



Lancaster Christ Church Church of England Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter

09.01.2026

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

WELCOME!

Welcome to Lancaster Christ Church!

We are delighted to welcome Mr Ali, Miss Wang and Mr Atley to Lancaster Christ Church to undertake teaching placements through the University of Cumbria. Mr Ali, Miss Wang and Mr Atley will be working with Reception, Year 3 and Year 6, respectively, until the penultimate week of the Spring term.

Next week, we will also welcome Miss Harrison from Edge Hill to begin a placement in Year 1.

We really enjoy having the opportunity to host student placements and wish them all the best for an enjoyable and successful experience.

Alongside our teaching students, we are delighted to welcome two new staff to our school team: **Bethany**, who will be supporting at Short Stay After School Club on a Wednesday, and **Petra**, who has joined our team of Lunchtime Welfare staff.

We are delighted to have you both!

Save the Date! Annual Dance Showcase

The children are currently in the process of learning their dances with Miss Helen for our annual Dance Showcase event. This will be held on



Friday 13th February 2026.

Show 1: 1.45pm - 2.15pm

Show 2: 2.30 - 3pm

The theme of this year's showcase is:

Musicals

Tickets can be booked via Parent Pay and are priced at £1 each.

Please note that a maximum of 2 tickets are available per family in first instance - this is in total and not per show, due to fire regulations.

Please come along if you can to see the fantastic work that our children have been doing with Miss Helen.



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

On Monday, we learnt about Candlemas, which celebrates the presentation of Jesus in the temple, 40 days after his birth. We heard the story of Simeon, who trusted God's promise that he would not die until he had met the Messiah; a promise which was fulfilled when Simeon met the baby Jesus in the temple and held him in his arms.

On Wednesday, Rev'd Carol shared Acts 4, which tells of Peter and John, who were thrown into prison for teaching people about Jesus, but were eventually released because they had the courage to stand up for what they believed in.



Huge thanks to all who were able to attend our Eucharist this afternoon - once again, it was a great turn out with 53 children, parents and members of the Christ Church congregation in attendance.

Thanks especially go to our Choir Church and Choral Director, Mrs Crowe, as well as to Rev'd Carol and Innes.

Temporary Parking Restrictions

We have been made aware that Electricity North West will be undertaking works for approx. **5 weeks** from **Monday 26th January 2026** on **Quernmore Road, Macdonald Way and Stone Row Head.**

They have requested **no parking** in these areas for the duration of the works.

For further information call: 0800 1954 141

We are *living our vision!*

Work of the week:

Congratulations to the children whose work was celebrated this week:

Rec: **Rory:** Maths

Year 1: **Grace:** Art

Year 2: **Alfie:** Handwriting

Year 3: **Juliette:** English

Year 4: **Delilah:** History

Year 5: **Oscar:** English

Year 6: **Peggy:** English

Achievements out of school:

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

Harper (Rec): Swimming awards

Ada F: (Y1): Beavers award

Eva (Y2): Beavers award

Sam (Y2): Football award

Ernie (Y3): Football award

We are so proud of you all!

Luke 1:37



Writing Competition

Huge thanks to our Year 6 Librarians who organised a story writing competition to coincide with our Book Fair.

The Librarians thoroughly enjoyed reading all the entries and found it a difficult job choosing the winners. Everyone who entered was awarded a new pen, whilst the winners were invited to choose a new book from the Book Fair.

Congratulations to the winners:

Hannah (Y2), Joseph (Y4) and Noah (Y5)

Huge thanks to all who entered and to our Librarians for their enthusiasm.

Congratulations!

The following children have been celebrated in assembly this week:

Rec: Freddie Tom

Year 1: Rory Ada F

Year 2: Bella Dotty Eddison

Year 3: David Thomas

Year 4: Ellis Charlotte Alicia

Year 5: Billy-Jean Isobel

Year 6: Ruairi Sullivan

House Team of the Week

The winner of the House Cup this was...



Gregson

Congratulations!



Volleyball Workshop

On Thursday evening, a number of our Year 6 pupils were invited to LMC to take part in a volleyball workshop organised by LHSSN. The children learnt a variety of skills which they will put into action next week when they play against other schools.

Good luck!



Key dates for your diary:

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

Friday 13th February 2026: Whole school Dance Showcase

Friday 13th February 2026: School closes for Half Term

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



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/>

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 Innes
(Children's Ministry Leader) 07853 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,
SHACKS AND STORIES.

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.

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www.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 Brown | With: Eric Bauza | Language: English | 90min | Ages 8+ | E7
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 | E85

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 E3

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 E35

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

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.

Coffee & Connect One Stop Shop

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- FINANCE
- EMPLOYMENT
- PARENTING/ TRIPLE P ADVICE
- EMOTIONAL HEALTH & WELLBEING
- RELATIONSHIPS



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EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH
9:30-11:30AM**

**TOYS AVAILABLE TO KEEP
YOUR LITTLE ONES
ENTERTAINED TOO.
EVERYONE WELCOME**



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LAST CHANCE TO APPLY 15TH MARCH 2026



FREE and FUN event at Carnforth Library this half term!

**Tuesday 17th February
at 10:00am**

**Join local author and illustrator Emily Fell
for a book reading of her debut children's book
'Have you ever heard of a Snotgoblin?'**

**There will also be an opportunity to purchase her Snotgoblin
book and her second children's book 'Have you ever heard of
a Sneeze Boggle?' on the day at a discounted price.**

**Please book your place by emailing
friendsofcarnforthlibrary@gmail.com
or you can call in to Carnforth Library.**



**Recommended for children
aged 4 to 8 years. Event
lasts approximately 1 hour.**

**Refreshments for adults
and children are available
for a small donation.**



**Drawing competition
to win a lego Snotgoblin**

emilyfell.co.uk



More Music

DARE! FRI 20 & SAT 21 FEB

A NEW SHOW FOR UNDER 5'S & THEIR ADULTS | TICKETS £6

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