



# Christ Church Church of England Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter

Have Faith...

### Parent Governor Vacancy

From November 2024, Lancaster Christ Church will have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on their Governing Board as one of the current Parent Governors terms of office will come to an end.

Notice of Election and Nomination Forms were emailed out to all parents before half term.

The closing date for nominations is:

**12 noon on Monday 4th November 2024**

### Participant needed

Katie Alcock and Ellie Conran, Researchers from Lancaster University will be visiting Lancaster Christ Church on the 12th and 14th November to undertake research on how children learn about other people's thoughts and are seeking participants.

They will be available to discuss their research further on Wednesday 6th November from 3.30pm - 6pm, in the Shared area between the Reception and KS1 classrooms.

See attached flyer for more information, as well as a QR code which can be used to sign your child up to take part.

### Autumn term Parents Meetings

**Tuesday 5th November** (3.30pm - 7pm) and

**Wednesday 6th November** (3.30pm - 5pm)

Parents Meeting appointments are via the following link:

<https://christchurchlancaster.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

*Please note that appointments will be held in person at school.*

If you have any difficulties in accessing the link or making your booking, please call Miss Fish in the school office, who will be happy to assist.

### School Worship

Our theme for Worship this half term is



#### Patience

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

**Psalm 37:7**

This week, our focus was 'Having patience with ourselves.' We thought about times that we can be lacking in patience, and how this could make us feel angry or frustrated. We considered how we might react if we feel angry, and how it is important that during such time, we consider our school expectations to Take care of ourselves, Take care of each other and Take care of our school.

On Wednesday, Rev'd Carol shared one of Aesop's fables with us about a crow who demonstrated patience and perseverance in trying to reach water from a jug, reminding us that it is always possible to turn an 'I can't' into an 'I can'!

On Thursday, Mr Maunder led our school worship, which was all about solving problems and how we must have patience with ourselves when we encounter these. Mr Maunder revisited the story of David and Goliath, focusing particularly on David's frustration that the armour he was given was too big and heavy for him, but rather than getting angry, David thought of a solution and managed to defeat Goliath.



### Parking on Dalton and Derwent Roads

Please park responsibly in the streets around school, taking note of the measures that are in place to keep the children safe.

**Parking on double yellow lines puts the safety of our children at risk.**



### 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.

### Zumba Day

We are looking forward to welcoming Jess into school on **Friday 8th November** for a whole school **Zumba Day**. Please send your child in PE kit, regardless of whether they would usually have PE on a Friday.

Thank you!

### Children in Need

Our School Council would like to support Children in Need on **Friday 15th November** with dress up day: spots, stripes, bright colours or PJs in exchange for a £1 donation. Pudsey biscuits will also be on sale at breaktime priced at £1.



### Friends of Lancaster Christ Church

## CHRISTMAS



**Wednesday 11th November 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 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.



### Friends of Lancaster Christ Church Christmas Toy Appeal

The Friends of Lancaster Christ Church are proud to be supporting Family Action with their annual toy appeal.

*“The Toy appeal aims to make Christmas magic for the children and young people, by providing them with a gift they may otherwise not have had.*

*For many of us, Christmas is a magical time. However, for many of the families they support, it can often cause added stress and difficulty. Family and financial pressures, coinciding with a national cost-of-living crisis, means that many of the families they support are struggling. By supporting their Toy Appeal we can make a difference.”*

A tree with tags requesting gifts for children of different ages will be outside the school office from Monday.

All support is greatly appreciated.

## Gregson Festival Group

A message from The Gregson Festival Group:

### **Remember, Remember the 5th November!**

*It's getting to that magical time of year and once again the [Gregson Festival Group \(G.F.G.\)](#) are gearing up for the community Bonfire & Firework display on Miss Whalley's Field. See attached poster for event timings.*

### **BUT this community led event NEEDS YOU!**

*Did you know the event is only possible because of volunteers?*

*The Gregson Festival Group is a sub-group of The Gregson charity and runs with 6 main volunteers who work year round.*

**GFG URGENTLY NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS YEAR'S EVENT ON Tuesday 5th November - as below:-**

#### **Set up volunteers:**

*Help build the bonfire and prepare the site. Support is needed from **12pm on the 5<sup>th</sup> November**, and you'll be guided by Paul – the event lead.*

#### **Stewards:**

*Stewarding the parade and being on site for the firework and bonfire is really fun! You'll get a full safety briefing from the event organisers and be needed from **5:45pm - 7.30pm on the 5<sup>th</sup> November**.*

#### **Clear up:**

*An equally important job so everyone can continue to enjoy Miss Whalley's Field safely after the event. You'll need to be available on **Wednesday the 6th November**.*

**TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE EMAIL  
PAUL: [gregsonfestivalgroup@aol.com](mailto:gregsonfestivalgroup@aol.com)**

See attached flyer for further details

## **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.**



## **PE Days: Autumn term 2 2024**

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

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

**Year 4:** Mon & Thursday **Year 5:** Wed & Friday

**Year 6:** Tuesday & Wednesday (swimming)

**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;

Trainers or pumps.

