



# Christ Church Church of England Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter

# — WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back! We have had a great first week back in school. It has been fantastic to see the children and we are really excited for a new school year!



### School Attendance and Punctuality

As a school, we are very proud of the overall good attendance and punctuality of our children, and would like to ensure that this continues throughout the new academic year.

Doors open at 8.45am, with **registers taken at 9am.**

*All children are expected to be in school for this time.*

If your child is going to be absent, please ensure that you call the office and leave a message, stating your child's name, year group and reason for absence.

If you required a Leave of Absence for your child, a form should be collected from the school office.

Please note that holidays in term time will not be authorised.

### PE Days: Autumn term 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.*



### School Worship

Our theme for Worship this half term is 

#### Self-Belief

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." **Philippians 4:13***

We have recapped on our key school expectations:

**Take care of yourself;**

**Take care of each other;**

**Take care of our school**

And will make a conscious effort to meet these expectations this academic year.



### Adult Education at LMC

Lancaster and Morecambe College are offering a range of adult learning courses this term including psychology, criminology and sociology.

Further information can be found on the attached flyer by calling 0800 306 306, or on the college website: [lmc.ac.uk](http://lmc.ac.uk).

### School milk

Milk is available to children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 via 'Cool Milk.'

Children under 5 can access milk free of charge, with the cost for children over 5 being around 25p per day.

Information regarding how to register for 'Cool Milk' can be found in the attached parental leaflet.



**Lancashire Music Centre are moving to Lancaster Christ Church C of E Primary School!**

From next Thursday, we are delighted to be welcoming Lancashire Music Centre to a new base at Lancaster Christ Church. To celebrate the move, they are offering children at Christ Church a **free** term's subscription worth £27.50! See information below for further details:

*Lancaster Music Centre, part of Lancashire Music Service, is really excited to be moving to Lancaster Christ Church primary school from next **Thursday, (12<sup>th</sup> September)**.*

*Lancaster Music Centre meets **every Thursday during term time from 3.40pm until 7pm**. We have a range of different ensembles which we would love your child to join.*

**Little Beatz** meets from **4.15pm until 5pm**.

*Our aim at Little Beatz is to immerse our youngest music makers in all forms of music through singing, movement, listening and exploration of instruments. This is run by myself, **Helen Bowden**.*

**Our string ensemble** meets from **5pm – 6pm**.

*It is run by **Maja Bugge** (who already delivers string lessons in school) and anyone who plays a string instrument is very welcome to attend.*

*We also have a **street band** which meets from **5pm – 6pm**.*

*No experience is necessary in the group. The ensemble is designed to work on rhythms and percussion during the first half hour, then we add in brass instruments for the last half hour. It can get a bit loud!*

*Street band is run by **Nick Reay** and **Adrian Boardman**.*

*We have a ukulele ensemble – **Cool Uke's**. **Nick Reay** runs the ensemble from **6pm – 6.45pm**.*

*Finally, we are very excited that we will also be starting a new **music technology ensemble** which will be lead by **Euan Smith**. Times have yet to be confirmed for the group, however I can assure you that the group will be very exciting with children given the opportunity to compose their own music at the computer.*

**A subscription to music centre usually costs £27.50 per term**. This allows children to access as little or as many groups as they wish so they could come at 4.15pm to Little Beatz and stay all the way through to 6.45pm for Cool Ukes for no extra cost. **However, as part of our move to Lancaster Christ Church, we would love to offer your child a terms free subscription so they can try out our centre.**

*If your child would like to attend, please could you drop me a message with which ensemble your child would like to attend along with their name so I can add their name to our registers. Once I receive this information, I will send you a registration form which will need filling in for safeguarding and GDPR purposes.*

*If you would like any more information about our ensembles, please do drop me a message – I will endeavour to respond to you as soon as possible.*

*On behalf of myself and all our music centre tutors, we are very much looking forward to working with your children and Lancaster Christ Church*

**Helen Bowden** (Head of Lancaster Music Centre )

07966 745033 / [helen.bowden@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:helen.bowden@lancashire.gov.uk)

### Friends of Miss Whalley's Field

A message from the Friends of Miss Whalley's Field:

*The recently planted fruit trees at the bottom of the field are now flourishing. We really need more volunteers at the moment to help prepare the area for more planting. This will involve weeding, digging, mulching, and adding limestone.*

*Ben is our enthusiastic lead on this project and is organising working parties over the next few weeks. If you would like to join in, please contact him on directly via:*



[Ben@cmear.com](mailto:Ben@cmear.com)

### Secondary School Open Evenings

A number of local secondary schools will be hosting Open Evening events for pupils in Year 5 & 6 in the coming weeks:

**Central Lancaster High School** are hosting an Open Evening on **Thursday 12th September 2024**, 6pm - 8pm.

More information is available via the [school website](#) or on the attached flyer.

