



Lancaster Christ Church Church of England Primary School

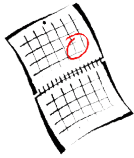
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## Weekly Newsletter

01.05.2026

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

### Just a reminder...



School is **closed** on **Monday 4th May** for the Bank Holiday. There is also an INSET Day on **Thursday 7th May**.

All children are expected in school on Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th and Friday 8th May.

Thank you.

### Online Safety

May's edition of our **Online Safety Newsletter**, in collaboration with Knowsley City Learning Centres, is now available to view on our **newly updated** school website.

The newsletter contains very useful information on a range of topics, including, this month, a section relating to Group Chats.

We would urge all parents to read these newsletters and use them to support online safety conversations with their child.

### Holidays in Term Time

We are seeing an increasing number of requests for holidays in term time and would like to politely remind parents that in accordance with our Attendance Policy, such requests will not be authorised.

In August 2025, the DfE made national changes to penalty notices for unauthorised absences. Information about these changes is available on our school website: [Lancaster Christ Church C of E Primary School - Attendance](#)

### Absences can have a lasting effect on learning

Missing a week of school means your child will miss around 25 hours of learning

This creates gaps in their knowledge and could mean they will not meet their full potential

### School Worship



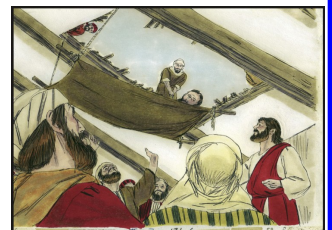
This half term, our Collective Worship will focus on the value of **Friendship**:

*"A friend loves at all times."*  
**Proverbs 17:17**

This week, we continued with the theme of 'Sticking Together'.

On Monday, we heard the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who stuck together when they stood up to King Nebuchadnezzar, demonstrating that sticking together is an important part of friendship, even when it isn't easy.

On Wednesday, Rev'd Carol shared the story of the four friends who demonstrated the value of friendship by taking care of their friend, who was unable to walk. The friends stuck together, lowering the man through a hole in the roof so that he would have the chance to be healed by Jesus.



### PE Days: Summer 1 2026: UPDATED

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

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

**Year 4:** Tues & Wednesday

**Year 5:** Mon & Wed (Swim) **Year 6:** Mon & Thursday

**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 and trainers.

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



We are *living our vision!*

**Work of the week:**

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

Rec: **City-Rose:** Music

Year 1: **Ava:** English

Year 2: **Theo:** Maths

Year 3: **Nancy S:** DT

Year 4: **Marnie:** PHSE

Year 5: **Poppy R:** DT

Year 6: **All of Year 6**

**Achievements out of school:**

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

**Ada (Rec):** Rainbows award

**Hannah (Y1):** Dance award

**Albie K (Rec):** Football awards

**Thomas (Y3):** Swimming award

**Juliette (Y3):** Football award

**Elif (Y4):** Dance award

**Henry (Y5):** Writing award

**Noah (Y5):** Writing award

**Nancy (Y5):** Writing award

**Isla (Y5):** Writing award

**Olive (Y5):** Writing award

*We are so proud of you all!*

**Luke 1:37**

**Schools Swimming Gala at Salt Ayre**

A huge well done to the children in Years 5 and 6 who represented Lancaster Christ Church at the Swimming Gala on Thursday evening. The children worked brilliantly as a team and it was a joy to see them willing each other on and developing confidence as the Gala progressed. After some initial nerves, the children had a great time, and as always, represented the school beautifully.

Thank you to Jack, Lily, Lakshanya, Peggy, Laurie, Ella, Alice, Edward and Oliver for taking part.

