



Have Faith... In yourself... In others... In God.

Dance Showcase

Huge thanks to all who were able to join us for our annual Dance Showcase on Friday afternoon. What a way to end the half term!



The children did a fantastic job of performing their dances, providing the audience with a wonderful whistle-stop tour through the Musicals.

Massive thanks, as always, go to Miss Helen, for providing our children with such a brilliant dance experience. We are already looking forward to next year!

If you were unable to attend, a video of the showcase is available to view in school.



bCyberwise Workshops

On **Friday 6th March 2026**, Lancaster Christ Church are

delighted to be welcoming Corman Life Education to run their **bCyberwise Workshops** for **Years 4, 5 & 6**.

The workshops help children to identify some of benefits and risks associated with internet use and will explore:

- * Understand the basic rules of safe online sharing.
- * Describe the characteristics of positive interpersonal relationships.
- * Describe safe and respectful behaviours when using communication technology.
- * Identify responsible, self-protective, assertive techniques to respond to unsafe or disrespectful online and offline situations.
- * Identify strategies for keeping personal information safe online.
- * Demonstrate strategies to deal with both face-to-face and online bullying.

Parents are very welcome to attend a **parent session** to find out more between **8.50am - 9.05am** on **Friday 6th March 2026**.



School Worship



This half term, our Collective Worship will focus on the value of **Courage**:

“Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go”

Joshua 1:9

Our theme this week was “Having the courage to admit your mistakes.”

On Monday, we revisited the story of Jonah, who tried to run away from God’s command to go to Nineveh, which led to a violent storm that threatened the lives of



his shipmates. Jonah showed courage in admitting that the storm was being caused by him, and told his shipmates to throw him overboard in order to save them.



On Wednesday, Innes led our Worship, which was all about Zacchaeus; a dishonest tax collector who, after meeting Jesus, publicly admitted his wrongdoings and vowed to pay back four times the amount that he had cheated from others.

Our value next half term is: **Forgiveness**



World Book Day

School will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March 2026**.

Children are invited to ‘snuggle down with a book’ by wearing something comfy on the day - Pyjamas are perfectly acceptable!

World Book Day costumes are also welcome!

There is no charge for participation.

We are *living our vision!*

Achievements out of school:

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

David (Y3): Swimming award

We are so proud of you all!

Luke 1:37



Lancaster Small Schools Football Competition

On Wednesday afternoon, our Year 4 boys competed in the Lancaster Small Schools Football Competition, hosted by Moorside Primary School. Playing in thick mud, the boys faced the eventual competition winners first, losing 2-0! However once they'd warmed up, they won all but one of their subsequent matches, scoring 16 goals in total!

The team, who finished 3rd overall, sported huge smiles and were covered in mud, but are already looking forward to the next match!

Fantastic teamwork everyone!



Online Safety Support

Lancaster Christ Church are proud to be partnering with Knowsley City Learning Centres to develop our Online Safety support and awareness offer to parents and carers.

Every month, we will share an Online Safety Newsletter, which provides relevant, up to date information around a range of online safety issues. The newsletter, along with other useful links, will be available to access via the school website:

[Online Safety: Information for Parents and Carers | Lancaster Christ Church CofE Primary School](https://christchurchlancaster.schoolcloud.co.uk/)



Spring Term Parents Evenings

3.30pm - 5pm: Tuesday 24th March
(Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6)

3.30pm - 7pm: Wednesday 25th March (all years)

3.30pm - 5pm: Thursday 26th March (Year 5)

Appointments can be booked from 12 noon on Monday 16th March using the School Cloud App:

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



Drawing Club

Our KS2 Drawing Club would like to invite all children to get involved in supporting a young girl who is currently receiving treatment for cancer to break a UK record.

To mark her 8th birthday on 3rd March, Amelia Kolpa from Rowley Regis, is hoping to break the record for the most birthday cards received in the UK by hitting the 8,000 cards mark.

Our Drawing Club would like to encourage all children to make a card for Amelia over half term (no bigger than A4 sized), and bring it into school on Monday 23rd February so that it can be posted off to Amelia.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Year 6 Athletics Qualifier at LMC

Last Friday, our Year 6 Athletics team took part in the second part of the Athletics Qualifier, competing against 4 other schools. The children ran, jumped and threw with enthusiasm, working well as a team.