**Dallam school** are hosting Open Evening on **19th and 26th September:**

*The community at Dallam are extending a warm welcome to Year 5 & 6 children and their parents/carers.*

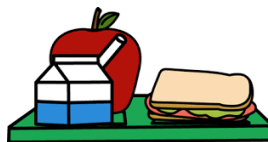
*Our school will be open for you to hear from our Headteacher, tour our classrooms, and speak with our staff and students about the exciting opportunities here at Dallam, including our fantastic state boarding options.*

*Please use this link to let us know which evening you'll be attending: <https://bit.ly/DallamOpenEve>*

### Important Safety Reminder

Parents and carers are kindly reminded that for health and safety reasons, children are **NOT** permitted to use the playground equipment before or after school. This includes the climbing ramp and traverse wall.

Please take note of the signage that is on the equipment and do not allow children to use.



### School lunches

For Key Stage 2 pupils (Year 3 to 6) who are not entitled to Free School Meals, school lunches must be paid for in advance using ParentPay at a cost of **£2.70** per day.

*This is an increase of 20p per meal on last academic year, which is reflective of increases in direct labour costs, food costs, fuel costs and transport costs.*

We endeavour to keep meal prices as low as possible, and are confident that this new charge still represents good value for money.

*If you think that you might be entitled to free school meals, please speak to Miss Fish in the school office.*

Our current menu is available on the school website, and whilst the kitchen endeavours to stick to the advertised options, occasionally changes or substitutions may be required.



### After School Clubs

The following clubs begin next week and will run for the first half of the Autumn term.

Places should be directly using Parent Pay.

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

**Friday (3.15pm - 4.15pm):** Multi Sports with 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 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.*

### Pen Licences

Congratulations to **Lucas, Dalton, Peggy & Elysia** in Year 5 who were awarded their Pen Licences this week.





## Key dates for your diary:

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

**Thursday 19th September 2024:** Year 5 Young Leaders Training (Group 1 Session 1)

**Friday 20th September 2024:** Year 5 Young Leaders Training (Group 2 Session 1 / Group 1 Session 2)

**Thursday 26th September 2024:** Year 4 Food Hygiene training

**Friday 27th September 2024:** Year 5 Young Leaders Training (Group 2 Session 2)

**Friday 27th September 2024:** Visit from Bishop Philip

**Monday 30th September - Thursday 3rd October 2024:** Year 6 Bikability Training

**Friday 4th October 2024:** Year 6 Football Leaders Training

**Friday 4th October 2024:** Year 5 Young Leaders Games and Activities Training

**Friday 4th October 2024:** Year 3 / 4 visit to Leighton Hall ('An Orchard's Tale' Workshop)

**Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th October 2024:** Y6 Residential to Borwick Hall

**Monday 14th—Thursday 17th October 2024:** Book Fair

**Thursday 17th—Friday 18th October 2024:** Life Education Visits

**Thursday 14th November 2024:** Individual Photographs

# Is your child entitled to FREE milk?



Child  
under 5?

Every child under the age of five  
is entitled to FREE school milk.



Register your child online  
for FREE school milk today.



Child  
over 5?

Every child over the age of  
five is entitled to milk at a  
subsidised price of around  
£18 per term.



Register online now and  
you can pay straight away!

## Register your child for school milk today.

### Sign them up in a few clicks...



Go online and quickly  
register your child for  
school milk at  
[www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)



Need help? Contact our  
Customer Service team  
on **0800 321 3248**  
or via email at  
[registrations@coolmilk.com](mailto:registrations@coolmilk.com)

The UK government continues to support school milk. Milk for  
under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme.  
Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.

Company registration no. 3600430 England

*Cool Milk*

[www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

# Step into September

12th September

Southern Style  
Chicken  
Goujons & Dips  
or  
Vegetarian  
Meatball Slider

*Served with*  
Potato Wedges  
Garden Peas, Sweetcorn  
or Baked Beans

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Marble Cookie  
or  
Jelly



# 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 Parish Eucharist with *Children's Church*  
6pm Evening Prayer



## Midweek services:

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

## Harvest Home Weekend



@The Gregson  
Centre, Moor Lane

Thursday 26th  
September  
6.30pm for Supper

Family Quiz starts at 7pm  
£3 for Harvest Supper

Olive Bar Open  
More info: 01524 942105



# Apple Festival

Saturday 28th September 2-4pm

Apple juicing, Stalls, Music, Refreshments, Children's activities  
Competitions and much, much more!

