

The Cathedral Catholic Primary School, Lancaster, LA1 3BT

Newsletter 9th January 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 are Gods' beloved child through their actions. Our stars of the week will be the children who have been spotted following the mission.

Stars of the Week

Rec- Angela
Year 1-Deekshith
Year 2-Holly
Year 3- Liam
Year 4-Alicia
Year 5-Asher
Year 6- Maxx

Punctuality and Attendance Weekly

Reception-97%
Year 1- 93%
Year 2-95%
Year 3- 95%
Year 4- 95%
Year 5-95%
Year 6-95%
Whole school so far-95%

Be in the line for quarter to nine!!

Scripture of the week: And when Jesus was baptised, immediately He went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; and behold, a voice from Heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:16-17.

Welcome back

It was so nice to see lots of smiling faces on Monday.

As a reminder, we place a very high priority on good attendance. We expect children to attend school every day, as long as they are fit and healthy enough to do so. Regular attendance at school will give your child the best possible start in life; it helps children develop their confidence and make and keep lasting friendships; learn new skills; have fun and take part in exciting activities.

We hope in 2026 our attendance will continue to improve and we will hopefully reach our whole school target of 95%!



Parent/Carer Prayer Drop-In – Wednesday 14th January 3:00 – 3:10pm

All parents and carers are invited to come and light a candle and say a prayer for your child(ren) in the school hall between 3:00pm and 3:10pm. Everyone welcome – any faith or none. Come through the front door before afternoon pick-up.

P.E. kit days this half term

On their PE days, please can children in Years 1-6 come into school wearing PE kits. Children should wear a school PE hoodie or their school jumper with PE kit. PE kit days this half term are:

Year 1	Monday and Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday and Friday
Year 3	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 4	Wednesday and Friday (children continue swimming on Fridays)
Year 5	Monday and Tuesday
Year 6	Tuesday and Thursday

PE days change as we have a PE coach in who teaches different classes each term.

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>

Uniform reminder

Shoes and Trainers Allowed



- ✓ Plain black leather shoes or trainers with black soles and no visible logos or detail.
- ✓ Velcro fastenings needed for children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 and those who struggle with laces.

Diary dates for Spring 1 – some of these may change due to circumstances in school.

Wednesday 14th January – Parent prayer drop in - 3pm in school hall

Friday 16th January – Swimming starts for Year 4

Wednesday 21st January – Year 6 celebration of the word 3pm in the hall. Parents very welcome.

27th January – Year 1 trip to Wildlife Oasis

23rd January – Haiku Challenge day in Year 5

Wednesday 28th January – Year 5 celebration of the word 3pm in the hall. Parents very welcome

Wednesday 4th February - Year 4 celebration of the word 3pm in the hall. Parents very welcome

Friday 6th February – Reception wellie walk to Williamson Park

Tuesday 10th February - Year 3 sculpture walk to Williamson Park

Safer Internet day

Wednesday 11th February - Year 4 celebration of the word 3pm in the hall. Parents very welcome

Wednesday 11th Feb 3.30pm and Thursday 12th Feb 5.30pm – Borwick hall parents meeting. ESSENTIAL FOR ALL PARENTS TO ATTEND ONE MEETING

Year 6 Liverpool meeting – 5.30pm

Thursday 12th February – Year 6 Egyptian dress up day

Friday 13th February – Reception stay and play

HALF TERM

Monday 23rd February – Back to school

Last few days to apply.

A poster for School Admissions Primary. It features a smiling child in a school uniform with arms raised. The text on the poster includes: 'SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY', 'APPLY NOW!', 'at lancashire.gov.uk/schools', 'School and Academy places September 2023', 'You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023.', 'You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.', '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: Need transport to school? Please don't forget to check your eligibility for free transport. Search "school transport" at lancashire.gov.uk', 'CLOSING DATE 15 JANUARY 2023', and the Lancashire County Council logo.

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Online safety

As lots of children have had technology for Christmas please read the information about Roblox.

ROBLOX

According to the Roblox website, 'Roblox is the world's largest interactive social platform for play.' For those of you who are unfamiliar with the game, it is a multi-player online gaming platform which allows children to play and create a variety of games in a 3D world. Roblox is free to play and available on all modern smartphones, tablets, desktops, Xbox One, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive.

ROBLOX STUDIO

The Roblox Studio allows users to create their own games and 'worlds' for others to play on the platform. As the games are user generated, it gives users the freedom to potentially include things you do not want your child to be exposed to, for example, weapons, violence and even pornographic content. There are no age restrictions on the games created in the Roblox Studio and to remove games from the platform Roblox relies on people reporting negative/violent content.

CHATTING & FRIEND REQUESTS

Whilst the games in Roblox are aimed at 8 to 18-year-olds, there are currently no age restrictions for signing up. This means that both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other and send friend requests through the platform. Once a friend request is accepted, this means that they can communicate with each other outside of gameplay.



ROBUX ONLINE PAYMENTS

When a user creates a game, they earn something called 'Robux,' which works as a currency within the platform and enables the purchase of upgrades and memberships. If the created game is of good quality and attracts multiple players and in-game adverts, children have the ability to earn a lot of 'Robux.' Once a user has earned a certain amount of Robux, they can convert this to real cash and withdraw it to a PayPal account. To withdraw money, users need to be over 13, have a PayPal account and have paid for the Roblox premium subscription.

13+ The legal age for Roblox

ROBLOX



Top Tips for Parents

CHECK SHARED INFORMATION

In the account settings, check that your child is not giving away any personal information in their bio/profile. For example, their full name, phone number or snapchat name. If you see that they have, explain why this is potentially dangerous and remove immediately.



2-STEP VERIFICATION

Roblox has a great two-step verification security feature which we recommend you enable to add an extra layer of security to your child's account.

DISABLE IN-GAME CHAT

Roblox is great for children to play together and chat to each other. However, if you want to completely turn off in-game chat for your child (meaning they cannot contact anyone, including their friends) you can do so by following these steps: When logged in, go to the Account Settings page by clicking on the gear icon at the top right corner of the page, then click Settings. Next, click on the Privacy tab and under 'Who can chat with me in game?' select 'No one' and this will disable in-game chat.

IS YOUR CHILD UNDER 13?

Unfortunately, there are hundreds of YouTube videos showing children how to change their age settings on Roblox, so firstly, you should talk to your child to set up some rules/an agreement. There are additional safety features for children under 13, for example having their posts and chats filtered for inappropriate content and behaviour, so it is worth checking that your child has set up their account with the correct age.

You can find this in their account settings.



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