Key dates for your diary:

[Term dates](#) for the 2025 - 2026 academic year are available to view on our school website

Monday 23rd February 2026: School reopens

Tuesday 3rd March 2026: Choir Church Festival @ Blackburn Cathedral

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

Tuesday 24th March 2026: 3.30pm - 5pm: Parents Evening (Rec, Years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6)

Wednesday 25th March 2026: 3.30pm - 7pm: Parents Evening (all year groups)

Thursday 26th March 2026: 3.30pm - 5pm: Parents Evening (Year 5)

Friday 27th March 2026: School closes for Easter

Monday 13th April 2026: School reopens

Monday 4th May 2026: May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 7th May 2026: INSET day

Friday 22nd May 2026: School closes for 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 All Together Eucharist
6pm Evening Prayer



Midweek services:

Wednesday 5.30pm Meditation and
6pm Evening Prayer
Friday 9.30am Eucharist

Christ Church, Lancaster

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Bible stories, prayer, faith, and fun for primary-age children!

MEETING DURING THE 10.30AM SERVICE SUNDAYS IN TERM-TIME

[MORE INFO](#)

Please contact Ines (Children's Ministry Leader) 07855 79776 children@christchurchlancaster.org.uk

Table Top Sale

Saturday 28 February
2-4pm

What's a table top sale?
"Like a car boot sale, but you don't have to get up so early in the day to get good stuff, and it's held inside in the hall not out in the cold weather!"

Come and search for bargains!
Suggested entry donation 50p*

Fancy a clear out and a bit of money?
Hire a table for £10*, sell your stuff & keep your earnings. Contact tbl@christchurchlancaster.org.uk / 0741 921 1461

*Raising funds for the church's chimney tops & spires appeal

Christ Church, Wyresdale Road
Lancaster, LA1 3EA

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE

LITTLE SEEDLINGS

A stay and play baby and toddler group
9-10.30am every Tuesday

CHRIST CHURCH HALL, WYRESDALE RD, LANCASTER LA1 3EA

9-10AM STAY AND PLAY
10-10.30AM SINGING, SNACKS AND STORIES.
No cast, but donations welcome

ALL ARE WELCOME!
A warm, welcoming inclusive space with proper coffee and chat for grown ups.

Free and wheelchair accessible with changing facilities.
[CHRISTCHURCHLANCASTER.ORG.UK](http://christchurchlancaster.org.uk)
FOR MORE DETAILS, CONTACT REV'D CAROL BACKHOUSE

DROP-IN LUNCH

12-1PM

JOIN US FOR A SIMPLE HOME-MADE MEAL ON SUNDAY

8th February

IN CHRIST CHURCH HALL, LA1 3EA

EVERYONE WELCOME
PAY AS YOU FEEL

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

CHINESE NEW YEAR BANQUET

17TH FEBRUARY, 6PM

TICKETS: £10 adult / £5 child

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE CHIMNEY TOPS AND SPIRES APPEAL

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS AVAILABLE
PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCES WHEN YOU BUY YOUR TICKET

CHRIST CHURCH, LANCASTER, WYRESDALE ROAD, LANCASTER, LA1 3EA

Tickets available from carol@christchurchlancaster.org.uk or at the door of church

Lift Your Voice in Praise

Share the Gift of Song and Fellowship

Join Our Church Choir:
Christ Church, Lancaster

Contact Graham Toft - Director of Music

Rehearsals: Thursdays 7.00-8.15pm
Fun, Fellowship, and Celebration
grahamtoft1@aol.com or call 07411 761877

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. 07857 449724

Our Prayer for this week:
Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Here is everything that is coming up at the Dukes! Click on the title of events to learn more/book tickets.

THE DAY THE EARTH BLEW UP: A LOONEY TUNES MOVIE

Fri 13 - Thu 19 February | Dir: Peter Browngardt | With: Eric Bauza | Language: English | 90min | Ages 8+ | £7
That's not all folks! Porky Pig and Daffy Duck, one of the greatest comedic duos in history, are making their hilarious return to the big screen in the first-ever fully animated Looney Tunes feature film created for a cinemagoing audience.

STORYTELLING + CRAFTS

Join us for a series of craft sessions inspired by classic stories by Julia Donaldson.

THE SNAIL & THE WHALE

Workshop | Wed 18 February | 11:15am - 12:15pm | Ages 4-11 | FREE

Perfect for little adventurers who will create their own Snail and the Whale crafts, using a variety of fun materials to spark their imagination and then experience the story in our Dukes Den, followed by fun drama games.

ZOG

Workshop | Fri 20 February | 11:15am - 12:15pm | Ages 4-11 | FREE

Perfect for young dragon enthusiasts, who will create their own Zog crafts, using a variety of fun materials to spark their imagination and then experience the story in our Dukes Den, followed by fun drama games.

DRAMA WORKSHOP

Workshop | Wed 18 & Fri 20 February | 12:45pm - 1:45pm | Ages 4-11 | FREE

After you've finished your crafts, stick around for our family-friendly drama workshops and take part in some theatrical fun here at The Dukes also centred around the imaginative stories by Julia Donaldson, Zog and The Snail and the Whale.

This is your chance to get a taste of our popular Young Company, where members develop new performance, confidence, teamwork and communication skills.