Everyone welcome!  
BYO apples for juicing.

Competition entries for best apple-based dessert produced to be brought to the Hall on 30th  
Judging will take place between 4pm and 6pm. Winner's decides.

Wyresdale Road, Lancaster LA1 3EA  
[www.christchurchlancaster.org.uk](http://www.christchurchlancaster.org.uk)



## Christ Church, Lancaster are taking part in the Heritage Open Days 2024

Tours of the church, including a talk on it's history  
will take place on:

Saturdays 7th and 14th September  
at 11am and 2pm each day

Everyone Welcome!

World class stained glass windows  
by Lancaster's Shrigley and Hunt workshop  
Architecture by local firm  
Paley and Austin



## Our Prayer for this week:

Merciful God, your Son came to  
save us and bore our sins on the  
cross: may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love, rejoicing in the  
righteousness that is ours through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Harvest Home Weekend

# You're invited!

Join us for a special Harvest  
Service on Sunday 29th September  
at 10.30am

We'll be supporting Lancaster Homeless Action Service  
with a collection of long-life tinned and packet foods -  
please donate if you can. More info: 01524 942105

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)

# Children's Ministry Leader Christ Church, Lancaster



a vibrant, inclusive  
worshipping community

22.5 hours per week  
based on a salary of  
£23-33k FTE depending  
on experience.

Subject to Enhanced  
DBS clearance and  
references.

Do you have experience  
of working with  
children and families?

Are you joyful and confident in your own Christian faith,  
and would like to share this with others?

Christ Church, Lancaster serves a large number of schools and families. We are looking for a Children's Ministry Leader who will work with the clergy, congregations and local schools to consolidate and grow our work with primary-aged children and their families. If you:

- Are always willing to learn (whether from children or training courses alike!)
- Are able to include people, helping others grow in confidence, skills and discipleship.
- Have a solid understanding of good safeguarding practice and pastoral care
- Are able to work well within a team; relating well to children and their families alike with good communication skills
- Are able to take the initiative in seeking new opportunities for the church's ministry.

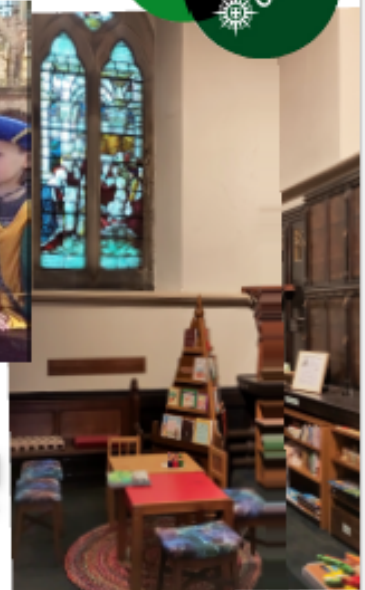
For more details,  
or to come and visit,  
please contact the Vicar,  
Rev'd Carol Backhouse on  
01524 942105,  
[revcarolbackhouse@gmail.com](mailto:revcarolbackhouse@gmail.com)

For the Job Specification,  
or to apply:  
<https://pathways.churchofengland.org/en/jobs/sec-diocese-of-blackburn>  
Closing date:  
24th September 2024

## We'd love to hear from you!



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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: 15th Sept, 20th October, 17th Nov



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



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Lancaster &  
Morecambe  
College

Celebrating 200 Years of Learning

# Part Time courses for Adults

Whether you're looking for a change in career and need to update your skills, or you want to learn something new for fun or personal development, our Part Time courses are designed to work around your lifestyle, commitments and pace of learning. This September we are offering courses in:

- **Health and Social Care Professions (Pre-Access)**  
[Level 2 Certificate](#)
- **Biology GCSE**
- **Psychology Level 2 Certificate**
- **Introduction to Principles of Criminology**  
[Level 2 Certificate](#)
- **Practical Animal Care Skills** [Level 2](#)

## Interested

For more information scan the QR code or  
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Central Lancaster  
High School



# Open Evening

Thursday 12th September 6-8pm

Headteacher's presentation at 7pm

**JOIN US!**



THE BAY  
LEARNING TRUST