



Christ Church of England Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter

Have Faith...

INSET Day reminder...

Just a reminder that school will be closed to all children on **Friday 6th December** for INSET training.



Friends of Lancaster Christ Church

Non-Uniform Day

Huge thanks for all the chocolate that has been donated today in exchange for non-uniform.

This will be used by the Friends to create hampers for the Christmas Bingo.

Donations of tombola or raffle prizes for this event are also very welcome! Please hand in to the school office.



School Worship

Our Christian Value this half term is



Patience

“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him...”

Psalm 37:7

This week we have begun our journey into Advent by adding the first symbols to our Jesse tree.

A Jesse Tree is a way of preparing for advent by journeying through the stories on Jesus' family tree.

Each day, we will read a Bible story and hang an ornament onto the tree which symbolises the story.

As we decorate the tree, we will see how God prepared for Jesus' birth through many generations.

This week, our focus has been 'Beginnings'. We have added an apple, rainbow, star and a ladder to the tree, representing Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, and Jacob.

Our focus next week is 'Keeping Faith'.



Friends of Lancaster Christ Church Christmas Toy Appeal

Huge thanks to everyone who has been able to support the Christmas Toy Appeal which our school Friends have run on behalf of Family Action.

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity and support of our school community.



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.



Visit from Lancaster Confucius Institute

On Tuesday 19th November, Year 4 were delighted to welcome Dr Guangqiong Li and Yiwen Chen from Lancaster University Confucius Institute for a workshop which focused on Chinese culture. The children enjoyed learning some greetings and practicing these on each other, as well as finding out about the significance of the dragon in Chinese tradition.

Huge thanks to the Confucius Institute for their visit, which you can read more about in the article [here](#).



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.*



Reminder re. Breakfast Club



For safety reasons, 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.

Candles for the Children's Society

Children have today brought home their cardboard candle which can be used to collect coins to support the work of The Children's Society.

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

We are *living our vision!*

Work of the week:

Congratulations to the children whose work was celebrated this week:

Rec: **Harper:** Writing

Y1: **Ada S:** English

Y2: **Nancy:** Maths

Y3: **Delilah:** Maths

Y4: **Ronnie:** Geography

Y5: **Katy:** Art

Y6: **Holly:** Maths

Peer awards:

The following children were recognised by their peers this week:

Lily (Y4), Elle (Y1), Amelia (Y1), Olive (Y4), Anaamta (Y4), Reggie (Y4), Aziz (Y4), Summer (Y5), Rocco (Rec), Ada (Rec), Bella Y (Y1), Alfie (Y1), Carlton (Rec), Romeo (Rec), Rose (Y3), Kai (Y2)

Achievements out of school:

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

Dotty (Y1): Dance trophy

Hughie (Y2): Football trophy

Nina (Y2): Dance award

Clara: (Y2): Football trophy

Ellie (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

Reading congratulations...



Congratulations to Iona and Alexa (Y6) who have each read 30 comprehension books. Well done!

Congratulations!

The following children have been celebrated in assembly this week:

Reception: Emily Isaac-James

Year 1: Bella C Veronica

Year 2: Thomas Harley

Year 3: Ruairi Ivy-Ann

Year 4: Lily Rowan

Year 5: Edward Peggy

Year 6: Stephanie Scarlett

House Team of the Week

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

Bartlett

Congratulations!

Year 3 /4 Girls Futsal League

Congratulations once again to our Year 3 / 4 Girls Futsal team who represented school brilliantly at the taster league yesterday. We are very proud of you!

Ten Pin Bowling Competition

On Monday, we were delighted to have 2 teams representing our school at the Ten-Pin Bowling competition at Soul Bowl in Morecambe. The children played really well, each coming away with a participatory medal. Noah was also awarded a medal for achieving the highest number of half strikes. Well done!





Key dates for your diary:

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

Tuesday 3rd December 2024: FS / KS1 Nativity (6pm)

Wednesday 4th December 2024: FS / KS1 Nativity (2pm / 6pm)

Friday 6th December 2024: INSET Day

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

Wednesday 11th December 2024: Friends Christmas Bingo

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

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

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)

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.