**Congratulations!**

The following children have been celebrated in assembly this week:

**Rec:** Albie C Elliott

**Year 1:** Ava Isaac T

**Year 2:** Veronica Rowan

**Year 3:** Nina Ethan

**Year 4:** Jasmine Charlotte

**Year 5:** Mark Ronnie

**Year 6:** Mia Summer

**House Team of the Week**

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

**Gregson**

*Congratulations!*





## Key dates for your diary:

Term dates for the 2025 - 2026 academic year are available to view on our school website

**Monday 4th May 2026:** May Day Bank Holiday

**Wednesday 6th May 2026:** Year 4 USA Sports Festival at UoC

**Thursday 7th May 2026:** INSET day

**Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May 2026:** Year 6 SATS week

**Monday 18th May 2026:** KS2 Science Workshops

**Wednesday 20th May 2026:** Reception and KS1 Science Workshops

**Thursday 21st May 2026:** Parent Drop-in session with Kelly Morgan, School Nurse

**Thursday 21st May 2026:** Visit from Iain Parks, Director of Education for Blackburn Board of Education

**Friday 22nd May 2026:** Year 5 Greek Workshop

**Friday 22nd May 2026:** School closes for half term

**Tuesday 2nd June 2026:** Class Photographs

**Tuesday 2nd June 2026:** KS2 'Resilience Runner' event at Arkholme

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

**Friday 5th June 2026:** Year 6 'History of Morecambe' Tour

**Friday 12th June 2026:** Girls Football at St.Lukes

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

**Friday 12th June 2026:** Year 5 and 6 to Haffner Orchestra at Ashton Hall

**Tuesday 16th June 2026:** Football at Morecambe Road School

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

**Wednesday 24th June 2026:** INSET Day

**Thursday 2nd July 2026:** KS2 peripatetic music concert

### School Nurse Drop-in sessions at Lancaster Christ Church

Our School Nurse, Kelly Morgan, will be in school **between 9 and 10.30am** on the following dates for parents to pop in and discuss any concerns / ask questions relating to their child's development, health and wellbeing:

**Thursday 21st May, Thursday 18th June, Thursday 16th July.**

No booking necessary - just call in!

# 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  
6pm Evening Prayer



### Midweek services:

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

### Parish Walk

Wear suitable shoes and clothing and bring a packed lunch!

Join us to walk the Parish boundary  
**Saturday 9th May**  
Leaving church at 10am  
7.5 miles - come for all or just part of it.  
Children and dogs welcome

### Blackburn Diocese Centenary BIG DAY OUT

Family Fun || Hog Roast || Open Air Worship

Celebrating 100 years of Blackburn Diocese with a party in Blackpool!

Saturday 16 May  
All welcome - free of charge

Find out more:

### Book your place on the coach to The Big Day Out

**Saturday 16th May 2026**

£12 per person

To book your place please scan the QR Code or use the link provided

Coach Booking 18th May 2026

### AUCTION OF PROMISES

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CHRIST CHURCH'S REPAIR FUND and joined by the Friend's of Miss Whalley's Field in aid of their cause

FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
FROM 7PM IN CHRIST CHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL  
DERWENT ROAD, LA1 3ES

Join us for an evening of fun and fundraising where everyone is welcome!

Come and bag a bargain and support the care of this beautiful community church!

Light refreshments and drinks available

### A MUSICAL MEDITATION ON PEACE

A FUNDRAISER FOR THE SOLAR POWERED WELL IN CENTRAL BAZA

SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026  
2.30 pm Womens Institute Hall, Arncliffe, LA6 0DP  
7pm Christchurch, Wyresdale Road, Lancaster LA1 3EA

SCAN FOR TICKETS  
INFO: [doherty.com](http://doherty.com)

MUSIC FROM  
Maja Ruzica - Cello  
Mina Sabina - Oud and Ney  
Howard Hailig - Guitar  
Paula Moser - Piano and accordion

Play what you wish - suggested amount £10

SOLIDARITY IS STRENGTH

### 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.  
No cost, but donations welcome

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

Pram and wheelchair accessible with changing facilities.

