

The Cathedral Catholic Primary School, Lancaster, LA1 3BT

Newsletter 15th December 2023

Unlocking potential together in faith and love

Stars of the Week

Rec-Nivedh
Year 1-Emma
Year 2- Felix
Year 3- Alisha
Year 4- Shafia
Year 5- Elizabeth
Year 6- Suzie

Punctuality and Attendance

Reception- 89%
Year 1-96%
Year 2- 93%
Year 3- 93%
Year 4- 93%
Year 5- 96%
Year 6- 95%
Whole school- 95%
Be in the line for quarter to nine!!



Christmas Message from Mrs Holt

As we come to the end of another year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your continued support in helping us deliver the best possible education to your children. The staff here at Cathedral really do go above and beyond and a lot of this is behind the scenes and done quietly. Thank you to them. It really is a special place to be Headteacher of. In moments like these, as we reflect on the term, it fills me with pride to be part of the Cathedral family. I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas. God bless.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas masses are :

- Cathedral : Midnight and 10.30am on Christmas Day (no evening mass)
- St Thomas More : Vigil mass on Christmas Eve and 9.30am on Christmas Day

Nativity

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 produced a wonderful Nativity in the Cathedral for us all to watch. It was such a joyful production showing the real meaning of Christmas. We were so lucky to be able to perform in such a magnificent building and to a live audience. Thank you for all your donations for our Advent charity Lancaster and district Homeless actions. (see below)

Christmas fair

The Christmas fair was a huge success and raised a whopping £2,160. This is a staggering amount which will be used to help all your children in school. Thank you everyone who contributed on the night or bought raffle tickets.



Secrets room

On Monday 18th December throughout the school day the secrets room will be open. Please pay on parent pay or send £2.50 in a named envelope to the school office. Each child will get to choose a gift for an adult have it wrapped and a special tag attached. It is one gift per child.

Lancaster Homeless action service

A big thank you also for bringing in donations for Christmas jumper day and for all your donations in the nativity bucket that was in church this week we raised £322.42 for the Lancaster Homeless Shelter.

Whole School Carol Service – Tuesday 19th December at 2:00pm in the Cathedral

We hope you will be able to join us for our Carol Service in the Cathedral on Tuesday 19th December at 2:00pm.

Party days

Children can wear their own party clothes on their year groups day. Reception, Year 1 and 2 – Tuesday and Year 3,4,5 and 6 on Monday. Please do remember that the children will go out to play so do send a coat as usual.

Parent Governor

We have a vacancy for a parent Governor. This role is for 4 years and involves attending 6 meetings in a year. Governors run our school and it vital we have representation of parents on the Governing Body. If you would like to put yourself forward for this role or have a question please call in the office for a form to fill out. The nominations are open until January 15th. A letter has also been sent out on the Parent App about nominations for a parent governor.

Uniform reminder

As the holidays approach and there is more time to go shopping here is a quick reminder about key uniform items. All children need to be wearing school shoes.

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.

Children need to wear a cardigan or jumper. **Hoodies are for PE only.**

Eden Red voucher

Eden red vouchers will be sent via email or in paper next week for the Christmas holidays.



Ice skating

Year 5 and 6 had an amazing time skating and they were a credit to our school showing such resilience. Well done all of Year 5 and 6.

Diary Dates

Monday 18th December – Secret room. Children can bring in £2.50 to buy a gift for an adult at home.

Party afternoon for Y3,4,5 and 6

Tuesday 19th December – Choir singing at RLI hospital

Party for R, Y1 and Y2

Whole school Carol service – 2pm

Wednesday 20th December – School finishes at 1.30pm

Thursday 4th January – School returns at 8.35am



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ADMISSIONS
PRIMARY**
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**Do you have a child starting
primary school in September 2024
and living in Lancashire?**

Apply now and check your eligibility for school transport at:
www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools
or call 01524 581148

Closing date: 15 January 2024

You must apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school,
or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

Monday 8th January at 9:15am - You are invited to join us after Christmas in the Cathedral to celebrate the feast of Epiphany with Mass for the whole school. We hope to see you there.

Diary dates

These are on the website too for you to refer to. Please do not book holidays in term time as all will be fined. This is as school days are so important for learning. Thank you.

School holiday pattern 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2 nd September	INSET
Tuesday 3 rd September	INSET
Wednesday 4 th September	School opens at 8.35am
Friday 18 th October	School closes for half term at 3.15pm
Monday 28 th October	School opens at 8.35am
Friday 20 th December	School closes at 1.30pm

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6 th January	INSET
Tuesday 7 th January	School opens at 8.35am
Friday 14 th February	School closes for half term at 3.15pm
Monday 24 th February	School opens at 8.35am
Friday 4 th April	School closes for Easter at 1.30pm

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22 nd April	INSET
Wednesday 23 rd April	School opens at 8.35am
Monday 5 th May	May Day Closure
Friday 23 rd May	School closes for half term at 3.15pm
Monday 2 nd June	School opens at 8.35am
Friday 18 th July	School closes at 1.30pm
Monday 21 st July	INSET