FRIENDS OF MISS WHALLEY'S FIELD

News Update-November 2024

- Initial work on the new orchard at the bottom of the Field has been completed. This involved planting fruit trees such as pear, peach, cob nut and damson. A large amount of limestone has been added to rectify the acidic nature of the soil, and help drain the area.

Many volunteer hours were spent on the hard and difficult job of removing weeds such as brambles, nettles and docks. The work will now focus on continuing to clear the weeds and mulching the new trees.

If you would like to help, contact ben@cmeas.com

- In mid November our volunteers planted native bluebells, wood anemones plus narcissus bulbs in and around Jean Argles wood.
- Key proposed work for the next 6 – 12 months include:
 - Improving the children's den at the bottom of the Field by lowering the height of the willow and planting other climbing species
 - Coppicing the main willow area and using the chippings to mulch the fruit trees
 - Potentially adding more fruit trees to the upper millennium orchard
 - Installing a stone bench near the Memorial
 - Consider locations for bat/bird boxes.

For more information go to misswhalleysfield.org.uk

Email fmwfcontact@gmail.com

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 Advent Evensong

Midweek services:



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

Christ Church, Wyresdale Road 


Sunday 1st December

Choral Evensong for Advent

4pm

Everyone warmly welcome
for a reflective service;
watching and waiting
for Christ the Light of the World
in prayer and music.






Darkness to Light

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

Sunday
8th December
4pm

Everyone welcome!



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 Centre*

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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.

Our Prayer for this week:

Almighty God, as your kingdom
dawns, turn us from the darkness
of sin to the light of holiness, that
we may be ready to meet you in
our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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 £10
for other crafters
to share their wares

Contact Julie
01524 37229



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

WATER FOR GAZA

**A MUSICAL
MEDITATION
ON PEACE**

"A Fundraiser for the Solar Powered Well in Central Gaza"

Maja Bugge - Cello

Mina Salama - Oud and Nay

Pete Moser - Accordion, piano and flugelhorn

Jenna Mornas - Voice

FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER

6pm

at Christ Church Lancaster

Wyresdale Road LA1 3EA

Tickets £10
(or pay as you feel)
from Trybooking:



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.



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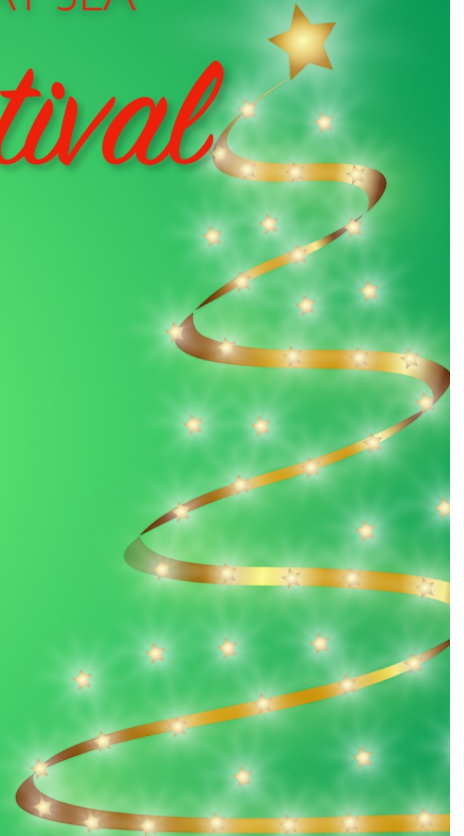
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Christingle

A large, stylized illustration of a Christingle. It is a round orange fruit with a red horizontal band around its middle. Several wooden sticks are inserted into the top and sides, with small, round, light-colored items (possibly nuts or berries) attached to the ends. The fruit is set against a white, curved, crescent-like shape that forms the bottom of the word "Christingle".

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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.

CHRISTMAS

FESTIVE 4K FUN RUN

WE ARE JOINING!



£7 online
£10 on the day

Enter at
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FRI 27 DECEMBER

STARTS 11AM

VENUE Lancaster & Morecambe Club House
Salt Ayre Leisure Centre, Lancaster, LA1 5JS