[CHRISTCHURCHLANCASTER.PRELUK](http://CHRISTCHURCHLANCASTER.PRELUK)  
FOR MORE DETAILS, CONTACT BEV'S KARDIA, 07994 99062

For enquiries about Christenings, Weddings and Funerals; and for pastoral and faith support, please contact:  
Rev'd Carol Backhouse  
Vicar, Christ Church, Lancaster  
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**Our Prayer for this week:**  
Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

# COFFEE & CONNECT

*Free refreshments*

*Toys available to keep your little ones entertained too.*

*Everyone welcome*



*A chance for people to drop in and connect with others in a warm and friendly environment.*

*Get practical advice on:*

- *Housing & Finance*
- *Employment*
- *Parenting Advice*
- *Emotional Health & Wellbeing*
- *SEND advice*

*every first thursday of the month*

*9:30am-11:30am*

Lancashire  
**SEND IAS**  
INFORMATION, ADVICE AND SUPPORT  
for Special Educational Needs and Disability



citizens  
advice

CHAT'S

nct

hcrp  
Care Group

Lancashire  
County Council

LANCASTER  
CITY COUNCIL  
Promoting City, Coast & Countryside

Lancashire  
**FAMILY  
HUBS**  
NETWORK

**BEST  
START  
IN LIFE**

*Morecambe Library  
Central Dr, Morecambe LA4 5DL*

Lancashire Fire  
and Rescue Service

**NHS**

# SEND support GROUP



There will be no group in April,  
as we will be hosting the  
SEND Roadshow at Lune Park,  
on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
between 9.30am - 1pm

## Dates for your diary...

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May at Lune Park  
1pm - 3pm

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June at Lune Park  
1pm - 3pm

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July at Lune Park  
1pm - 3pm



# Yes!



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# May Half-Term at The Harris

## What's on this week?

### Meet the Artist: Martin Brown

Saturday, 23 May in The Studio  
*£3, booking required*

1pm

### Horrid Harris Crafts

Monday, 25 May in The Studio  
*£2, booking required*

10am & 1pm

### The Harris: Sketch and Stroll

Wednesday, 27 May in The Studio  
*£3, booking required*

10am, 1pm & 3pm

### Baby Bounce & Rhyme

Wednesday, 27 May in the Family Library  
*Drop-in, no booking required*

10.30am &  
2.30pm

### Recycled Plastic Crafts

Thursday, 28 May in The Studio  
*£3, booking required*

1pm & 2.30pm

### Cave Bear Craft

Friday, 29 May in The Studio  
*£2, booking required*

10am & 1pm

### Lego Club

Every Saturday in The Studio  
*Drop-in, no booking required*

9.30am

### Storytime Sessions

Every Sunday in the Family Library  
*Drop-in, no booking required*

2.30pm



S P R I N G

Scotforth After School Club



# MAY HALF TERM PLAYSCHEME

WELCOMING CHILDREN FROM ALL SCHOOLS

AGED 3 - 12 YEARS

OPEN 8AM TILL 6PM

26TH - CULTURAL COOKING DAY

27TH - DINOSAURS AND REPTILES

28TH - TEXTILES & FABRIC ART

29TH - GAMES, SPORTS & FILM WITH TREATS



- Fully Ofsted Registered
- Qualified & Experienced Keyworkers
- Fully Ofsted Registered
- Pay via Card, Tax Free Childcare, unused pre-school 30 free hours,
- Claim up to 80% back for low-income
- Excellent Age Appropriate Zones
- Great Indoor & Outdoor Equipment
- Children Choose How they Play
- Free-Play while Fully Supervised & Supported

BREAKFAST: £3.50

FULL: £28

HALF-DAY: £17

BOOK ONLINE

SCAN QR CODE



Register & Book through our website  
[www.scotforthplayschemes.co.uk](http://www.scotforthplayschemes.co.uk) or call Marie

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It all starts with... 



**COURSES FOR ALL KIDS AGED 5-8**

[allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk)



**For kids aged 8-11**

[dynamoscricquet.co.uk](http://dynamoscricquet.co.uk)