

The Cathedral Catholic Primary School, Lancaster, LA1 3BT

Newsletter 11th September 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 bring peace to show forgiveness to others. Our stars of the week will be the children who have been spotted following the mission.

Scripture of the week: 'Peter came up and said to Jesus, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?" Matthew 18:21

Stars of the Week

Rec-
Year 1- Elliot
Year 2- Issa Mariyam
Year 3-Wiktor
Year 4- Kingston
Year 5- Malik
Year 6- Jenna

Punctuality and Attendance Weekly

Reception-100%
Year 1- 96%
Year 2-81%
Year 3-96%
Year 4- 93%
Year 5-96%
Year 6-98%
Whole school so far-94%
Be in the line for quarter to nine!!

Uniform

Thank you for all your efforts in getting the children to look so smart. Please name **all** items of clothing especially ties and cardigans and jumpers. We already have some lost property! Small stud earrings are allowed to be worn, however they must be a small studs and not dangling. Please ensure children bring a waterproof coat with them each day as children go out to play in all weathers.

Expanding free school meals eligibility

From September 2026 all households receiving Universal Credit, regardless of household income, will qualify for free school meals.

Who should Apply-Advice from The Pupil Access Team

If you receive Universal Credit and your child is not getting free school meals, apply by filling in our online form-

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/>

If you have already applied for free school meals and your child has been confirmed as eligible, you do not need to apply again. We will recheck your claim and tell your child's school. If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium you will automatically be rechecked.

School nurse drop ins.

Our lovely school nurse, Kelly Morgan will be continuing her drop ins at school on **15th September 9-10am**. Please come to the school office and she can see you with any health worries. Nothing is too small for her to discuss with you.

Parents Reading Meeting - Tuesday 29th September at 9am, 3.15pm and 5pm

Reading is such an important part of your child's education that it is vital we work together to make them all readers. Come and find out how we teach reading across school, tips for reading with your child and enjoying books. **This meeting is essential for Reception, Year 1 and 2 parents.** There are 3 time slots to enable lots of you to attend on **Tuesday 29th September at 9am, 3.15pm and 5pm**

Ten:Ten Parent Prayer Newsletter for September

We hope you can take a few minutes to enjoy a time of prayer and reflection linked to our prayer themes in school during September. Here is the link:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Smartphone free childhood

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

The group is there to support the Social media ban that the government announced recently.

The collective idea is that if we can prevent young children from being given smartphones we can improve the mental health and relationships of our young people and that we stand a better chance if we act together.

Smartphone Free Childhood is now a community of over 350,000 parents working together to stand up for healthier, happier childhoods.

We've made it our mission to provide solidarity, support and solutions to parents who are struggling with what's become one of the defining parenting challenges of our time. And we're using the voice of our community to push for more support from the government in the battle to reclaim childhood from Big Tech's addictive algorithms.



In the near future, we are looking to ban smartphones for our children who bring them to school. Buying a brick/dumb phone is a great alternative for this. Some local high schools and primary schools have already started this. **Please use the QR code to sign up to the parent pact or to have a look at the website.**

Dates for the next half term

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.

14th September - Uniform collection in school for PTA preloved uniform

15th September – School nurse drop in

16th September – Wheel chair basketball for the whole school

Father John visiting classes about Saint Carlo Acutis

23rd September – Year 6 celebration of the word 3pm in the school hall. Parents and carers very welcome.

Monday 28th September – Little way week

Tuesday 29th September - Reading meeting 9am, 3.15pm and 5pm in school hall.

Wednesday 30th September – Year 3 and 4 to Abbeystead

7th, 8th and 9th October – Lego coding workshop for each class

Wednesday 7th October– School photo day individual and sibling's photos

One million children praying the rosary together

Friday 9th October – Reception stay and play- All Reception parents and carers invited into school.

Wednesday 14th October- Harvest celebration in the Cathedral. Parents and carers welcome.

Parents evening -3.30-5pm

Thursday 15th October – Parents evening – 5-7pm

Friday 16th October – Reception Welly walk

Monday 19th October – School open day 1-3pm and 4-6pm

Wednesday 22nd October – 8.45 – 9.15 am - Parents and carers prayer drop in

Friday 23rd October – Year 2 Space dress up day

School closes for half term

**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
SECONDARY**

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

School transport



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.



CLOSING DATE
31 October 2026

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