

The Cathedral Catholic Primary School, Lancaster, LA1 3BT

Newsletter 23rd 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 Jesus' followers by doing the right thing straight away. Our stars of the week will be the children who have been spotted following the mission.

Stars of the Week

Rec- Emmelyn
Year 1-Rayn
Year 2-Sofia
Year 3-Isabelle
Year 4- Arhaan
Year 5-Nathan
Year 6- Dorothy

Punctuality and Attendance Weekly

Reception-94%
Year 1- 90%
Year 2-93%
Year 3-97%
Year 4- 92%
Year 5-97%
Year 6-93%
Whole school so far-94%

Be in the line for quarter to nine!!

Scripture of the week: And He said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him. Matthew 4:19-20.

Punctuality

We would like to extend a warm *thank you* to all our families for the fantastic effort you've made in supporting punctual arrivals at school. Being on time each morning helps children start the day calmly, confidently, and ready for learning, and we truly appreciate your commitment.

We have been made aware that **local roadworks will be taking place around Lancaster over the next few weeks**. This may cause delays on some key routes during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times. To help ensure children continue to arrive punctually, we kindly ask families to **allow a little extra time for your journey** while these roadworks are in place. Your continued cooperation makes a big difference to the smooth running of our school day.



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 and click the f at the top of the page it will take you directly to it and follow our page.

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The old PTA page will close on Friday 30th January.



Year 5 lead Wednesday Afternoon Celebration of the Word – Wednesday 28th January at 2:55pm

Parents and carers of children in Year 5 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 29th January – Cosy Clothes Day

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

Thursday 5th 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.



**National Year of
Reading 2026**

National Year of Reading - Author Visit

This year, we will be celebrating the National Year of Reading. To launch this, we have author Sean Perkins visiting our school on the 4th February. Sean is the author of the "Oscar and Ben" series and has several other books. Whilst in school, he is going to be doing some writing workshops with each class as well as a special reading of his new book "Oscar and Ben - The Sleepover". Sean will be bringing and signing some copies of his

books that will be available to order. The order form will be sent via Arbor. Please return to school before the 4th February.

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.wednesdayword.org/home/index.htm>

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

Tuesday 27th January – Year 1 trip to Wildlife Oasis

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

Thursday 29th January- Cosy clothes day in exchange for a £1

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

Thursday 5th February – Hot chocolate day

Pre loved uniform sale after school

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 3 celebration of the word 3pm in the hall. Parents very welcome

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

Wednesday 11th February-Year 6 Liverpool meeting – 5.30pm

Thursday 12th February – Year 6 Eypgtian dress up day

Friday 13th February – Reception stay and play

Year 3 Stone Age day- all children to dress up in Stone Age costumes.

HALF TERM

Monday 23rd February – Back to school

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tell us about your
experience of using
childcare in Lancashire**

Scan the QR code to
access our short survey

lancashire.gov.uk/childcare >>>>

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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 nd September	INSET
Thursday 3 rd September	School opens at 8.35am
Friday 24 th October	School closes for half term at 3.15pm
Monday 2 nd November	School opens at 8.35am
Friday 18 th December	School closes at 1.30pm

Spring Term 2027

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

Summer Term 2027

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