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



### **After School Clubs**

The following clubs begin next week and will run until the second to last week of term:

Places should be booked directly using Parent Pay.

**Monday (3.15pm - 4.15pm):** Girls Football with Miss Fish: Years Rec - 2: (max 20 children) *Please complete Google form sent via email to enable your child to take part.*

**Tuesday (3.15pm - 4.15pm):** Girls Football with Miss Fish: Years 3 - 6: (max 20 children) *Please complete Google form sent via email to enable your child to take part.*

**Wednesday (3.15pm - 4.15pm):** Dance with Miss Helen: £24. Years 1 - 6 (max 20 children)

**Thursday (3.15 - 4.15pm):** Christmas Craft with Mrs Morrell & Miss Simpson: £24. Years 5 & 6 (max 15 children)

**Friday (3.15pm - 4.15pm):** Multi Sports with Harry Michael Cartmell. £24. Years 3 - 6 (max 16 children).

**Football** is continuing to run on a **Wednesday** with Dan Lofthouse. Places can be booked directly.

*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.*

We are *living our vision!*

**Work of the week:**

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

Rec: **Rosa**: Writing

Y1: **Eva**: English

Y2: **Ewan**: English

Y3: **Brigid**: Maths

Y4: **Anaamta**

Y5: **Arya**: French

Y6: **Eadie**: English

**Peer awards:**

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

**Carlton** (Rec), **Gavin** (Rec), **Sophia** (Rec), **Winnie** (Rec), **Andy** (Y1), **Kai** (Y2), **Archie** (Y3), **Neve** (Y3), **Matthew** (Y3), **Elsie** (Y3), **Isla** (Y4), **Olive** (Y4), **Isabelle** (Y4), **Laurie** (Y5), **Freddie** (Y5), **Arya** (Y5), **Isabelle** (Y5), **Peggy** (Y5), **Evelyn** (Y6)

**Achievements out of school:**

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

**Ada** (Rec): **Cheerleading award**

**George** (Y1): **Football award**

**Maisie** (Y1): **Swimming awards**

**Hannah** (Y1): **Beavers award**

**Nancy-May** (Y2): **Swimming award**

**Ivie** (Y2): **Swimming award**

**Adrian** (Y3): **Swimming award**

**Elif** (Y3): **Dance awards**

**Lottie** (Y3): **Dance awards**

**Isla** (Y4): **Cheerleading award**

**Reggie** (Y4): **Gymnastics award**

**Louisa** (Y6): **Dance awards**

**Tia** (Y6): **Dance award**

*"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:** Leighton Romeo

**Year 1:** Bella Y Amelia

**Year 2:** Emiline Finn

**Year 3:** Matthew Jacob

**Year 4:** Mark Evelyn

**Year 5:** Sullivan All of Year 5

**Year 6:** Alex Sonny

**House Team of the Week**

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

**Garbett**

*Congratulations!*

**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to:

Leo, Reham, Jack, Isobel, Isla & Anaamta  
in Year 3

for achieving their pen licences this week.

We are very proud of you all!

**Choir by Candlelight**

On Friday 29th November 2024, Mrs Patterson will be performing at Blackpool Winter Gardens in 'A Choir by Candlelight', in support of North West Air Ambulance.

All are welcome to attend!

See attached flyer for further details.