PLAY IN A DAY

Workshop | Mon 16 - Wed 18 February | 10:00am - 4:00pm | Ages 6-12 | £85

Looking for something creative to do during February half term? Love our popular Summer School or Play in a day? Then join our Play in 3 days! Children aged 6-12 will take part in creative rehearsal sessions alongside games and improvisation, all led by a skilled practitioner.

COSTUME MAKING FOR WORLD BOOK DAY

Workshop | Thu 19 February | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Ages 6+ | Pay What You Decide, starting from £3

Celebrate World Book Day with a special D.I.Y costume making workshop led by the talented Laura O'Connor, our very own costume maker for our Play in the Park and Christmas shows! This workshop is the perfect way for kids to bring their favourite book characters to life while honing their creativity.

OLDER SIBLINGS? WAR OF THE WORLDS

Theatre | Wed 18 - Sat 21 February | 2:00pm & 7:30pm | Ages 14+ | Guardian + Child Ticket £35

Four performers enter the stage and construct an epic road movie before our eyes. In the wake of an apocalyptic alien invasion, lines of Brits scabble to flee across the channel while their cities lie in ruins.



dukeslancaster.org | 01524 598500 | tickets@dukeslancaster.org

Online Safety Newsletter

February 2026

CBeebies Parenting and Apps

CBeebies Parenting is full of useful information from creative activities, recipes and information about the CBeebies apps.

CBeebies apps are free to download with no in-app purchases. Their apps include:

- Playtime Island - Fun Games for Kids App. This app includes 40 free games.
- CBeebies Learn - Early Years Learning App. This app includes games and videos and is based on the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum.
- Get Creative - Open-ended Creative Activities App. This app is free and includes lots of drawing and painting activities.
- Storytime - Reading Stories App. This app includes interactive story books.

You can find out more here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/ceebies/parenting>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You

can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleycitylearningcentres.org.uk/february-2026-primary/>

Using AI to alter images

AI image generator and moderator tools are widely available and often used by children. Whilst these tools can be used for creative purposes, we need to ensure our children are aware of the appropriate way in which to use them and the circumstances when they should not be used, even if harm is not intended.

What are AI image generator and moderator tools?

It is when Artificial Intelligence is used to create or modify images, for example it could be used to swap faces, change expressions or for more sinister reasons, such as to remove clothes. These images are often very realistic and therefore difficult to see that they are fake.

Privacy concerns and consent

If your child is using these tools, they need to be aware of potential loss of privacy and the importance of consent. They should know that they should only use images of other people with consent.

What does my child need to know about using these tools?

- Children shouldn't use AI tools to manipulate images of school staff. Even if the child's intention is not malicious, children should not use AI tools to create or edit photos of teachers under any circumstances.
- Manipulation of images of friends or other children – if you are using images of other people, then consent **must** always be sought.
- The tools should not be used to create images that can embarrass or hurt others - this is a form of online bullying.
- Copyright issues – who owns the copyright? These images could be reused by others, which can affect their own digital footprint.

What should I do?

- Chat to your child if they are using these tools and ascertain the reason why. Ask them to show you the images that they have created.
- Check the age ratings of any apps/websites that your child is using and set up appropriate parental controls.
- Develop your child's digital literacy by teaching them to recognise online risks and to behave responsibly online

Further information

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-to-children-about-ai>
- <https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2025/02/18/understanding-image-consent-at-schools/>

TikTok

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok. TikTok is a social media platform for sharing and watching short video clips. If your child is using TikTok then make sure appropriate security / privacy settings are applied.

Account set up

It is important that your child enters their real date of birth as accounts are tailored by age e.g., Direct Messaging is disabled for accounts aged 13-15. In addition, advertisements are tailored by age. By default, accounts for people under 16 are set to private. You can read more about the other settings available, such as switching off comments and restricted mode here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings/privacy-and-safety-settings-for-users-under-age-18>

Family Pairing

Family Pairing allows you to link your own account to your child's account. You can then set controls such as restricted mode or tailor your child's 'For You' feed by selecting keywords that TikTok will use to filter out posts. You can find out more here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/account-and-user-safety/family-pairing>

What do I need to be aware of?

- **Inappropriate content and themes:** whilst against guidelines, explicit and inappropriate content can be found on this platform, for example nudity/sexual content and hate speech. Some of the songs available to lip sync to may contain inappropriate lyrics/themes.
- **Challenges:** We often see viral challenges on social media, some of which can be **risky/dangerous**. Sadly, there are reports that children have died whilst attempting online challenges. Children may not yet have developed the skills and ability to critically analyse that what they see online is not always safe for them to replicate.
- **Stranger contact:** chat to your child about how people may not be who they say they are when online.

