

The Cathedral Catholic Primary School, Lancaster, LA1 3BT

Newsletter 3rd 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

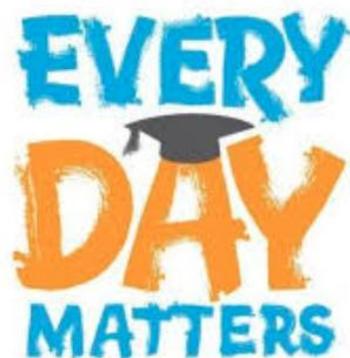
Punctuality and Attendance Weekly

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 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 9th October

On Thursday 9th 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 8th 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 9th 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 15th October 3.30 – 5pm and Thursday 16th 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 8th October – School photos

Thursday 9th 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 14th October – Year 5 and 6 Coding workshops in schools

Wednesday 15th 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 16th October - Year 1 and 2 coding workshop

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

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Friday 17th October – Reception visit to Williamson Park

Monday 20th October – Black History Day

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

Wednesday 22nd 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 24th October – Reception stay and play 2pm in school#
 End of half term.
 Monday 3rd November – Start of school at 8.35am
 Sign up for clubs will open



fun palaces

YOUR FREE, LOCAL FUN PALACE IS:

Lancaster Fun Palace
Saturday 4th 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 for more information

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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 County Council

THE CATHEDRAL CATHOLIC
PRIMARY
OPEN AFTERNOON 1pm –6pm
Monday 20th October

Come and see our wonderful school in action.

Ring the school office to book a place.