## Key dates for your diary:

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

**Tuesday 5th November 2024:** Year 2 visit to Lancaster Castle

**Tuesday 5th / Wednesday 6th November 2024:** Parents Evenings (3.30pm - 7pm / 3.30pm - 5pm)

**Friday 8th November 2024:** Whole school Zumba day (**All children in PE kit please!**)

**Monday 11th November 2024:** Year 6 to Miss Whalley's Field for Service of Remembrance

**Tuesday 19th November 2024:** National Younger Leadership Group session 1

*(Children will receive a letter if they have been selected to take part in this activity)*

**Thursday 21st November 2024:** Girls Futsal League at LMC

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

**Thursday 28th November 2024:** Reindeer Rush Assembly led by St. John's Hospice

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**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

**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)*

# 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 Festal Eucharist with *Children's Church*  
6pm Taize Eucharist for All Souls



### Midweek services:

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

**Confirmation Classes** for Year Six continue this week during Tuesday lunchtimes.

We pray for the children as they prepare for their Confirmation, a special occasion where we welcome the Bishop to confer the gift of God's Holy Spirit into our lives, and where we confirm our choice to follow Christ in the journey ahead.

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: **17th November**



Everyone welcome

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



Sunday 3rd  
November

10.30am Festal Eucharist  
for All Saints

*Giving thanks for people who have shown God's love in their lives*

6pm Taize Eucharist  
for All Souls

*Giving thanks for those who have died and now know the glory of heaven.*

Everyone Welcome



Sunday 10th  
November

10.30am  
Remembrance  
Service

*To remember all killed in war and to pray for peace.*

Everyone  
Welcome!

For enquiries about Christenings, Weddings and Funerals; and for pastoral and faith support, please contact:

Rev'd Carol Backhouse Vicar, Christ Church, Lancaster  
01524 942105 [revcarolbackhouse@gmail.com](mailto:revcarolbackhouse@gmail.com)

### Our Prayer for this week:

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Community Act of Remembrance

*At the Memorial Stone in Miss Whalley's Field Derwent Road, Lancaster*

Monday 11th November  
Gathering at 10.45am  
With a 2 minute silence at 11am.





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# Freehold & Ridge Community

## Bonfire & Fireworks

Tuesday 5th November 2024

Lantern procession leaves the Gregson at  
6:15pm

Bonfire lighting approx 6:30pm on Miss  
Whalleys Field

**This event is only possible thanks to our volunteers,  
event organisers, support from grant organisations and  
your kind donations.**

**To support this event you can make a donation  
on the night in one of the collection buckets,,  
in the collection tub located in the Corner Shop  
or by scanning the QR code in the bottom left corner**

**For health and safety reasons please DO NOT  
bring personal fireworks including sparklers to  
this event. WELLINGTONS ARE ADVISED!**



Organised by the Gregson Festival Group (G.F.G)

**3R FOUNDATION**



# How do children learn about other people's thoughts?

**Research team from Lancaster University**

**We (Katie Alcock and Ellie Conran)** are coming to Christ Church to talk to parents about how children learn these skills and to see how your own children are developing in this area.

We will be:

Outside the Reception/Years 1 and 2 classroom during the Parents Evening (6th Nov).

In class with children, where parents have given permission, on either 12th or 14th Nov.

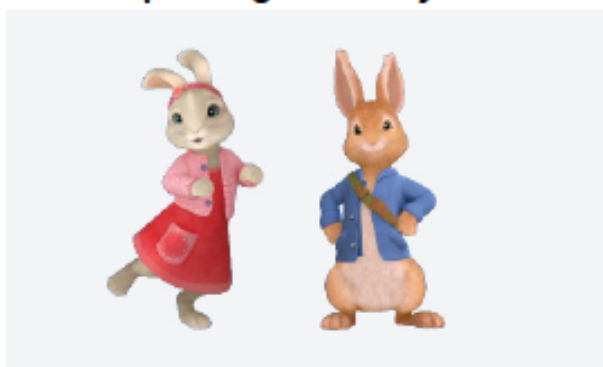
## What does it involve?

**Your child** – you give permission for your child to take part and we spend between 5 and 15 minutes reading some stories or playing some games.

**You** – we ask you to fill in some questionnaires about your child and about their skills in understanding other people's thoughts.

**A demo** – we'll be showing you the games we'll do or the stories we use, at the parents' evening on 6th Nov.

**With special guests: Lily and Peter!**



Scan here to give permission for your child to take part



Scan here for your part - we need your answers too!

LOCAL VOCALS PROUDLY PRESENT

# A CHOIR BY

# *Candlelight*

IN SUPPORT OF



Experience captivating music from Local Vocals accompanied by string quartet & live band.

**29.11.2024 | 7:30PM**

**THE EMPRESS BALLROOM @  
BLACKPOOL WINTER GARDENS**



TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM  
[WWW.WINTERGARDENSBLACKPOOL.CO.UK](http://WWW.WINTERGARDENSBLACKPOOL.CO.UK)