Refresh your feed

You can refresh your "For You" feed to update the content recommended: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings/refresh-your-for-you-feed>

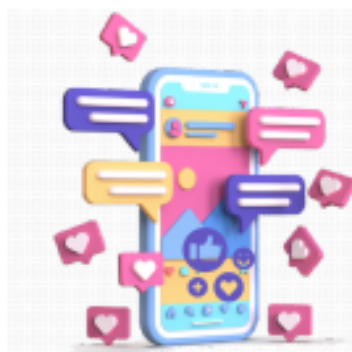
Blocking and Reporting

Show your child how to use the safety features available.

Further information

- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok>
- <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide>

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Balance screen time tips

Internet Matters have created simple tips to help you develop healthy online habits for your child. They also answer key questions such as "how much screentime is too much" and "is gaming bad for children." Access this information here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/creating-a-balanced-digital-diet-with-screen-time-tips>

7 Steps to Good Digital Parenting

The Family Online Safety Institute have created seven steps to assist you as a digital parent. Find out more here:

<https://fosi.org/program/7-steps-to-good-digital-parenting/>

Children's Commissioner launches new guide for parents and carers

The Children's Commissioner has released a new guide to help you in managing your child's digital life. The guide was written with direct involvement from children.

It includes advice on setting boundaries such as no devices in the bedroom and how to chat to your child. You can find the guide here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/blog/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-childrens-commissioner-launches-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

Friends of Miss Whalley's Field - Review April 2025 – April 2026

Work/Events Completed 2025

- Our AGM was held in April 2024.
- Around 50% of the main willow area was coppiced by the City Council and the chippings spread by volunteers. Native trees and bushes e.g. [yew](#) are already coming through but brambles and ivy remain a problem.
- The new fruit orchard at the bottom of the Field continues to be the major focus. Volunteers dug up rampant brambles, docks etc. The purchase of a professional strimmer has made the world of difference – a big thanks to Lancaster Green Spaces for the grant. We are now starting to win the battle! Several tons of limestone chippings were delivered and spread to improve drainage. Native plants e.g. marshmallow and yellow iris are being encouraged.
- Renovating the Kids Den continues. Rubbish has been removed and the willows trimmed. A grant from 3R allowed the purchase of climbing plants and mulch matting.
- Lancashire Youth Challenge installed a raised bed for fruit bushes.
- Continued to build a close working relationship with local Community groups:
 - Set up 2 stalls at the Grasmere Road festival to raise funds.
 - Supported the Gregson Festival Group in their annual bonfire/fireworks.
 - Worked with Christ Church and 4 local schools to hold a Remembrance Day service on the field and supported Christ Church's Apple Day.
- Continued to work closely with The City Council, who mow the field paths, playing areas and wildflower meadows as agreed.
- Work with The Gregson to align finances and improve governance.

Work/events planned for 2026/2027

- Continue our on-going maintenance, management and improvement of the Field e.g. agreeing the mowing regime with Lancaster City Council.
- AGM to be held.
- The Children's den requires more work to maintain and improve it.
- The new orchard will be the focus for work and needs continued volunteer effort as the new trees establish.
- A new small bog garden is to be considered adjacent to the new orchard.
- Complete the stone bench near the memorial. The noticeboard will be repositioned.
- Work with the Council to complete the coppicing of the main willow area.
- Increase maintenance of Jean Argles wood.
- Continue to work and liaise with the Gregson Centre and local community groups to deliver activities such as Remembrance Day, Christ Church Apple Day, Grasmere Rd Festival, Lancaster Green Spaces forums, wassailing and blossom celebrations.
- Update our Management/Maintenance Plan.
- Work towards succession planning by confirming new Committee members and regular volunteers.
- Update the interactive map on the web site.



Calling All Crafters: Make 2026 the year your sales soar!

CraftLocal is coming to **Lancaster & Morecambe**, giving local makers the opportunity to showcase their work directly to primary school communities across the area.

We're currently inviting **local crafters to be featured for free** under our **Early Bird Offer**, there's **no cost and no obligation**, just a chance to increase your visibility within your local community.

You can view a sample directory and see some makers already involved at:
www.craftlocal.co.uk

To be included, simply email hello@craftlocal.co.uk with:

- A photo of your work (JPG preferred)
- A short description of what you make
- A clickable link/URL for your website, online shop or social page

That's it! **No sign-up process required.**

Once received, we'll add you to the CraftLocal directory, which will be shared by local schools in the coming months.



CraftLocal: strengthening communities, supporting schools. Schools are not involved in sales or transactions.

Crafters Wanted



Get seen by your local
community for **FREE**
with our Early Bird Offer

APPLY TODAY

www.craftlocal.co.uk

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- * PHOTOGRAPHERS
- * CROCHET MAKES
- * CRICUT CRAFTS
- * TEACHERS THANK YOU'S
- * ART & CRAFT WORKSHOPS
- * and more!