

## The Cathedral Catholic Primary School, Lancaster, LA1 3BT

Newsletter 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

*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 who show their faith in their actions and words. Our stars of the week will be the children who have been spotted following the mission

#### Stars of the Week

Rec-Georgina  
Year 1-Meshcah  
Year 2- Holly  
Year 3-Xander  
Year 4-Safia  
Year 5-Harry  
Year 6-Octavia

#### Punctuality and Attendance Weekly

Reception-85%  
Year 1- 97%  
Year 2- 87%  
Year 3-95%  
Year 4- 96%  
Year 5- 96%  
Year 6-93%  
Whole school so far -95%  
**Be in the line for quarter to nine!!**

### Scripture of the week

"The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith"

### Attendance & Punctuality



Daily attendance and punctuality are important for your child's learning, and all staff take proactive steps to encourage these and report concerns.

When we have concerns about attendance, we may take the following steps:

- Review your child's historical attendance to look for patterns.
- Contact parents to share concerns by phone, letter or text.
- Offer support to improve attendance and punctuality.
- Only authorise absences with medical evidence.
- Conduct home visits when a child is absent.

10 unauthorised sessions in a rolling 10 weeks can lead to a penalty notice being issued. A school day consists of two sessions per day: morning and afternoon.

Unauthorised absences include:

- Absences for illnesses may be recorded as unauthorised when we have concerns about attendance and medical evidence has not been provided.
- When a child is late, arrives after 8:55am, this is recorded as a U code which is also classed as an unauthorised absence.
- All holidays are recorded as unauthorised absences. A five-day holiday results in ten unauthorised sessions.
- Occasionally, parents will state that their child is ill when they have taken a holiday. If we believe the absence is not genuine, evidence will be requested.

If you are struggling with your child's attendance and punctuality, please contact school to discuss so we can work together to ensure your child is happy, attending and making progress in their learning.

### Macmillan coffee afternoon

We raised £136.80 for Macmillan. Thank you for your donations for such a worthy cause.

### **Harvest Celebration and Collection – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October, the children will lead us in a Harvest Celebration for the whole school and families in the Cathedral at 2:00pm. As part of our celebrations, we will reflect on our mission to help those in need and we invite all families to make donations to our Olive Branch food bank collection as follows:

**Reception class:** tins of spaghetti hoops, ravioli, baked beans, tomatoes

**Year One:** tins of fruit or vegetables

**Year Two:** tins of meat or fish

**Year Three:** packets of pasta or rice

**Year Four:** pasta sauce jars or tinned rice pudding

**Year Five:** packets of cereal or biscuits

**Year Six:** coffee and tea

### **School photos**

All children will have their individual photos taken on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October during school time. If children have siblings in school they will also have a photo together.

**If you would like siblings who are not in school to have a photos please come to the front office at 8.30am and you can have a family photo taken.**

### **Parents reading meeting**

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 different ways to enjoy books. There are 3 times to enable lots of you to attend on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 9am, 3.15pm and 5pm.**

### **Booking open now for Parents evening**

Please book parents evening appointments on Arbor to come and celebrate your child. Parents evening is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 3.30 – 5pm and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 5-7pm.

### **Safeguarding: Operation Encompass**

At Cathedral, we work hard to safeguard our children through our curriculum and close partnership working with different agencies. Operation Encompass enables police to share information with schools. 'Operation Encompass is a unique Police and Education early intervention partnership which ensures that a child/ young person's school/ college is informed, typically prior to the start of the next school day, that there has been a domestic abuse, vulnerable child or missing incident to which the child or young person has been exposed, and which might then have an impact on them in school / college the following day.



### **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://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

### **Diary dates – Some dates will change to circumstance but please do check your emails for Arbor update son dates.**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October – School photos

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Year 1 visit to Judges Lodgings

Harvest celebration in the Cathedral 2pm in the cathedral.

Reading meeting for Parents – 9am, 3.15pm and 5pm. Come and join one.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5 and 6 Coding workshops in schools

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Year 3 and 4 coding workshop

Year 6 celebration of the word. Parents welcome 3pm

Parents evening – 3.30-5pm. Book on Arbor.

Pre-loved uniform sale

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Year 1 and 2 coding workshop

Parents evening – 5-7pm. Book on Arbor.

Pre-loved uniform sale

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Reception visit to Williamson Park

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Black History Day

Open afternoon and evening 1-6pm for prospective Reception parents Sept 2026

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Year 3 celebration of the word. Parents welcome at 3pm  
 Year 5 to visit Lancaster Bath House  
 Year 2 space dress up day  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Reception stay and play 2pm in school#  
 End of half term.  
 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Start of school at 8.35am  
 Sign up for clubs will open



**YOUR FREE, LOCAL FUN PALACE IS:**

**Lancaster Fun Palace**  
**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025**  
**10am-4pm**  
**Lancaster Library**

Craft and art activities / drama / science / maths  
 games / creative writing / vocal improv

Also Lego Robotics at the  
**Judges' Lodgings 11am-4pm**

Contact [funpalacelancaster@gmail.com](mailto:funpalacelancaster@gmail.com)  
 for more information

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**SEND support GROUP**

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 AUTISM PATHWAY NAVIGATOR

MEET OTHER  
 PARENT/CARERS

GAIN SUPPORT AND ADVICE,  
 NO DIAGNOSIS NECESSARY

INFO AND ADVICE FROM  
 SEND SERVICES

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH  
 1-3PM  
 LUNE PARK FAMILY HUB

**NHS**  
 FAMILY HUBS  
 Lancashire

**THE CATHEDRAL CATHOLIC**  
**PRIMARY**  
**OPEN AFTERNOON 1pm –6pm**  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

Come and see our  
 wonderful school in  
 action.

Ring the school  
 office to book a  
 place.




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