



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

### Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> 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 by being patient. Our stars of the week will be the children who have been spotted following the mission.

#### **Stars of the Week**

Rec- Tallulah  
Year 1-Absent  
Year 2-Swasthik  
Year 3-Ben  
Year 4-Anaya  
Year 5-Aden  
Year 6- AJ

#### **Punctuality and Attendance Weekly**

Reception-93%  
Year 1- 87%  
Year 2-92%  
Year 3- 97%  
Year 4- 89%  
Year 5-95%  
Year 6-97%  
Whole school so far-94%  
**Be in the line for quarter to nine!!**

**Scripture of the week:** I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God. John 1:34

#### **Attendance – Leave of absence requests**

We kindly remind all parents and carers that **holidays should not be taken during term time**. Regular attendance is essential for your child's learning, progress and wellbeing, and absences for family holidays are **not usually authorised** by the school.

Under current local authority guidelines, **if a pupil has 5 days of unauthorised absence**, the school is required to consider requesting that **Lancashire County Council issues a Penalty Notice**. Penalty Notices are issued where a parent fails in their legal duty to ensure their child attends school regularly, and this includes **unauthorised holidays in term time**. A Penalty Notice can result in a **fine**, and it is issued **per parent, per child (£160)**.

Please contact the school in advance of any leave of absence and collect a form from the office. If you believe there are **exceptional circumstances** for an absence — these will be considered by the headteacher, but **family holidays will not normally be authorised**.

Thank you for your support in ensuring high attendance and helping your child make the most of their education.

#### **New Facebook page**

We are launching a new Facebook page as a one stop information page for school and the PTA. This will have lots of up to date information and photos for you to see. If you go onto the school website [www.cathedral.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.cathedral.lancs.sch.uk) and click the f at the top of the page it will take you directly to it and follow our page.

01524 64686 head@cathedral.lancs.sch.uk Balmoral Road [f](https://www.facebook.com/cathedral.lancs.sch.uk)

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**The old PTA page will close on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January.**

## **Year 6 lead Wednesday Afternoon Celebration of the Word – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 2:55pm**



Parents and carers of children in Year 6 are invited to join us at **2:55pm** in the school hall for our whole school time of prayer which they will lead on Wednesday afternoon. We hope to see you there.

### **Warm-Up Winter – Fundraising for the Cathedral**

This half term, our GIFT team are leading two fundraising activities to raise money to support the upkeep of our beautiful Cathedral:

#### ***Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Cosy Clothes Day***

For a £1 (or more) donation, children can come into school wearing their favourite cosy clothes.

#### ***Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Hot Chocolate Day***

For a £1 (or more) donation, children can get a hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows treat during the school 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>

### **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.



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

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

27<sup>th</sup> January – Year 1 trip to Wildlife Oasis

23<sup>rd</sup> January – Haiku Challenge day in Year 5

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

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January- Cosy clothes day in exchange for a £1

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

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Hot chocolate day

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Reception wellie walk to Williamson Park

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Year 3 sculpture walk to Williamson Park

    Safer Internet day

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Year 3 celebration of the word 3pm in the hall. Parents very welcome

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

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February-Year 6 Liverpool meeting – 5.30pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 Egyptian dress up day

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Reception stay and play

HALF TERM

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Back to school

**New term dates for next academic year 2026-2027 on the next page**



## School holiday pattern 2026/2027

### Autumn Term 2026

|                                     |                                       |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 1st September               | INSET                                 |
| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September | INSET                                 |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September  | School opens at 8.35am                |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October     | School closes for half term at 3.15pm |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November     | School opens at 8.35am                |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December    | School closes at 1.30pm               |

### Spring Term 2027

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January  | School opens at 8.35am                |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February | School closes for half term at 3.15pm |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February | School opens at 8.35am                |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March | School closes for Easter at 1.30pm    |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March  | INSET                                 |

### Summer Term 2027

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April  | School opens at 8.35am                |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May      | May Day Closure                       |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May     | School closes for half term at 3.15pm |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June     | School opens at 8.35am                |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July | School closes at 1.30pm               |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July  | INSET                                 |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July    | INSET                                 |