The Cathedral Catholic Primary School, Lancaster, LA1 3BT

Newsletter 6th November 2026

Unlocking potential together in faith and love

Mission

Each Monday we share our mission of the week in our whole school assembly. Our mission this week is for children to show they can wait and be patient this week. Our stars of the week will be the children who have been spotted following the mission.

Scripture of the week: Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in Heaven. Matthew 5:12a

Stars of the Week

Rec-Jagoda
Year 1- Leo
Year 2-Jordan
Year 3-Isa-Rose
Year 4-Eleri-Raine
Year 5-Fair
Year 6-Jude

Punctuality and Attendance Weekly

Reception-96%
Year 1-98%
Year 2-91%
Year 3-94%
Year 4-96%
Year 5-91%
Year 6-90%
Whole school so far-95%
Be in the line for quarter to nine!!

Attendance

A key priority across the school is ensuring attendance stays above 95% and punctuality is excellent. Lessons begin promptly at 8.45am and every minute of learning is valuable. The curriculum in every year group is packed with exciting learning opportunities, and there is rarely enough time in the day to fit everything in. Therefore, it is crucial that children attend school regularly and arrive on time wherever possible, ensuring they do not miss important learning experiences. Thank you to all parents and carers who do bring their child into school on time each day it really does make a huge difference to their day.

Clubs

Clubs start on Monday at 3.15-4.15pm in school. Please collect from the hall via the front door.
We still have some spaces in a couple of clubs. If you would like a space please ring the office and book a last minute place. Staff take their own time to run clubs and we really like them full to give lots of children an opportunity so it's your last chance to book.

Name	Staff	Year group
Board games with parents	Mrs Holt and Miss Dawson	All R- Y6
Ball skills	Mr Hodder	Year R, 1 and 2
Outdoor explorers	Miss McShane	Year R and 1
Christmas carol singing	Mrs Dickinson	Year 4, 5 and 6

Poppy Appeal

Poppies and other British legion items are for sale for Remembrance day. The office helpers will be going to classes. If you would like your child to contribute, please send money in an envelope so they can buy an item.
Items for sale are:
Poppy- 50p
Snap bands – £2
Bracelets - £2
Keyrings - £1
Stickers – 50p

Year 5 and 6 Remembrance Day Service – Wednesday 11th November

On Wednesday 11th November, children in Years 5 and 6 will walk to Miss Whalley's Field for 11am a community Remembrance Day Service. Miss Whalley's field is between Derwent Road and Keswick Road and was bequeathed by Miss Whalley in memory of her brother who died in World War One.

School Nurse drop in

The school nurse is here on Tuesday 9-10am for her drop in. Come and discuss any topic such as sleep, continence, healthy lifestyle and emotional health and wellbeing. No need to book juts turn up at the front door to see Kelly

Year 1 lead Wednesday Afternoon Celebration of the Word – Wednesday 11th November at 2:55pm



Parents and carers of children in Year 1 are invited to join us at **2:55pm** in the school hall for our whole school time of prayer which they will lead on Wednesday afternoon. We hope to see you there.

Jesus Comes to Me: Preparation for First Confession and Holy Communion



If your child is in Year 4 or above and would like to make their First Holy Communion this academic year, please register for the Cathedral parish preparation programme starting in November. It is for families with children in year 4 and above and includes adult and family sessions. To register please use the QR code, or email Ann-Marie.Houghton@lrcd.org.uk for a link.

Reflection on the Gospel

Please find reflections and activities on the coming Sunday's Gospel on the link below – you may wish to share it with your child(ren):
https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=224.9

Christmas Fair

This event is the biggest event that the PTA run and they need volunteers to help it be a success. Budgets are very stretched in schools and without the money raised school could not have trips to the panto, trips and visits to other places, equipment such as VR sets and outdoor equipment. This year we are hoping to use PTA money to extend the sand pit, which all children love.



Dates for the next half term and Autumn 2

These are key dates so far but some visits are still being arranged. All dates are subject to change and we will inform you of any changes

Friday 6th November –Fire service visit Year 2 and 6
Monday 9th November– World Nursery Ryhme week
Clubs start after school and at lunch time.
Wednesday 11th November – Year 5 and 6 to attend Remembrance day at Miss Whalley's field
Year 1 lead celebration of the word
Monday 16th November Year 6 forest school
Tuesday 17th November – year 5 Viking workshop
Wednesday 18th November – Red Wednesday
Year 6 Mass with the parish
Reception lead Celebration of the word
Thursday 19th November – KS2 adoration in the cathedral
Faith community and curriculum governors meeting.
Friday 20th November – Home clothes in exchange for chocolate
Monday 23rd November – Year 2 forest school
Wednesday 25th November – Year 3 Celebration of the word

Friday 27th November – Home clothes in exchange for bottles for the Christmas fair
Year 5 to OLCC for a day of reflecting about Advent
Reception visit to the police museum
Monday 30th Nov- Thursday 3rd Dec Y6 Bikeabilty
Tuesday 1st December – KS2 parish Mass for start of Advent
Wednesday 2nd December – Year 4 Celebration of the word
Friday 4th December – Christmas fair 5-7pm
Monday 7th December – Last clubs after school
Wednesday 9th December – Nativity 2pm and 6pm in the Cathedral.

