol Service.

Join us for the Advent Study Group in the Hall every Sunday
after the 10.30am Eucharist from Sunday 1st December, looking
at John Bell's book, Life in the Comma

Please pick up a leaflet or borrow a book from church for some
food for thought and prayer during the Advent season

Why not consider a reverse Advent Calendar?
Set aside one tin/packet of food for the
Olive Branch Foodbank every week or every day.



Christmas
Memorial Service

Christ Church, Lancaster

Tuesday 10th December 2024
at 7.00 pm





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Every Christmas, Christ Church Lancaster supports the work of the Children's Society by holding a Christingle service, and collecting money to help make a difference to the lives of children and young people in the UK.

In the next few days, your child may bring home a collection candle for donations to the work of the Children's Society. More information about the work of this national charity (including how to give online) is given below.

Please return the collection candle to school by the 16th December, or you can bring it to the Christ Church Christingle Service on the 15th December at 4pm, where we will share the light of Christ in a beautiful family service.

"It was really hard to find the courage to ask for help. But The Children's Society took so much pressure off. The bad feelings disappeared."

Naomi



Thank you so much for Christingling to support children like Naomi.

The funds you raise through your Christingle make such a huge difference to the lives of so many young people in this country.

Thanks to incredible people like you, together, we can protect every childhood.



The Children's Society

What is a **Christingle?**

Christingle is a joyful celebration that brings families and communities together to have fun, share the light of Jesus, and spread a message of hope.

Christingle was originally started by the Moravian Church, and in 1968, John Pensom of The Children's Society held a Christingle celebration in Lincoln Cathedral as a way of raising funds to help children and young people.

Since then, thousands more churches, schools, and communities across the country have joined the tradition and come together each year to sing, celebrate, and help the young people who need someone to be there for them.

Christingles are easy to make, and each element has a special meaning, helping to tell the Christian story:

- The orange represents the world.
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ.
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations.
- The lit candle represents Jesus' light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.

During the service, each person takes a Christingle and the candles are all lit to create a warm glow. This symbolises the light of Christ and bringing hope to people living in darkness. It's a really special moment and is usually one of the highlights of the celebration.

The money you raise through your Christingle makes a huge difference for young people – it means we can be here for them when they need us most. Visit christingle.org/donate today to give a gift.

Join us for



Christingle

A large, stylized illustration of a Christingle character. It has a round, orange-brown body with a red horizontal band around its middle. It has small, brown, twig-like arms and legs. A white crescent moon is positioned below its body, appearing to be part of its lower half.

*on Sunday 15th December
at 4pm*

*Sharing the light of Christ
and raising funds for the
Children's Society
this Christmas*





*Traditional Christmas
Carol Service*

Sunday 22nd December 4pm

Everyone welcome!





LANCASHIRE MUSIC SERVICE

Lancaster Music Centre Invites You To:

JINGLE AND MINGLE

With solo performances
from the children of
Christchurch Primary School

12- DEC - 2024

@ 6 PM

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annual Christmas concert. Join us for a
festive evening of music, fun and laughter.

Christchurch Primary School, Lancaster. LA1 3ES



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The 2nd Annual
Lancaster Area Schools
**Elizabeth Burns
Memorial
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Poetry Prize**

are you a poet?

Competition with Prizes for the Best Poems!

WRITE ABOUT JUSTICE, PEACE OR HISTORY

Open to the following age categories 4-7, 8-11 & 12-18

Entries through your school teacher using a word document to
info@litfest.org or by post to 60 Windermere Road Lancaster LA1 3EZ

Please state your age and use the subject heading/mark envelope:

'Elizabeth Burns Memorial Children's Poetry Prize'

Home schooled children can enter through their parent/guardian

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